
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

November 9, 2025

Best Practices When an Angel Gives Good News

NOT GOOD:

Genesis 18 ¹⁰"I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

BETTER:

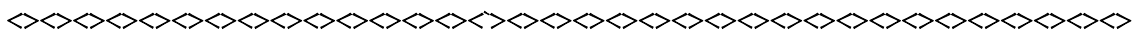
Judges 13 ³ The angel of the LORD appeared to her and said, "You are barren and childless, but you are going to become pregnant and give birth to a son...." ⁶ Then the woman went to her husband and told him, "A man of God came to me. He looked like an angel of God, very awesome. I didn't ask him where he came from, and he didn't tell me his name. ⁷ But he said to me, 'You will become pregnant and have a son.

NOT GOOD:

Luke 1 ¹³ "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John."...¹⁸ Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." ²⁰ ...now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true...

BEST:

Luke 1 ³⁰ ...the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."



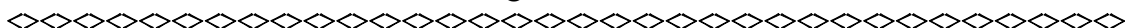
Today's Lesson

...WHAT NOW?...

Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow

Part 1

Judges 13





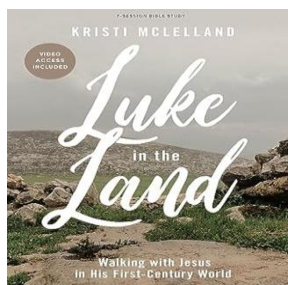
The “Friendsgiving” Potluck is today!

Please join us for fellowship, giving thanks for friendships, health, and laughter. Cindy and Werner are providing more than their share, so there is plenty for all!

Praise

Nicolas Demus is now a married man! We are hoping to have a reception here soon. We rejoice with the angels in heaven at the baptism of **William Bone** Sunday before last! **Cari’s grandson, Tyler** was also baptized recently in Rosamond!

Ladies!



It is never too late to join in!
Bible study this Tuesday at
10:00am at Vicki’s house
(21325 Stage Drive)
Come, and bring a friend!

Sharing Joy in the Holidays

Plans will be announced in the near future regarding holiday giving for Manuelito and Blessing Bags for the homeless.

Remember in Prayer:

Beverly was in and out of the hospital last week with an infection that was making her very weak. Pray that it will be resolved, and her strength will return quickly.

Ruthie asks for prayers for her friend, **Gillian**, who has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Carol’s 14-year-old step great grandson, **Jacob**, (John’s great grandson) had a successful aortic valve replacement, and is recovering at home!

Pray for **Betty’s dad, his cousins and their families** following the death of their sister, Althea Johnson.

Continue to pray for **Cassee**, her husband **Shane** and his brother **Brent** in the loss of their mother, and **William** and **Cora** in the loss of their grandmother.

April Wiley asks for prayers for her own health and answers for her future.

Ken Braley, a neighbor of Mark and Brenda, is asking for prayers for healing as the cancer that God healed previously has returned and settled in his lungs.

Although **Cindy’s brother Donnie’s** suffering is over, pray for the whole family.

Donnie’s son, Jason, remains in a very painful battle with cancer. He is at Mayo Clinic.

Donnie’s younger son, Dustin has colon cancer. More prayers, please!

Cindy’s brother-in-law, Randy received an encouraging report from a new doctor!

Continue in prayer for **Melissa**, in the loss of her mother.

Pray for **Eva, Evangelina**, and the family in the loss of Evangelina’s father.

An **aunt of Bill** passed away in Alabama. Please pray for her family.

Mina is doing well, but keep her in your prayers.

In addition to his paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has cancerous sores on his head, and now on his left ear. It has become very painful. They are doing radiation treatments.
Pray for the health of **Bob Rivera**. Also, for the safety of his son, **Joseph**, who has returned to Israel!

Karen's friends, **Wolf**, **Jon**, **Wayne**, **Trish**, and **Tommy**, all have cancer.

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Schedule of Weekly Services and other meetings

Sunday

AM Bible Class – 9:30am AM Assembly – 10:30am

Monday

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm*

Tuesday

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at 6:00pm*

Wednesday

Al-Anon is meeting at noon*

PM Bible Study – 7:00pm

Thursday

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm*

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at 7:00pm*

Saturday

Men's AA meeting at 8:00am, and Women's AA meeting at 9:30am*

*Al-Anon and Alcoholics Anonymous are not direct ministries of the church, but their purposes are supported by the church, and they meet in our Fellowship Room.

Elder of the Month:

Bill Willingham

Minister: Mark Bixler

Elders: Derek Demus & Bill Willingham