Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

November 10, 2024



"As slim as your chances are for salvation, it's nice to see you keep trying."

As we begin looking at a letter that Paul wrote to some new relatively new followers of Jesus in the region of Galatia, maybe we don't feel quite as vulnerable to negative suggestions as they were. They were actually listening to teachers who claimed to have a more authentic message from God! They caused these Galatians to question their own salvation,

We might not be quite as subject to doubts in <u>theory</u>, since we have the advantage of this letter and many other written words from God. However, in <u>practice</u>, we do tend to slip into self-doubt at times. When we find ourselves feeling unworthy of the love of God, we must return to the basics of our faith. As Paul reminds the Galatians, "the Lord Jesus Christ, gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father".

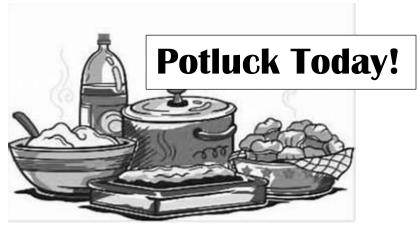
-Mark

Today's Lesson:

Good News and Bad News

People Pleaser?

Galatians 1



If you didn't bring food, stay anyway. There will be plenty! We will also enjoy the artwork of Analys today!

New Enhancements

You may have noticed the rail fencing on the western side of the building. This last week, the same fencing was added to the upper level under the big tree. The recreation district provided the one along the parking lot to prevent Activity Center users from spreading dirt and mud on our lot. **Adam, Derek, Ken and Mark** installed the other section mostly for appearance, but also to make it a little safer for the kids who are here on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We're looking at ideas to improve that upper surface as well.

Remember in Prayer:

Kayla returned to Cedars Sinai after suffering severe pain last week. Pray!

Carol fell week before last, but only found out this last week that there was a break in her ankle!

Victoria Belizario had a very painful emergency surgery to remove a sizeable ovarian cyst.

In addition to his near total paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has painful cancerous sores on his head, and radiation treatments have been ineffective. No further treatments are planned. Pray for him in the loss of Pat as well.

Bob Rivera's hip is healing, so no surgery is planned after all.

Bob asks for prayers for his son, **Joseph** who is in Israel working security as a contractor.

Mina is thankful that she is already doing better, but pray for quick healing.

Majid Tafighi, Mina's brother-in-law, passed away in July. Pray for his wife and family.

Continue to pray for **Shirley's family**, after her passing and the loss of Brad so recently as well.

Melissa King Stansbery is doing well after her surgery, but keep praying!

Continue prayers for **Maxine King**, mother of **Melissa**.

Galina Gurova, a friend of Melissa, needs healing from lymphoma

Morgan Gibson's dad has been back in the hospital, but has returned to the nursing home.

Minnie's daughter-in-law, **Kayla**, is finally home! There will be a learning curve to dealing with her condition, so keep them all in prayer.

Vicki and Ken's daughter-in-law's mother, Priscilla, is being treated for pancreatic cancer. Pray for successful surgery, treatment, and comfort for the family.

Ruthie's nephew, Will Burgett, has been placed on hospice since the chemo and radiation following his brain surgery have not been effective.

Karen's friends, Jon and Wayne, and colleagues, Eleni, Trish, and Tommy, all have cancer.

Always Remember:

Those in the military, especially **Joseph Budai**, and **Sheri Huckabay's** nephew, **Jason Adams**, **Patty Johnson**'s grandson, **Andrew Thompson**, and **Gaylen Gibson**

The children and staff at Manuelito Navajo Children's Home

Those serving in other mission fields, including Blair's friend Sandeep in India

Pray for the homeless, and pray for Blair as he works to minister to them.

Those suffering in Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza.

Those suffering almost total chaos and extreme violence in Haiti.

Those suffering losses from the hurricane in the Southern and Eastern states.

Pray for our nation as the transition takes place!

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Schedule of Weekly Services and other meetings

SundayAM 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.

Minister: Mark Bixler

Elders: Derek Demus & Bill Willingham

What plans might God have for your life?

Jesus personally intervened in the life of Saul on the road to Damascus. Saul had made it his mission to persecute followers of Jesus. A man named Ananias was sent to Saul to tell him that God had very different plans for his life. Ananias said to Saul, "...what are you waiting for?

Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:3-16)

If you might be on the wrong path, it would be our privilege to help you discover God's plans for your life! Ask for a personal Bible study on the Welcome Card, or contact Mark Bixler.

Mark Bixler's office hours by appointment

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Elder of the Month:

Bill Willingham