# Family Matters

#### NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

November 17, 2024



"Let's just agree to disagree about how wrong you are."

Especially in the wake of this political season, we should be aware that those who are running for office, those who are running their campaigns, and those who are reporting on the campaigns tend to exxagerate the differences. What is the point of having different candidates if the differences are not dramatic?

Those who followed Paul in Galatia had apparently done a good job of creating dramatic differences between Paul and those who were apostles before him. They seem to have pointed to a dispute between Peter and Paul in Syrian Antioch. What Paul's critics failed to report on was the fact that it did not result in a split between those Paul taught about Jesus and those Peter taught about Jesus. Both agreed that it was not about Peter or Paul. It was about Jesus. If all of us who claim to be followers of Jesus today could grasp this truth, we would see less division and conflict, and more good done in Jesus' name!

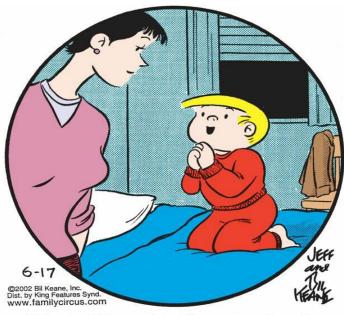
-Mark

Today's Lesson:

Good News and Bad News

Here's What Really Happened

Galatians 2



"Sayin' 'Amen' is like pressing the 'SEND' button for your prayers."

## Remember in Prayer:

**Kayla** returned to Cedars Sinai after suffering severe pain last week. After surgery on Tuesday, she was able to eat some soup—which is the only thing she has eaten in months. The pain was relieved, but she is still suffering with pressure. She came home Thursday night. Keep praying!

Carol fell week before last, but only found out a week later 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. The current plan is to treat the infection in his leg with antibiotics.

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**

#### **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.

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Elder of the Month:

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