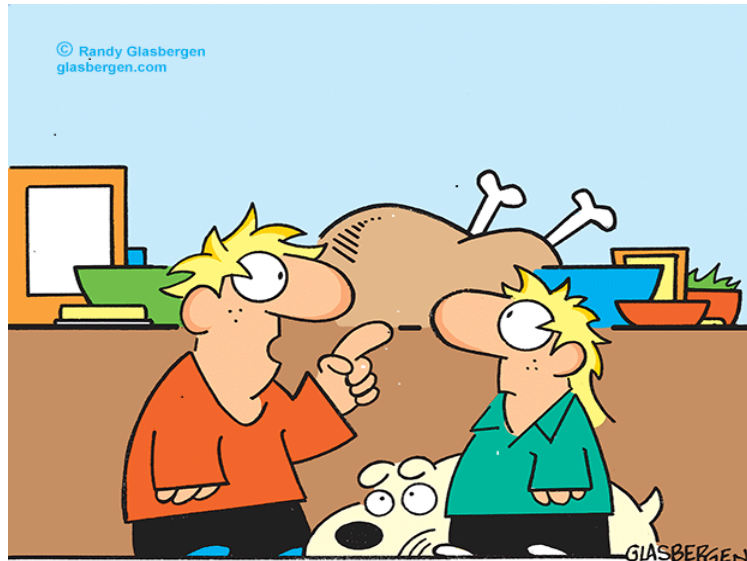

Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

November 24, 2024



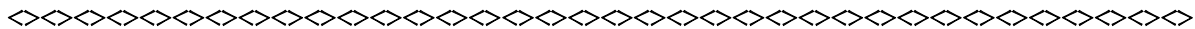
“On Thanksgiving the Four Basic Food Groups are ‘more’, ‘a little more’, ‘a lot more’ and ‘too much’.”

One of our friends had a tongue-in-cheek saying: “Gluttony...the funny sin!”. Her intention was to point out that gluttony is actually a sin, and she even instructed that casseroles and desserts were not to be served at her memorial dinner. Fresh vegetables and fruits were to be enjoyed instead.

As our passage today will remind the Galatian followers of Jesus, the Law of Moses ultimately served to expose sins, rather than forgive them. That does not mean, however, that it was only a list of the things that could trip up the Israelites. In fact, the Law included required feasts—feasts that included more and better food than people enjoyed at other times. They were celebrations.

We should not over-indulge on a daily basis, and we should always share with those who have less to enjoy, but we also should celebrate God’s material blessings while remembering that they point us to the spiritual blessings that far outweigh them all!

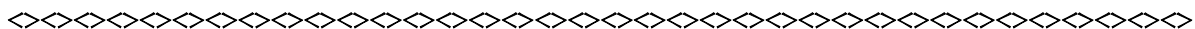
-Mark



Today's Lesson:
Good News and Bad News

Bewitched!

Galatians 3



Manuelito Navajo Children's Home

We will soon begin preparing to send Christmas gifts to the kids at Manuelito. We don't yet know whether we will be giving gift card or ordering gifts this year, but you can be thinking about how much you want to join in either way.

Blessing Bags for "Homeless Helpers"

We will have lists and sign-up sheets soon for items to go into the Blessing Bags.

Remember in Prayer:

Steven Stansbery has been at Adventist Hospital in Bakersfield after suffering severe back pain as a result of an abscess around his spine. They have been trying to identify the specific bacteria so that they can treat it effectively. Steve and Melissa both appreciate your prayers.

Kayla has been able to eat some things, but she is still a bit wary, so keep praying!

Cheryl's daughter-in-law, Jessica was diagnosed with Valley Fever, but it turns out that her symptoms are a reaction to an antifungal she had taken. Pray that this will soon resolve!

Carol is expecting to be healing and able to remove the boot before too long.

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. 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. 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..

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, is on hospice, but is feeling better since going off of chemo.

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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