
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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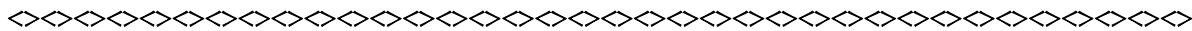
**“DOG is GOD spelled backwards.
That’s pretty much all the religion
I know, but it works for me.”**

Our religion should not be about what works for us. It should be about what helps us to work for others.

James puts it this way: *“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”* (James 1:27)

Paul says it another way: *“For in Christ Jesus ... The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”* (Galatians 5:6)

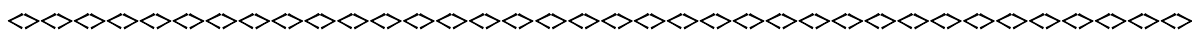
-Mark



Today's Lesson:
Good News and Bad News

Up to no Good

Galatians 4:8-5:6





Potluck next Sunday!

Manuelito Navajo Children's Home

We will soon begin preparing to send Christmas gifts to the kids at Manuelito. We have not quite decided exactly how to best do this, but they do believe that the gift cards are best. We'll let you know soon.

Blessing Bags for "Homeless Helpers"

There are still some items on the sign-up sheet to go into the Blessing Bags.

Remember in Prayer:

Ruthie's sister-in-law, **Cheryl White** passed away Sunday night. Ruthie said "She went to be with her parents and Tim".

Steven Stansbery was treated at Adventist Hospital in Bakersfield after suffering severe back pain as a result of an abscess around his spine. He was able to come home on Tuesday.

Minnie's brother **Nathan** had to postpone a triple bypass surgery due to a painful blood clot in his left leg. Her brother, **Mark** has been in ICU with Covid and diabetic keto acidosis. **Minnie** has also been waiting for approval by her cardiologist for knee surgery. **Kayla** has been able to eat some things, but she is still a bit wary. **This family needs our prayers!**

Cheryl's daughter-in-law, **Jessica** was diagnosed with Valley Fever, then she was told it was not Valley Fever. Now they say that the first diagnosis was correct, along with a reaction to an antifungal she had taken. Pray that this will soon resolve!

Cheryl's other daughter-in-law **Carla**, in Santa Maria is having surgery on Dec. 5th at USC to remove a tumor that is lodged in her shoulder bone. They plan to do reconstructive surgery on the bone, and determine whether chemo or radiation will be needed.

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.

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.

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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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