
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

December 4, 2022



“Passive Aggressive” is a pop-psychology term describing words and behaviors that are basically the opposite of what they appear to be. One girl told me about a clerk at a store who was really rude, and her response was to buy her a pie and take it to her, saying, “You must be having a bad day”. Her hidden agenda was to make the clerk feel bad.

Is that what Jesus meant when he said things in Luke 6 like, “*Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...*”? Even though it might actually result in a sense of shame on their part, that is clearly not the point! Jesus later adds a rhetorical question: “*If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.*” He actually explains what we might call a hidden agenda as he continues: “*...love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High...*”. If we trust our Father, our love for others will be real.

-Mark



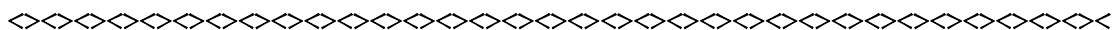
Today's lesson:

Luke's Lessons for Lovers of God

The Plain Truth, Part 5

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

From Luke 6:17-49



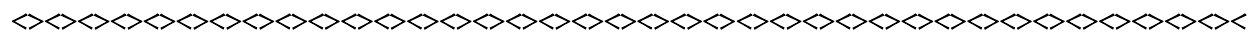
“Defined” A new ladies group Bible study has started on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bixler’s house (1321 Scarlet Oak Drive). It will meet on December 9 & 16, then resume after the Holidays on January 2.

The study will examine how we are defined by our Creator, rather than by ourselves, by other people, or even by our roles in life. All women are invited!

Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2:00 PM in the fellowship room, there will be a **Christmas Tea** for the ladies of the congregation.

- WHAT TO BRING:
- * 2 dozen holiday cookies
 - * A wrapped gift (\$15) for the gift exchange
 - * Invite friends, neighbors, and family members
- (Guests do not need to bring cookies-- just a gift to exchange.)

If you have questions, ask **Debbie, Minnie, or Brenda.**



We have resumed in-person Sunday morning classes at 9:30!

We also resumed in person classes on Wednesday evenings at 7:00.

Special Offerings: The elders are encouraging us to give money to be sent to those in and around **Ukraine** are suffering hunger and loss. There is an offering plate in the back labeled for that cause.

Remember in Prayer:

Tim’s nephew’s baby, **Atlas Corfman**, has been suffering with breathing problems.

Betty Seymour needs prayers for serious health issues.

Vickie completed her rounds of radiation, but she is facing other procedures due to problems associated with gall stones. Pray that he pain will be relieved!

Jack Dufur has been having pain in his abdomen. He was finally scheduled to get some more imaging to try to identify the issue.

Cindy’s brother Donnie is not doing well physically or emotionally.

Baby Maverick is enjoying being at home with his family!

Tim Corfman is doing pretty well, at last report.

Vickie’s sister-in-law, Gaye, is still battling cancer.

Tammie McDowell (the Bixlers’ friend) continues her battle with cancer.

Debbie may have surgery on her other shoulder soon.

Pray for the health of **Bob Rivera** and **Kirk and Pat Stewart.**

Always Remember:

Those in the military, especially **Joseph Budai, B.J. Wilson** and **Patty Johnson’s** grandson, **Andrew Thompson**

The children and staff at **Manuelito Navajo Children’s Home**

Families serving in other mission fields

The homeless, and pray for **Blair** as he works to minister to them

Those suffering in Ukraine, and the refugees who have fled

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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.

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:
Derek Demus