
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

December 6, 2020



Maybe you've noticed that our cultural climate has become increasingly intolerant. What might seem odd is that it seems to be those who accuse Christians of intolerance are now the most intolerant of all. However, this is actually something that should not surprise those who pay close attention to Jesus' actions and the reactions to Jesus in his day.

Paul says in II Corinthians 5:14, "...from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view". A worldly point of view sees all people as competitors. No one can win unless someone else loses. Paul was accused of being out of his mind for believing that Christ died for all, rather than for a select minority.

It is a given that we will be misunderstood and falsely accused when it comes to what we sometimes must say about sin, but if we follow Jesus' example it is all about love. It is about saving others from the pain and hopelessness that sin causes. People who sin are not the enemy. Sin is the enemy of all people.

-Mark



Today's lesson:

The Aroma of Christ

Knowing

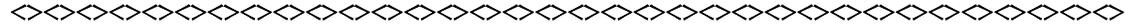
II Corinthians 5:1-17

Homework: Read II Corinthians 5:1-6:2



Christmas gifts for Manuelito kids!

Due to your generosity, four kids at Manuelito will have a Merry Christmas! Well over \$1000 dollars have gone to provide many of the items on their wish lists. Most of them are already on their way to the home, but you can always ask Brenda what items might still be needed. A full report will be provided soon.



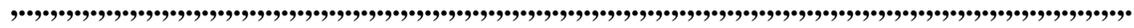
Worship online:

For the time being, we are not meeting in person. Go to our website (tehachapicofc.org) and use the link that Mike provides in order to get to the worship playlist for the week.

In addition to a prayer for the bread and cup at the end of the lessons, there are also some chosen acapella songs and hymns with various singers.!

Just click on this link or copy and paste it into your browser:

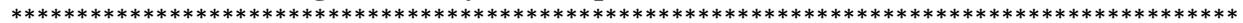
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ZOOM meetings are still taking place on Wednesdays at 4:30 and 7:00 We have started a new study from Jonathan Stornet, using his book and video series, *How to Start a Riot*.

If you would like to be included, contact Brenda: **email: brendabixler106@gmail.com call or text: 661-803-5444 to join by phone or computer.**

We also have a meeting on Sundays at 6:00pm!



Homeless Helpers Report!

Thank you to our church family for supporting our second ANNUAL Thanksgiving breakfast for the homeless in Bakersfield near the Upper Room and Dollar Tree with jackets, socks, underwear, hand-crocheted beanies, and blessing bags which were passed out to some 30 to 35 people along with breakfast burritos, oranges, and hot chocolate with help from a dear friend and sister in Christ, April Verhoef and family.

God's grace & peace, *Blair & Karen Budai*



Possible change to worship restrictions

It has been reported that the Supreme Court has called for another review of California's restrictions on worship. Under the previous make-up of the court, those restrictions were upheld, but the current court has over-ruled the restrictions placed on worship in New York.

Pray that the court makes a similar ruling for us!

Link to the LA Times news report:

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2020-12-03/supreme-court-california-ban-on-most-indoor-worship-services>

Remember in Prayer:

Norman Atchison is home from the hospital after fighting Covid for many days!

Pablo Blanco did not pass away, as we mistakenly reported. He is hopeful that this round of therapy is working.

Tony Monterroza (from Cindy's work) is still in the hospital, but has started physical therapy, and will be tapering off the oxygen.

Cindy is feeling much better, and so is her brother-in-law, **Randy**.

April Mathis's parents have both tested positive for the Covid, and are in high-risk categories. Pray that their symptoms do not become severe!

April Wiley's friend, **Linda Nunez**, has now received an amazingly good report at a recent check-up. She is thankful for our prayers and asks that we keep praying.

Pray that **Kirk Stewart** will gain strength in his legs and that he might soon be able to have visits from Pat (and others).

Bob Hanna has been having more bad days recently.

Remember **Robert Rivera** and **Donna Ricker's** health issues as well.

Pray for the many people who are distressed, anxious, and ill due to the Corona virus, with a special prayer for healthcare workers, and first responders.

Pray for the Navajo Nation, and other Native Americans on reservations.

Remember the homeless, and pray for **Blair** as he works to minister to them!

Always remember:

Men and women of our military.

Families serving in the mission field

The children and staff at Manuelito Navajo Children's Home

New Addresses

Claire (Nikki) Ferguson and her family have moved to 1381 Wild Olive Road, Tehachapi, CA 93561.

Phone:318-502-2034

Robert Hanna, Rose Garden Assisted Living, 810 S Union, Bakersfield, CA 93307

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Schedule of Weekly Services

Sunday

AM Bible Class – 9:30am (**Temporarily suspended**)

AM Assembly – 10:30am (**Temporarily suspended**)

PM Bible Study – 6:00 **ZOOM Meeting online**

Monday

Alanon* will resume when possible

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study-10:30 AM (**Temporarily suspended**)

PM Bible Study – 4:30 & 7:00 PM **ZOOM Meeting online**

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous* will resume when possible

*Alanon 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

Elder of the Month:

Bill Willingham

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

Numbers

Date	10/4/20	10/11/20	10/18/20	10/25/20	11/1/20	11/8/20	11/15/20
AM Assembly	25	27	27	24	32	41	38
Contribution	\$2764	\$1560	\$1130	\$1315	\$1900	\$2722	\$1273
Manuelito	\$179	\$85	\$403	\$0	\$80	\$162	\$329