# Family Matters

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

**December 7. 2025** 



You may not share any of these particular issues, but this time of year can be stressful and can dredge up sad memories. That's one of the best things about being a part of a church family. We are always here for each other, and we can remind each other what all of the celebration is really about.

Jesus didn't come to bring a fun and colorful celebration on this earth that last a few weeks each year. He came to invite us into a much more joyous and elaborate celebration that will never end! We do need to remember that the celebration has already begun, and we need to be as connected with each other here as we will be when we get there!

-Mark

Today's Lesson

...Worship Him...

Isn't God Good!

Matthew 1:1-16, Genesis 38, Joshua 2&6, Ruth, II Samuel 11:1-12:25



# DECEMBER POT LUCK NEXT SUNDAY!

Bring favorite sides or desserts that you share at Christmas Dinner.

# Warm Winter Blessings

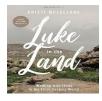
This year for the homeless, we are asking that you

- (1) make a commitment to pray for the homeless every day. We may have specific prayer requests from time to time.
- (2) In addition to the commitment to daily prayer, we are asking you to bring warm things-gloves & hats for men or women and new or gently used throws or blankets.
- (3) There will also be a box on the table in the back of the auditorium for contributions that will be used to purchase laundry cards.

Please bring your items by Sunday, December 28.

# Thanks in advance for your generosity?

<u>Ladies group will meet</u> this Tuesday, December 9 at Vicki's house!



### HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

**Asia** will be performing in the Tehachapi Community Theatre production of "The Winter Wonderettes". She is one of only four cast members ("Wonderettes"). There will be six Friday and Saturday performances starting this weekend at the BeeKay Theater, as well as Sunday matinees on December 14 & 21. **Tickets can be purchased online at TCTAONSTAGE.COM** 

**Karen and Melissa** will be performing with the Southern Sierra Pops at Grace Fellowship Church at 2:00 on Dec.13, and at Shepherd of the Hills Church at 2:00 on Dec. 20. Karen will also be a part of the Tehachapi Symphony production of Handel's Messiah at Country Oaks Baptist Church at 7:00 on Dec. 5. There is also a sing-along at the ADHC at 5:00 on Dec. 19.

## **Sharing Joy in the Holidays**

Plans for Manuelito holiday giving coming soon!

Sign-ups for 2026 building cleaning and communion prep are on the bulletin board.

# Remember in Prayer:

**Ruthie** had the heart ablation procedure on Thursday to address her AFib. She went home that day. Pray that this will restore her energy!

**Carol** is feeling better, but she has also been suffering from sciatica since coming home. from the hospital. There are still procedures upcoming to determine future procedures. Keep her in your prayers!

Ruthie asks for prayers for her friend, Gillian, who has thyroid cancer

**Lisa Wallace's** heart procedures were completed, and she says her recovery has been the easiest of any she's had! Lisa is a Santa Clarita friend of Mark and Brenda,

**Ken Braley**, a neighbor of Mark and Brenda, is asking for prayers for healing as the cancer that God healed previously has returned and settled in his lungs.

Carol's 14-year-old step great grandson, **Jacob**, (John's great grandson) had a successful aortic valve replacement, and is recovering at home!

Cindy's nephew, **Jason**, remains in a very painful battle with cancer, and his brother, **Dustin** has colon cancer. More prayers, please!

Cindy's brother-in-law, Randy received an encouraging report from a new doctor!

Continue in prayer for **Melissa**, in the loss of her mother.

Pray for **Eva**, **Evangelina**, and the family in the loss of Evangelina's father.

An **aunt of Bill** passed away in Alabama. Please pray for her family.

In addition to his paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has cancerous sores on his head, and now on his left ear. It has become very painful. They are doing radiation treatments.

Pray for the health of **Bob Rivera.** Also, for the safety of his son, **Joseph**, who has returned to Israel!

Karen's friends, Wolf, Jon, Wayne, Trish, and Tommy, all have cancer.

## **Always Remember:**

- ◆Those in the military, especially **Joseph Budai**, **Gaylen Gibson**, who is in Dubai, **Marcos Belizario**, **Sheri Huckabay's** nephew, **Jason Adams**, and **Patty Johnson's** grandson, **Andrew Thompson**.
- ◆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.
- •Pray for **peace** in Ukraine and Russia, and that the agreements in Israel and Gaza will be more faithfully honored.
- ◆Pray for Christians under persecution in Nigeria, and other parts of the world.

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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

Elder of the Month:

Bill Willingham