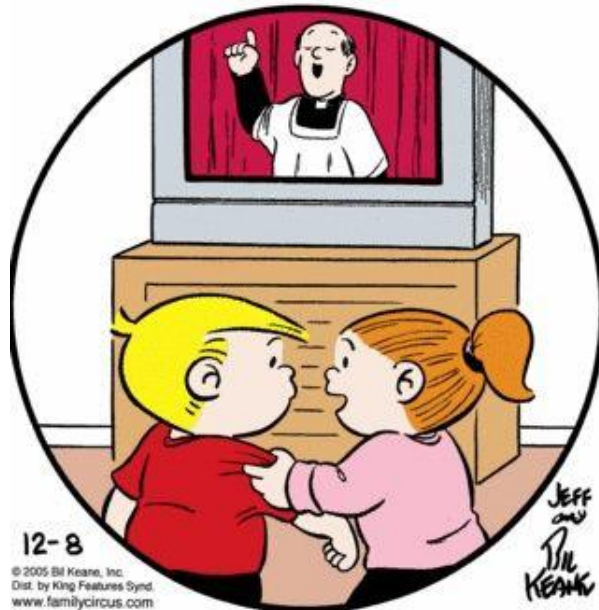

Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

December 8, 2024



“Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life.”

Our “ever-laughing life” begins when we start following Jesus, not when we die. Paul lists joy as a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). It might just be that if we were a little more joyful, more of those who are sad, depressed, lonely, and feeling hopeless would see hope when they see how we live our lives. Peter say we should *“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect”* (1 Peter3:15).

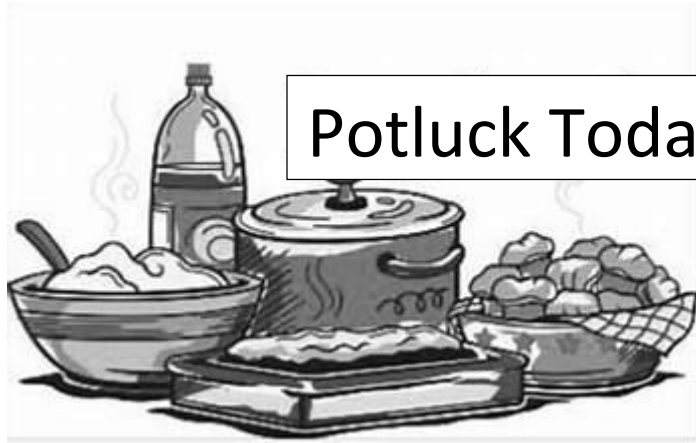
If we take as another guilt trip, we will feel even less joyful. Let's take it as a reminder of our freedom from sin and guilt, then live in sync with that!

-Mark

Today's Lesson:
Good News and Bad News

Share the Joy!

Galatians 5:5-6:6



Potluck Today!

Please stay and share our joy and our food!

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 a few items on the sign-up sheet to go into the Blessing Bags. Leave your gifts on the table at the back.

Remember in Prayer:

Ken had surgery on Tuesday to remove some kind of nerve blockage in his spine in neck. The neurosurgeon said it was routine, but now Ken will be in a neck brace until the end of January!

Minnie has also been given approval by her cardiologist for knee surgery. That may happen this week!

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. **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 at USC to remove a tumor that is lodged in her shoulder bone. They plan to do reconstructive surgery on the bone, then determine what further treatment is needed.

Ruthie's sister-in-law, **Cheryl White** passed away Sunday before last. 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 is now recovering at home.

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 had a birthday last week!

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, and in other "hot spots" around 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.

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