Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

December 14, 2025



We actually do not know how Joseph found out that Mary was pregnant, but it seems most likely that Mary told him herself. I would think that she also told him what the angel had told her. The fact that he intended to divorce her quietly to save her from shame seems to indicate that he did not believe her story. An angel then appeared to Joseph to confirm her story. Maybe they both had difficulty struggling through all of this.

The truth was that no one was looking for a "Christmas miracle". Many of the prophecies that were fulfilled were not understood until after it all happened. Neither Mary nor Joseph could have been expected to understand what was happening, yet both of them were humble and obedient when they were told what to do.

We should not expect to have angels confirm our roles in God's plans—Joseph and Mary did not expect that—but there is one plan for us that God has made clear: For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. (Romans 8:29)
Let's be humble and obedient to that plan!

-Mark

Today's Lesson

...Worship Him...

Pain and Privilege

Joseph's Dilemma Matthew 1:1-18-21



POT LUCK TODAY!

Even if you brought no food, please join us for a "traditional" Christmas dinner.

Sharing Joy with Manuelito Kids

Help make a child's Christmas a little merrier by contributing toward the purchase of \$50 Walmart gift cards. You can give any amount in the box at the back, where pictures of the kids are also displayed. You might want to choose one or more to pray for by name!

<u>Ladies group will meet</u> this Tuesday, December 16, at Vicki's house!



HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

Asia is 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, Saturday, and Sunday performances over the next two weekends at the BeeKay Theater. **Tickets can be purchased online at TCTAONSTAGE.COM**

Karen and Melissa will be performing with the Southern Sierra Pops at Shepherd of the Hills Church at 2:00 on Dec. 20. There is also a sing-along at the Adult Day Healthcare Center at 123 West F Street at 5:00 on Dec. 19.

Remember in Prayer:

Ruthie has been in the hospital due to pain in her back and chest, but she returned home on Friday! They were able to dry up fluid around her heart, which was the source of at least some of her symptoms. Keep praying for her stamina to return.

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

Dee Pope, a friend of Mark and Brenda in Santa Clarita, is facing surgery for cancer on January 9 at City of Hope. She is also dealing with some dementia.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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*

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:

Bill Willingham