
Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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"I've been getting annoying pangs of conscience when faced with ethical dilemmas. Got anything for that?"

Usually the best solution to pangs of conscience is to do the good we can do.

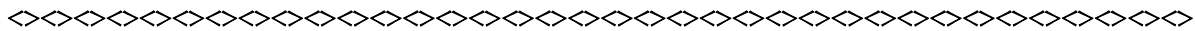
"When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it." (Gal 6:10)

There are also times when the enemy just wants us to feel guilty when there is nothing we can do, or when we may even do more harm than good by giving the help that someone wants.

Let me offer three suggestions:

1. Try to make sure you are not just looking for a reason to avoid helping.
2. Remember that it would be better to help too much than to help too little.
3. Thank God for the opportunity to bless someone in His name and pray that the Spirit will bring something good from your actions, Then be at peace.

-Mark

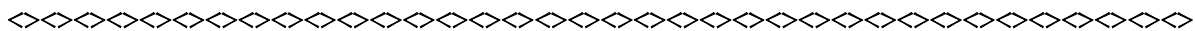


Today's Lesson:

Good News and Bad News

Who do You Think You're Kidding?

Galatians 6



Graduation Congratulations!

Daniel Corfman graduated from Freed Hardeman University on Friday with a degree in Biology. Tim, Mary, and Sarah all attended the ceremony in Henderson, Tennessee. Daniel plans to spend a little time with us before seeking a job somewhere in the South.

Manuelito Navajo Children's Home

We will be sending gift cards again this year, so that the kids can shop for their gifts themselves. We want to provide at least \$50 for each child. You can contribute by putting donations in the box on the table with the gifts for the homeless. We will go ahead and purchase and send them this week, but you can contribute next week as well.

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. The table is piling up!

Sign-ups for Service:

The 2025 sign-up form for building cleaning and communion is on the bulletin board. The commitment is to clean the auditorium and bathrooms for one month or prepare the communion baggies for one month.

Remember in Prayer:

Minnie had knee surgery on Monday! **Kayla** returned to Cedars Sinai last week for surgery on her feeding tube. 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. Pray for this family!

Ken had surgery to remove some kind of spinal nerve blockage in his neck. The neuro-surgeon said it was routine, but now Ken will be in a neck brace until the end of January!

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! She is improving.

Cheryl's other daughter-in-law **Carla**, in Santa Maria had surgery at USC to remove a tumor that was in her shoulder bone. They did reconstructive surgery as well, and treatment will follow.

Ruthie's nephew, Will Burgett, is on hospice and has been getting weaker.

Ruthie's sister-in-law, **Cheryl White** passed away recently. Ruthie said "She went to be with her parents and Tim". Pray for her husband, Jim.

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 asks for prayers for his son, **Joseph** who is in Israel working security as a contractor.

Mina is walking without the brace, and is going to spend Christmas with her kids in Germany!

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 eventual successful surgery, treatment, and comfort for the family.

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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