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# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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December 18, 2022

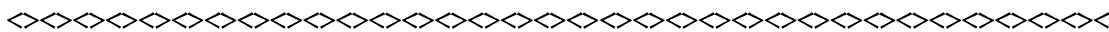


*"...the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete." (Luke 6:49)*

Jesus is comparing our lives to a structure. They must have a solid foundation, but our lives must consist of good stuff as well. It is very impressive to see adobe structures that have lasted many years, even though they are basically made of sticks and mud. Even the best adobes, however, would not last long in the Arkansas climate where I grew up. I suspect that the weather would basically dissolve them in one season of Spring rains. The stuff a thing is made of matters.

Jesus' words are the best stuff, but listening to his words and even repeating them without living the life they describe indicates that they are not actually foundational for us. Our actual foundations will sink or wash out beneath us. Soon our walls will crack and expose what is inside us. It's good that we're here to listen to his words, but we are not true followers of Jesus unless we live them out!

-Mark



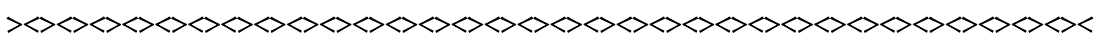
**Today's lesson:**

*Luke's Lessons for Lovers of God*

**The Plain Truth, Part 7**

**Enough of That Foolishness!**

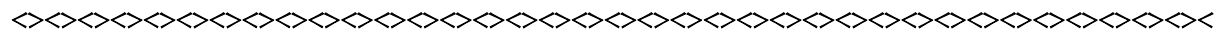
From Luke 6:17-49



## A Fun and Festive Time!

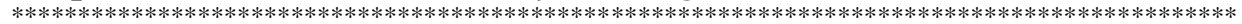
About twenty of our ladies and young ladies enjoyed sandwiches and desserts with their tea, as well as entertainment and inspiration last Sunday afternoon!

Thanks to **Debbie** for planning and working hard along with lots of help from others to make it happen!



*There will be no classes next Sunday morning (Christmas Day) or the following Sunday morning (New Year's Day)*

*We plan to have our Wednesday evening studies at 7:00 as usual.*



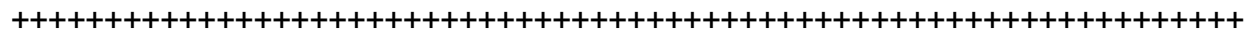
**“Defined”**, the new ladies group Bible study, is being delayed to resume has been re-scheduled to begin again after the Holidays—probably on January 2.

The study will examine how we are defined by our Creator, rather than by ourselves, by other people, or even by our roles in life. All women are invited!

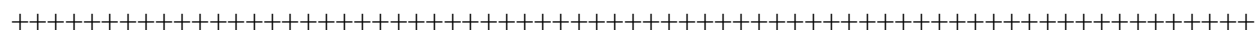
Stay tuned for details.



**Special Offerings:** The elders are encouraging us to give money to be sent to those in and around **Ukraine** are suffering hunger and loss. There is an offering plate in the back labeled for that cause.



**NEEDED:** The 2023 Cleaning and Communion sign-up is posted in the foyer.



## Baptisms

On Friday morning, Megan Morris , Rich Souza and Lisa Patty were baptized into Christ. Megan works with the Edwards AFB firefighters, Rich works there for NASA, and Lisa, (Megan’s mother), lives in Bakersfield.



## Remember in Prayer:

Tim’s nephew’s baby, **Atlas Corfman**, has been suffering with breathing problems.

**Betty Seymour** needs prayers for serious health issues.

**Vickie’s** first procedure went very well. The doctor said she could eat some TexMex the next day, but she decided to move slowly. The plan is to remove her gall bladder after the first of the new year.

**Betty Demus’ brother and sister-in-law** in Kansas are recovering from upper respiratory issues

**Delores’ mom** fell and broke her collarbone. They are planning to add some help at home this week.

**Jack Dufur** has been having pain in his abdomen.

**Cindy’s brother Donnie** is not doing well physically or emotionally.

**Vickie’s sister-in-law, Gaye**, is still battling cancer.

**Tammie McDowell** (the Bixlers’ friend) continues her battle with cancer.

**Debbie** may have surgery on her other shoulder soon.

Pray for the health of **Bob Rivera** and **Kirk and Pat Stewart**.

## **Always Remember:**

Those in the military, especially **Joseph Budai, B.J. Wilson and Patty Johnson's** grandson,  
**Andrew Thompson**

The children and staff at **Manuelito Navajo Children's Home**

Families serving in other mission fields

**The homeless**, and pray for **Blair** as he works to minister to them

**Those suffering in Ukraine**, and the refugees who have fled

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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

### **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.*

### **Mark Bixler's office hours by appointment**

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Elder of the Month:  
*Derek Demus*