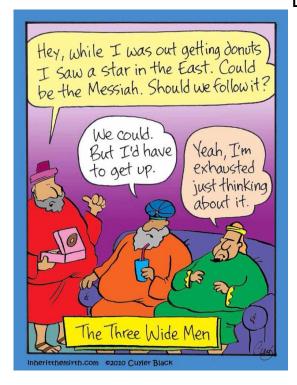
# Family Matters

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

December 21, 2025



There's a lot that we don't know about the visitors from the East who brought gifts for the young king. One thing we do know is that they were anything but lazy or casual about their quest to find and honor him.

We don't know where they came from, but the journey itself was almost certainly long, arduous and even dangerous.

We don't know how wealthy they were, but the gifts they brought were very precious. Why did they do this? No one would have known if they had ignored the signs or if they had left the honor to his own people.

The truth is, we are more like them than we are like his "own people". We are separated by distance and time, and we do not share his genetics. We can, however, worship him as king of our lives. Our gifts for him are love, joy and peace in his name, no matter what obstacles we face. I am confident that he accepts these as the best gifts of all!

-Mark

Today's Lesson

...Worship Him...

# Inside Information

Matthew 2:1-12

## **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 not meet</u> <u>again until Tuesday, January 6</u>





# Remember in Prayer:

**Ruthie** has been in the hospital due to pain in her back and chest, but she returned home last week. However, she has not felt stronger. Keep praying for her stamina to return.

**Carol** is feeling better, but 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\*

## **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