Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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LOAVES AND FISH FOR LEFTOVERS AGAIN?!?

Yes, the reality is that Jesus and his disciples almost certainly did eat the twelve baskets of leftovers they gathered after over 5000 people enjoyed a meal of bread and fish that started with only five loaves and two small fish. But what was the point of having leftovers and gathering them? It doesn't seem like anyone should be worried about having enough to eat the next time they were hungry.

This reminds us that the reason that God allowed Jesus to intervene and break the rules of nature when he performed miracles was not to change the rules. It was to show everyone that Jesus was God when the rules were made. He was not limited by nature. Nature was limited by him.

What is the good news in that for us? The good news is that he is now in Heaven, ready to intervene on our behalf whenever we really need intervention. When we suffer in spite of our faith, we can know that something better than relief from suffering is there for us!

-Mark!

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Today's Lesson: Where are we going?

Fish Dinner

Mark 6:30-56

Family Life Pregnancy Banquet

There is a table of eight reserved for us at the banquet, so let Bill know if you'd like to be a part of it on Friday, March 15 at 6:00. The speaker is Dr. William Lyle, a renowned pro-life doctor.

New address for Russ and Melody Lawson:

7046 N. Hwy. 25 West La Follette, TN 37729

Correction for Melissa King Stansbery's address:

28411 Forward Pass Ct. in Stallion Springs

Remember in Prayer:

Mina's husband, Max, slipped and fell week before last, and complications after surgery led to the necessity to keep him sedated. He has not recovered, and the family has been told they will need to make a decision soon. Their daughter flew in from Germany to be here.

Majid Tafighi, Mina's brother-in-law, received good <u>news after</u> one round of radiation for his brain tumor. He is still undergoing Chemo for the cancer in his lungs, however. Melissa is thankful that mother, **Maxine King,** has been moved from the hospital to a good temporary care facility for twenty days.

Melissa's back is somewhat better too!

Minnie's father is in hospice, and his mind is still very clear, but his body is failing.

Minnie has been suffering pain from Sciatica, and although her pain has become intermittent rather than constant, pray for complete relief!.

Pray for **Ruthie's nephew** as he goes through radiation and chemotherapy after his recent brain surgery.

Ruthie seems to be dealing with one issue after another, so keep her in your prayers!

Vickie's sister-in-law, Gaye, is choosing not to undergo chemotherapy again for the cancer in her lungs, but it is now in her liver as well. She is doing pretty well, but she is now in hospice.

Shirley has been placed in hospice. She had a good week last week, so keep praying for more!

Pat Stewart has been placed on hospice because her doctor felt that the treatments for her cancer were causing more harm than good.

In addition to his near total paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has painful sores on his head, and now in other places as well. Their cause is unknown.

Karen has two orchestra friends, **Jon** and **Wayne**, who have cancer, and a colleague, **Trish**, who also has cancer,.

Galina Gurova, a friend of Melissa, has lymphoma.

Blake Budai, Blair's brother, still lacks mobility. May God work in his body and heart.

Pray for the health of Bob Rivera.

Praise:

Cindy's granddaughter **Hannah** is doing well, **Randy** is good, **Tessa** is doing well also.

Cheryl's grandson **Aiden** is doing really great with no more heart related symptoms. Please just keep him in your private prayers for continued good health.

Thanks to everyone for all the prayers and thoughtfulness and a big praise to God for his healing powers.

Always Remember:

Those in the military, especially **Joseph Budai**, **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.

Those suffering in Ukraine and Russia. Many have lost loved ones in the fighting.

Those suffering in Israel and Gaza as a result of the terrorist attacks and war.

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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*

Women's AA is meeting at 5:30pm*

Bible Study for All – 7:00pm

Thursday

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm*

<u>Friday</u>

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at 7:00pm*

Saturday

Men's AA meeting at 8:00am, and another 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.

Mark Bixler's office hours by appointment

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Elder of the Month: *Derek Demus*