# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

February 18, 2024



Several of Jesus' first chosen followers literally left fishing nets behind to follow him. They may have even anticipated some of what he meant when he said those famous words. They may have expected to become recruiters for him gathering as many followers as possible to come with them as they followed him.

What they did not yet understand was where they were going, exactly. They thought they were on a path to the kind of glory seen in the kingdoms around them. They eventually learned that they were on a path of service and sacrifice in a different kind of kingdom. As followers of Jesus with them, that is where we are going!

-Mark

Today's Lesson: Where are we going? Gone Fishin' Mark 6:7-34

# **Potluck today!**

Baby Shower for Eva following the potluck!

Everyone is invited to join in! If you have not yet bought or ordered a gift, you can just add "leaves of green" to the money tree! Or...

You can still order from the baby registry online:

Open:Amazon.comEnter:Find a registrySearch by name:Eva RossCity:TehachapiArrival month/year:March, 2024

You will see a list of needed gifts there, but you could buy them anywhere if you don't have Amazon Prime, and you want to avoid shipping charges

# 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.

### **Porterville Youth Rally**

See Betty Demus or Bill Willingham if you want to register yourself or someone else to go to the Youth Rally on February 24 & 25 (Next weekend!).

## **Remember in Prayer:**

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.

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

**Cheryl's grandson Aiden** is suffering heart issues that are most likely related to the chemotherapy he underwent. He will see another cardiologist for further evaluation.

**Cindy's 13 year-old granddaughter Hannah** has been to Mayo Clinic for further evaluation. Nothing seems perfectly clear, but she is doing alright.

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

**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.

**Tessa Eaton's** parents ask for continued prayers as she will have future surgeries. **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! **Randy, Cindy's brother-in-law,** continues his battle with cancer.

**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.

## **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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#### Web: <u>www.tehachapicofc.org</u> Schedule of Weekly Services and other meetings

<u>Sunday</u> AM Bible Class – 9:30am AM Assembly – 10:30am **Monday** 

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm\*

#### <u>Tuesday</u>

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\*

#### <u>Saturday</u>

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*