# Family Matters

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

March 17, 2024



One phrase that Jesus used more than once, was "ears to hear". Of course, everyone who heard him use that term did have ears, and they did hear him. What he was referring to is the fact that many of us are "selective listeners" at times. That means we only really take to heart to what we <u>want</u> to hear.

Peter, James and John were given an incredible visual when they saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. God then reminded in no uncertain terms that it was time to not just follow and watch Jesus, they were to listen to him—and not just when he was saying something they wanted to hear. They did not want to hear that Jesus would die, and they certainly did not want to hear that all of his true followers would die too. Are we ready to give up our lives for others as Jesus gave his life for us? Our actions will reveal whether we have ears to hear!

-Mark

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Today's Lesson: Where are we going?

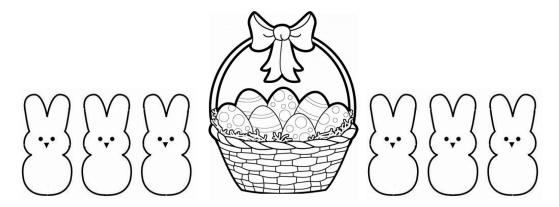
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Good Answer!

Mark 8:27-

## Please bring next Sunday:

On Sunday, April 24, bring individually wrapped pieces of candy that will fit inside plastic eggs for our church Easter Egg Hunt after services on March 31st. Additional larger individually wrapped candy as well as toys, stuffed bunnies, etc. can be donated for the baskets that will be given to each child.



# Remember in Prayer:

**Melissa** had surgery to remove the kidney stone in Santa Clarita on Thursday. She is recuperating at home. She will return in two or three weeks later to have a stent removed. **Cheryl** asks for prayers for her cousin **Ronnie Hall**, who lives in Texas and was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. He will be going through extensive chemo every day for the next eight weeks. Pray for comfort and strength for a complete recovery.

Also, Cheryl's stepson's mother, **Stacy Krelle**, who lives in Santa Maria, had surgery for a broken back, and it was determined to be due to cancer. Pray for her healing, comfort and peace of mind (for the family as well).

Mina's husband, Max, passed week before last. Keep Mina in your prayers.

Majid Tafighi, Max's brother, is still undergoing Chemo for cancer in his lungs.

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!.

**Ruthie** seems to be dealing with one issue after another, so keep her in your prayers! **Vickie's sister-in-law, Gaye,** is now in hospice.

**Shirley** is having some good days, so keep praying for more!

**Pat Stewart** has been placed on hospice. Her pain has been increasing, so pray for relief! In addition to his near total paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has painful sores.

Karen has two orchestra friends, Jon and Wayne, and a colleague, Trish, all with 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**.

**Frank Martinez,** our homeless friend, was struck and killed by a drunk driver in Anaheim as he was crossing the street week before last. Please pray for his mother. There will be a service for Frank on March 21 in Cypress. Ask Mark if you want details.

# **Prayers of Thanksgiving:**

Ruthie's nephew is doing well after his recent brain surgery.
as he goes through radiation and chemotherapy
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.

# **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.

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