

Mountain States Children's Home

Remember to stock up on supplies to bring for the children's home collection **which takes place on March 25, 2018**. Keep this work in your prayers.

What to Bring (Some Suggestions – See bulletin board for complete list):

- Picante Sauce
- Soy Sauce
- Olive Oil
- Granola Bars
- Individual Bags of Chips
- Graham Crackers
- Basil, Oregano, Garlic, Italian
- Jasmine Rice
- 2 lb Flour
- Decaf Coffee
- 100% Fruit Juices
- Spaghetti Sauce (Glass containers only)
- Instant Oatmeal
- Refried Beans
- Ranch Dressing
- Disposable Razors
- Tampons
- Mouthwash
- Gal & Qt. Ziploc bags
- Dish Washer Detergent
- Disposable Cups, Plates & Bowls
- Clorox Bleach
- Plastic Cutlery

<i>Peru Ministry</i> Support Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru.	Harvesting the Scriptures Kennewick Spring Lectureship April 11-15
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Food Pantry

The pantry is located in the room left of the library. There are sacks in the pantry room if you or someone you know is in need of any of these items. Feel free to take what you need. If you have a donation for the pantry please put it on the table in the pantry room.

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Meeting times:

Sunday:
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday:
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Open Congregational meeting – 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

Attendance 03/11: 69 | Budget \$2400.33 | Contribution 03/11: \$ 2263.48

March 18, 2018



**Welcome to the
Kennewick Church of Christ**

In the World, But Not of the World

In the World - Saints of God live in two distinct worlds. The first is physical, "to live sensible, righteously and godly in the present age" (Titus 2:12b), while the second is spiritual, "for our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20). The New Testament is replete with this distinction, from the Lord's "no one can serve two masters" (Matthew 6:24), to Paul's "do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2), to James "whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God" (4:4), to John's "if anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15).

How then shall we live? Again, Paul's counsel to Titus in his efforts to evangelize the immoral Cretans is both timely and timeless. To live sensibly is to devote ourselves to the dedication and discipline of God's Word on every subject and in every situation. To live righteously refers to our relationship with every person we meet, to treat him or her with inherent respect, integrity, and truthfulness. To live godly naturally applies to our relationship with God, our Father, who is the center of our faith, the object of our worship and the reason for our hope. The Lord knew to live godly in an ungodly world would be the greatest challenge for His disciples; Therefore, He promised us, "In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Not of the World - The apostle Paul knew the world of the first century well. In describing that world of Jewish, Greek, and Roman influence, he gave at least forty features of the worldliness of his generation (Romans 1:18-32), people of a depraved mind. He would be disappointed but not surprised to find things have not improved in our twenty-first century world, a time of little to no shame for what is an abomination to the Lord, where depravity goes uncondemned and openly celebrated.

To his and our world, Paul provided the second mark of the spiritual mind: "Instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires" (Titus 2:12a). How difficult it is to develop and practice the discipline of self-denial! We are a self-centered people living in a self-absorbed world, demanding rights over rules, privilege over responsibility, things over people, even grace without obedience. Too many wearing the name of Christ see just how worldly they can become and still be spiritual.

With Jesus, the choice is clear: "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me" (Luke 9:23), so Paul called us to deny ungodliness, anything and everything that is contrary to the nature, will, and worship of God as the one and only God. We must also deny worldly desires, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the boastful, empty pride of life (1 John 2:16). It is not just the practice of sin that is the issue but the longing for that which God will never approve and which Satan will be sure to provide. So, the beloved apostle pleaded for his readers and hearers to live sacrificial lives that prove to be holy and acceptable to God (Romans 12:1), and he needed no greater example than himself: "The world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" (Galatians 6:14). He was in the world, but definitely not of the world.

~Billy R. Smith

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

Keep these Dates in Mind:

- 03/04 First Sunday Potluck
- 03/10 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 03/11 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 03/23 Game Night 6:00p (\$5 donation for pizza)
- 03/25 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 04/01 First Sunday Potluck
- 04/08 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 04/11 Spring Lectureship in Kennewick 6:00p
- 04/22 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 04/29 Fifth Sunday Singing 3:00p

Birthdays and Anniversaries for March

- Jackson Hickman 3/4
- Sammie Engelke 3/7
- Gloria Moore 3/9
- Tom & Thelma Gritzen 3/14
- Doris Pennington 3/15
- Faye Henry 3/17
- Pansy Caywood 3/20
- Lucy Larsen 3/23
- Amanda McCrickard 3/22
- Bill Henniger 3/31

Bible Studies:

Adult Class - Fellowship Hall
(S) –Epistles of Peter
(W) – Romans

Youth Classes -Classroom Wing
Teen Classes – Teen Room

Ladies Class – Fellowship Hall
Thursdays 10:00a



Health Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Shirley Childers, Amanda McCrickard, Kaleb McCrickard, Savannah and Christian Johnson (friends of the McCrickards, daughter suffering from mitochondrial disease), Christy Hickman, Joshua Hickman, Vern Mast, Sue Aldrich, Lupe Mendoza, Margie Lindholm
Bill Henniger is still experiencing fluid building up around his lung. The fluid will have to be drained again before he meets with the doctors in Spokane.

Place donations for the Children's home in the room next to the teacher's supply room or leave them underneath the mail boxes and someone will take care of them. They are due by next week.
See Dustin if you wish to have input on VBS materials. Planning has begun.
Our Spring lectureship is less than a month away. Mark your calendars. Invite your friends.

What do we need to do to be in worship and Bible study on Sundays and Wednesdays? If the Ethiopian eunuch would not allow hundreds of miles of hot and dusty desert roads, by the way of a chariot, to deter him, why would we allow anything to keep us from worshipping our Lord and Savior?

**Christ must be the focal point of our lives,
and as His holy people,
we should work each day
to do His will**

*Jesus answered,
"My kingdom is not of this world.
If it were, my servants would have been fighting that I might not be delivered over to the Jews.
But my kingdom is not from the world.*

This is a Spiritual Battle

The battle over the city of Jericho, is not about swords and shields. It is not about walls and defenses, or armies and tactics. It is simply a battle between two world views. "Will we do things God's way or will we do things the Canaanite way?" The people of Jericho had had plenty of warning. They knew the stories of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (along with the other cities of the plains - Gen 19). They had evidence of the power of God through all the stories that had come to them about the success of Israel in facing down and escaping Pharaoh in Egypt and the battles they had won in coming to Canaan. They were so well aware that they closed up the city and shivered in fear and dread. But they did not and would not repent, except for one prostitute, Rahab. As it turns out, she and her family will be the only ones to escape destruction. All of Jericho, as a community, could have turned to the Lord and sought His mercy. They chose the path they had always taken, rejecting God and closing off the walls to His love and mercy.

Jesus had to fight this battle. He too was tempted and kept the walls open to the will of God. "For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). His battle ended with a death on the cross. His society closed its doors to Him, and in open rebellion to God, rejected His Messiah and killed Him. Instead, He died for us, so we could open our doors to Him and be forgiven. Now the choices lay in our hands. Will we accept God's grace and live by His values, or will we keep the doors closed and pay the price?

The end of the battle has physical consequences, Everyone in the city of Jericho, man, woman, child, and even animals, is put to death. The city is cursed so that no one would rebuild this proud example of resistance to the Lord. Unlike the twelve stones Israel erected to be a constant reminder of their safe passage over the Jordan river, Jericho was to stand in ruins as a constant reminder of the failure that takes place when we reject God's ways.

Our battles today have physical consequences. When we fail to live by God's will, bad things can quickly happen to us. We can look at public lives that have been exposed to shame and ridicule because of sexual infidelities and text messages of a sexual nature. We can point to politicians caught in sting operations taking bribes or using illegal drugs. Worse, we know people whose homes were broken or destroyed by adultery, domestic abuse or substance abuse. As a therapist I have worked with many people married to addicts, and sadly, I have seen those addicts drink themselves to death rather than open the doors to God.

As a result, when we close the door to the Lord and keep the walls up, bad things will follow. Even among God's people this is true. It comes later in the story, but one man (Achan - Gen 7) and his family will suffer because this man chose to disobey the Lord and keep some of the plunder from Jericho for himself and his family. Every day it is simple to assume we are safe in our own evil choices, then one day God brings the walls down on us. When that happens, we pay along with all the other sinners who have shut their doors to the Lord. The only way to avoid this is to open the doors to the Lord and His people and let them into your life.

~David Thurman

Bible Pictures

- Picture of LOVE - John 3:16-17
- Picture of SUFFERING - Matthew 27
- Picture of REPENTANCE - Luke 15
- Picture of OBEDIENCE - Acts 8:26-39
- Picture of WORSHIP - Acts 20:1
- Picture of HEAVEN - Revelation 21

- Picture of GREED - Acts 5:1-11
- Picture of PRIDE - Luke 18:1-14
- Picture of UNFAITHFULNESS - 2 Timothy 4:10
- Picture of HYPOCRISY - Matthew 6:1-8P
- Picture of HELL - Luke 16