

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?

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.

Mountain States Children's Home

Remember to stock up on non-perishable supplies to bring for the children's home collection which takes place in August and March each year. Keep this work in your prayers.

Peru Ministry

Support Oscar and Anna Maria in their outreach in Peru.

Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world.

Kennewick Church of Christ

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

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

Attendance 01/14: NA | Budget \$2000.00 | Contribution 01/14: \$2155.25

January 21, 2018



**Welcome to the
Kennewick Church of Christ**

Jesus Christ, the Only Way

Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, Jeremiah, the Weeping Prophet of Israel cried out: "*Stand yeah in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, "We shall not walk therein."* (Jeremy. 6:16). Even then, God was pointing out that there was only one "good way" for man! They could behold the meandering and crooked paths of men; but God ordained only one right way! Yet another prophet said: "*And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.*" (Isa. 35:8). How often this passage has been wrested from its true meaning by those who teach it is so easy to be saved, and the multitude is marching triumphantly to heaven. But this is not the message of Isaiah! He is saying that fools will not accidentally stumble into the way of holiness; that men must diligently seek salvation. This agrees with the words of our Saviour: "*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*" (Matt. 7:13-14). The way of holiness is narrow and restricted: but there is still ample room for all who will lay aside their burdens of sin, and walk with Christ!

The Wise Man warned: "*There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*" (Prov. 14:12; 16:25). The wisdom of Solomon perceived the many paths and ways devised by men, but he also could see the terrible consequences! He said, "*The law is light, and reproofs of instruction are the way of life,*" and "*The way of life is above to the wise.*" (Prov. 6:23; 15:24). The ways of man are always plural, but the way God presents is singular indeed! The denunciation of the prophet was: "*The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths; whosoever Goeth therein shall not know peace.*" (Isa. 59:8; also quoted in Rom. 3:17-18). Contrast of ways of men (plural) versus way of truth (singular) is seen in 1 Pet. 2:2 - "*And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.*" Paul encountered this at Ephesus when opposition "spake evil of that way before the Multitude." (Acts 19:9).

Before parting from His beloved disciples Jesus promised, "*I will go prepare a place for you...And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.*" But Thomas expressed the feeling of all in saying: "How can we know the way?" To this Jesus said, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*" (Jn. 14:2-6). Jesus Christ presented Himself as the only means of access to God and His eternal home! Again he said, "*I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.*" (Jn. 10:9). Thus He could say, "*No man cometh unto the Father but by me!*" Thieves and robbers may try to gain entrance by other ways; but the only way to God is in and through Christ Jesus the Lord!

~Dillard Thurman

21And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

(Acts 2:21)

*Birthdays and Anniversaries
for January*

Hannah Minor 1/5
Linda Lafferty 1/8
Gayle Caldwell 1/12
Holden Minor 1/15
Henry Walker 1/18
Larry Moore 1/19
Mary Beth Walker 1/22
Shirley Childers 1/24
Eddie & Eunice Petross 1/24
Loretta Slettene 1/26
Hannah Mendoza 1/29
Nadine Mohr 1/19

Keep these Dates in Mind:

01/07 First Sunday Potluck
01/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
01/14 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
01/28 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
02/02 Game Night 6:00p
02/04 First Sunday Potluck
02/10 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
02/11 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
02/25 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Bible Studies: Youth Classes -
Adult Class - Classroom Wing
Fellowship Hall Ladies Class -
(S) –Epistles of Peter Fellowship Hall
(W) – Romans



Health Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob 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

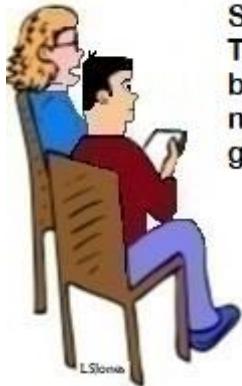
Bob and Shirley Childers Bob fell again this week, hit his head and has a bump. Shirley fell while getting into the car. Her sister caught her fortunately so she didn't hit her head but caught her foot in the car door. She has many internal stitches and 7

External stitches where the door cut her leg open and X-rays show she broke a bone in her foot.

The McCrickards as they struggle with sickness.

The Mendozas as they struggle with the flu and everything else going on with their family these past few weeks.

There is a lot of sickness going around this winter. Please keep all of those in the congregation who are dealing with ill health in your prayers.



So just to clarify:
The wide path is
bad, and the
narrow path is
good, right?

Komedy Korner

God Lives
And
All is Well

The Last Curtain Falls

When the last curtain falls, and we stand with the redeemed in the land of fadeless day, we shall know the bliss of redemption and the reward of righteousness made possible by the blood stained banner of Prince Immanuel. When the Prince of Peace shall have conquered all foes, and the last enemy - death- is put under His feet, that supernal realm will welcome home all faithful warriors who properly fought the good fight. (1 Tim. 6:12). We struggle against wickedness in high places (Eph. 6:12), but not in Mortal combat (2 Cor. 10:3-5). The truth of the gospel is not promulgated by force but exalted through godly living (Phil. 2:15-16). Out of the vast riches of the treasure house of Revelation, we hear the thundering sound of Rom. 8:37, "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

This world is not our home. It is not the final word. We look for better things: yes, eternal joys that never fade (1 Pet. 1:3-4). Out of the sorrow and loneliness early Christians endured a brighter horizon loomed. Revelation is rich in hope and promise and eager anticipation. For Christians in any age and every day, this last book of the Bible cries aloud: "God's tomorrow will be brighter than today." The abiding glory of this section of Scripture is the joyous fact that Jehovah is, through all the years and tears, a solid Rock of comfort and refuge For those who diligently seek righteousness (Heb. 11:6; Psa. 94:22). The entire book of Revelation underscores those grand and eloquent conclusions. Children of the Heavenly Father, regardless of external circumstances, can draw near to the portals of glory.

When our absolute trust is solidly embedded in the promises of the Lord, even adversity can be a blessing because we are drawn nearer and dearer to the one who rules and controls our destiny. In one of the most familiar funeral hymns are these memorable words:

*Somewhere the sun is shining, somewhere the songbirds dwell;
Hush then thy sad repining, God lives and all is well.*

The Challenge attached to the heavenly route costs more than myriads of earth are willing to pay. Having counted the cost of obedience, such folk admit their spiritual bankruptcy and manifest no further effort towards the beautiful home of the soul. Bereft of spiritual depth, motivated by carnal interest, beset by worldly associates and led by temporal emphasis, these poor misguided human beings pitch their tent toward hell and wait for the darkness of the ages.

Finally, as the last golden page of inspiration beckons us to its dramatic unveiling, we see the Garden of Eden and the Tree of Life restored. The first real story of the Bible comes back again to our view in this panoramic document known as revelation. What man lost in Adam, we gain in Christ. Sin drove man out of the presence of God. Obedience to Christ brings us back into His sublime presence (Rev. 22:14). And, "Whosoever will may come" (Rev. 22:17). The tree of the cross (1 Pet. 2:24) becomes our hope to partake of the Tree of Life forever. The Bible closes with the promise of Christ's returning (Rev. 22:20). May we so live that when that precious occasion comes, we may rise to meet Him in the air and so ever be with the Lord. These are words of comfort and joy to every Christian (1 Thess. 4:13-18).

*Beyond the sunset, O glad reunion, with our dear loved ones who have gone before.
O day of gladness, O night unending, beyond the sunset, forever more!*

The book of Revelation comforted persecuted Christians in the first century, and it still challenges us today. Let us read and study it with great profit. In times like these, we need such a solid anchor.

~Johnny Ramsey

1Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.
2For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, 3how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.
(Heb. 2:1-3)