



Women's Fellowship

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Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class
10:00 -11:30 am.
Study is in Acts.

Ladies Hand & Foot Card Fellowship: 2nd & 4th Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. Play begins at 1:00pm. Bring your favorite snack and join us for the fun

OutReach

Christ's Closet

Free Clothing for anyone in need.
Open Wednesdays 9:00 – Noon

Mountain States Children's Home

Remember to bring supplies for the children's home box. Let's fill it to overflowing for the next pickup.

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.

Peru Ministry

Support Oscar, Anna Maria, Queca and Tony Woods in their outreach in Peru.

Kennewick Church of Christ

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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 Elders meeting - each Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

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Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

What Boat Are You In?

The Apostles found themselves in a tossing, rocking boat in the middle of the night in the middle of a storm. Maybe Peter thought walking on water toward Jesus was better than sitting in the boat tossing to and fro. I am not sure that had anything to do with his decision to step out of the boat, but I do know I have encountered many people who choose to stay in a rough, sickening and (sometimes) dangerous situation just because they are afraid to step out on their own. Too many of us are like the eleven disciples who chose to stay put in the boat. We are more comfortable in our misery than we are willing to try something daring and new.

We tend to hang on to our messes. We tend to get comfortable in our dysfunctional patterns. We are used to the ups and downs of our lives and then begin to think they are normal. Step out of the boat! Your life can be different if you let go of the rocking boat and take a step toward Jesus. When you and I get closer to Jesus, we will experience amazing things. That might even free us from the storm that plagues us. When Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the storm calmed. You will find something like that in your life, when you choose to move toward Jesus.

All of us find ourselves in situations like the apostles. The boat is rocking. Everything seems dark and dreary. Then, Jesus shows us a way out, if we will take the step of faith and throw a leg over the side. The question for each of us is "Which apostle will we imitate?" Will we hang on to the rocking boat with the eleven, or will we put a leg over the side of the boat with Peter? I know that it can be unsettling to step out and try something new and different, but Peter did and so can we. For some of us this simply means we need to dare to do more of what Jesus did. Maybe we can be more loving, or we can be more forgiving. Maybe we can devote more time to the work of the church. Maybe we can learn to die to self so others can live better.

For others, it is time to throw off your hesitation and be baptized into Christ. I know that may run counter to what you learned from your family or from your friends. I know it may take a real step of faith to get out of the mindset that tells you baptism is not necessary. It is time for you to take a step of faith, reach out to the Lord and let Him save you, just as he saved Peter. When you surrender to the Lord in baptism, the Lord will save you and make you one of his own. Get out of the boat – today!

-David Thurman

Attendance 9/11 A.M. Worship: 81 / Budget: \$2000.00 / Contribution 9/11: \$2562.25



In our
Thoughts
And
Prayers

Doug Davis, Marilyn Farris, Gloria Ford, Marsha, Pam Fox's grandson, Canaco & Eli - dealing with cancer
Abigail Jones, Karen McBurney, Dustin Stecker, Doris Pennington, Betty VanVoorst, Logan Johnson – Health issues

Laveda Brumfield, Marie Frolin, Don Jespersen, Lucy Larsen, Gloria Moore, Bruce Pennington - Homebound

Oscar & Ana Maria Castro in Peru

Mary Lewis in Parkview Estates Assisted Living.

Hannah Minor, Levi Toombs while away studying.

Bob Childers – Diagnosed with Parkinson's

Leroy Pierce – Stroke

Darlene Moon - Bronchitis

(10)For he who would love life and see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit. (11)Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. (12) For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And his ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. 1 Peter 3: 10-12

Every Act of Kindness Grows the spirit and strengthens the soul

Watch your THOUGHTS, for they become WORDS.

Watch your WORDS, for they become ACTIONS.

Watch your ACTIONS for they become HABITS.

Watch your HABITS, for they become CHARACTER.

Watch your CHARACTER, for it becomes your DESTINY.



1st Sunday Potluck (10/2)

After A.M. worship. Come join us for a potluck meal and Christian fellowship.



2nd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:30 am (10/14)

All the men are invited to come together for a time of devotion and fellowship



Birthdays/Anniversaries 9/18- 9/25

Norm & Barbara Goldsmith 9/21
LaVeda Brumfield 9/22
Marie Frolin 9/22
Una Scott 9/23



Goodbye to the Same Old Toys

It hit me like that proverbial ton of bricks. I was driving down the road talking to my nearly three-year-old granddaughter seated next to me. She had spent the day playing with a basket of toys her grandmother provides for children who visit our house. When I asked her if she had had a good time she responded by saying. "Yes, I like Gran's new house but she still has the same old toys."

I thought, "Out of the mouth of babes. . ." What a concise description of the state of many Christians. They belong to a new family and are part of the "new spiritual house" or "building of God" which has Christ as the its cornerstone. Unfortunately, however, many of the "toys" of the old life remain to subvert them from experiencing the abundant life Jesus came to offer (John 10:10).

I suppose it's a bit like the fictional Clampett family of television fame. They moved from Tennessee to a Beverly Hills mansion but they brought their old toys and old ways with them. Granny many have had a new oven, but she still cooked the same ole possum!

God's word is clear. When we become new creatures in Christ we embrace the new and put off the old (2 Corinthians 5:17). Selfish interest is to be replaced by selfless concern. Divided loyalty is transformed into dedicated love. Casual commitment is dethroned in favor of living Lordship.

The basic reason many of us often suffer from discouragement, disillusion and defeat in our Christian experiences is simply because we're playing with the same old toys of pride, indifference and materialism in the new spiritual house we live in as Christians. God intends for us to manifest the frust of the Spirit in the atmosphere of our new spiritual address.

When we do so, we seek Christ's kingdom first, not our own (Matthew 6:33). Joy becomes a possession that no trial can take away (John 15:11; 16:33).

Maybe we need to say "goodbye" to the "same old toys." God has far better things for us. -Douglas F. Parsons

(8) Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things. (9)The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:8-9)