

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.	<i>Kennewick Spring Lectureship April 11 – 15</i> Harvesting the Scriptures
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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.

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

Attendance 02/18: NA | Budget \$2400.33 | Contribution 02/18: \$1946.50

February 25, 2018



Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

Questions

For several days Doug Greenway was repeatedly asked four questions to assess his condition. He writes:

"I had brain surgery on December 11 and spent four nights in the ICU. Every 30 minutes one of the nurses would come in and ask what I thought were dumb questions. They knew I was having high blood pressure problems from the surgery and they did not want to miss it if I began to decline mentally."

The four questions were:

- Can you tell me your name?**
- Do you know where you are?**
- Do you know why you are here?**
- Can you give me a "thumbs up"?**

Consider some spiritual applications of these basic questions:

Can you tell me your name? Who are you? Your ability to recall your name can be an indicator of your health, but it's your identity in relation to Christ that is most important. For "salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). That name is Jesus Christ. Only through Jesus can we be saved (John 14:6).

Do you know where you are? Are you "in" or "outside" of Christ? In Christ is found every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3). Outside of Christ there is no hope (Ephesians 2:12). Penitent believers are baptized into Christ (Acts 2:38: Galatians 3:26-27). Are you in Christ? Are you following him faithfully?

Do you know why you are here? People have sought to answer that questions in a myriad of ways since the world began. The correct answer is: We are here to glorify the God who made us. "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). We glorify God by being Christians, Christ-followers (1 Peter 4:16).

Can you give me a "thumbs up"? Are you doing well in living by God's priorities? The apostle Paul gave a "thumbs up" near the end of his life. "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

The key to answering these questions correctly is Christ, for God loves us so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16). It is through the gift of Jesus that we understand what life is all about and how to receive eternal life through him.

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10) and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of his word. "...if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

So ask yourself these four questions, and answer them by saying "Yes" to Jesus through your trusting obedience.

~David A. Sargent

Birthdays and Anniversaries for March

Josh Mendoza 2/27
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

Oh Jesus Lord and Savior,
I give myself to you



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, Wanda Danley's sister, as she starts radiation treatments
Bill and Fran Henniger as they deal with health issues

Amanda McCrickard is slowly recovering. Keep their family in your prayers.

The Hickman family as they continue to deal with Joshua's symptoms until they can meet with the surgeon

Speakers at our Lectureship: Morne Stephanus; Dustin Campbell; Richard Sutton; Terrance Brownlow Dindy Jr.



Richard Sutton

Richard has been serving the Lord in ministry since 1975. He served as a youth minister for the Richland church of Christ for 4 1/2 years. During this time he ministered to teens, taught Bible classes and captained a bus in the Joy bus ministry. Previous to and during this time he worked in the nuclear construction field as a non-destructive inspector building nuclear reactors in both California and Washington state.

In 1979 he resigned his position as an inspector and enrolled in Preston Road School of Preaching in Dallas, Texas. Upon graduation he went into full time ministry serving congregations in Hayward, California, Caldwell, Idaho, Loveland, Colorado and presently serves as a pulpit minister for the Linder Road Church of Christ in Meridian, Idaho since 2002.

Richard has held meetings, church growth and leadership development seminars in various states, lectureships and youth forums. He has been going to West Africa on mission trips since 1987 to present working in evangelism efforts as well as seminar instruction developing native preachers in their ministries. He has been married to Lori Ruth Sutton (formerly Wahlstrom) for 43 years and has three faithful Christian adult daughters and seven grandchildren.

Keep these Dates in Mind:

02/25 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
03/04 First Sunday Potluck
03/10 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
03/11 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
03/25 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
04/08 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
04/11 Spring Lectureship in Kennewick 6:00p
04/22 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Bible Studies:

Adult Class - Fellowship Hall (S) –Epistles of Peter (W) – Romans	Youth Classes - Classroom Wing Ladies Class – Fellowship Hall
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The Appeal of Certainty

In preaching the restoration plea there is tremendous joy in telling people they can be sure they are following the way of truth. Life is filled with uncertainties. Worldly thinking says there are no absolutes. Competing religions produce confusion. Even devout believers have doubts of conscience because of their own imperfections. In the midst of all this, we can open our Bibles to show that the Lord's way is always right, and that when we follow the Lord's way we are in the right way, and that when we are in the right way we are right with God. We love to explain to people that it is possible to have written proof that we are saved and have genuine hope of heaven. This is far different from what often is called "feelings." John 17:3 tells that to "know God and his Son is life eternal." This is not to be understood as mere acquaintance with the fact of God. It is not merely to have some degree of belief in God. Instead, it means to have an intimate relationship with God because we live in harmony with his will. This is the very point made in 1 John 2:3. "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments."

This spiritual confidence is assured in Romans 8:14-16. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God." The Holy Spirit reveals the Lord's will in the Scriptures (Jn. 16:13; 2 Tim. 3:16f). Our own human spirits know whether we are led by the revealed instructions of the Spirit of God. When there is agreement between the Holy Spirit's instructions and our own obedience, we "know that we know him."

A man once claimed that a certain idea is in the Bible. When pressed on the matter he admitted it could not be found in any particular text, but that it was "sort of" what the Bible taught. Our response was: "If the Bible teaches a thing it teaches it in book, chapter, and verse(s)." The appeal of the restoration is assurance by what the Scriptures actually say. Restoration preaching is book, chapter, and verse preaching. It is a wonderful thing when we can put our finger on a verse(s) and say, "Thus saith the Lord."
~David R. Pharr

God's Church in a Decadent Culture

The world around us attempts to destroy individuality and rob people of choices, presenting social trends as inevitable results from which no one can escape. When Christians buy into defeatist thinking, we become despondent and disheartened- too often surrendering to the trends of the day. Our Lord however, has not called us to defeat but to victory. God has blessed us with free will, allowing us to use individual abilities and personalities in His service. When we adopt a herd mentality, following blindly the latest whim of modern culture we compromise our God-given individuality.

Christians must hold the line in all of life, heeding the admonition of the apostle Paul: "do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." (Romans 12:2). As our minds are refashioned through a daily effort to follow Christ, we will begin to transform those around us as well. Within the church this produces true edification, a building up of the saints in holiness. Our influence, however will extend far beyond the church. We have the opportunity to be both salt and light in a world of insipid darkness. Rather than fading quietly into the backwaters of contemporary culture, our convictions should lead us to make a bold statement for Christians' values.

Central to our efforts is an obligation to discuss these matters within our families, setting Christian standards and resisting the influences of the world. Controlling outside influences is a vital first step. Even more to the point is the need for educating families to make Christian choices on their own initiative.

God's people should be confident about the rightness of Biblical morality. Without being self-righteous or abrasive, we have an obligation to share these values with a world mired down in filth and despair. We must avoid a defeatist mentality when dealing with cultural issues. The stakes are too high for us to be silent.

~Greg Tidwell