

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children's Home

There is a list of supplies that the children's home would like to receive on the bulletin board at the top of the ramp. Next collection date to be announced

Peru Ministry - Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru.

Food Pantry

Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library. Please bring your donations and leave them in this room. If you need help or know of anyone who is in need, ask one of the members to assist you. Feel free to take what you need.

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 09/02: 62 | Budget \$2400.33 | Contribution 09/02: \$2600.00

September 09, 2018

Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

THE LIGHT THAT THE WORLD NEEDS

Mankind desperately needs spiritual light in order that he might see how to walk. Just what is that spiritual light the world needs so badly?

The world needs God, for He is light. The Psalmist declared, *"The LORD is my light and my salvation"* (Psa. 27:1). Again, we read, *"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all"* (1 John 1:5). No Bible description of God is more plain than the three words, "God is light."

In the writings of the apostle John, we often read that Jesus the Christ is light. *"In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world"* (John 1:4-9). Of whom did John the Baptizer witness? Of "the Light." Later in that same chapter we learn that the One about Whom John witnessed was Jesus (John 1:29-34). Thus, Jesus was "the Light." Jesus Himself said, *"I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. ... As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world ... I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness"* (John 8:12; 9:5; 12:46). In addition, it is written of that great "city" whose builder and maker is God, *"And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof"* (Rev. 21:23).

How blind is the person who does not see his need for Jehovah! The world needs God, and not vice versa. We need God for our very existence. *"God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing; seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things"* (Acts 17:24,25). Further, we need the Lord for spiritual guidance. Why? Because no matter how educated a person might be, by his own wisdom he still cannot know the proper way to go in life. The proof? *"O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself, it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps"* (Jer. 10:23). Man's greatest need is salvation from sin. The only One Who can save us is the God of heaven Who created us. Without His grace, no one could be saved: *"For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God"* (Eph. 2:8). Let us never be ashamed to bow before the great I Am and confess our need for Him! ~Roger D, Campbell (excerpted)

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. (Micah 4 2)

Keep these Dates in Mind:

09/02 First Sunday Potluck
 09/08 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
 09/09 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
 09/21 Game night 6:00p (Tentative)
 09/23 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
 09/30 Fifth Sunday Singing
 10/07 First Sunday Potluck
 10/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
 10/14 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
 10/26 Game night 6:00p (Tentative)
 10/28 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Birthdays and Anniversaries for September

Craig & Debbie Bolt 9/1	Eric Slagle 9/22
Anna Hopkins 9/14	LaVeda Brumfield 9/22
Kristy Hickman 9/16	Jerret Hyndshaw 9/26
Natasha Lathim 9/17	Dylan Lathim 9/30
Jack Danley 9/18	
Norm & Barbara Goldsmith 9/21	

Bible Studies

Adult Class – Fellowship Hall (S) – Mark (W) – Acts	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class – Begins September 6. 10:00a-11:30a. Studies will be in Hebrews.
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⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. ⁸They feast on the abundance of your house, and give them drink from the river of your delights. ⁹For with you is the fountain of life, in your light do we see light. (Psa. 36:7-9)



Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Shirley Childers, Amanda McCrickard, Kaleb McCrickard, Joshua Hickman, Vern Mast, Sue Aldrich, Lupe Mendoza, Marji Lindholm, Bill and Fran Henniger, The Johnson family, The Mendoza family, Helen Pierce, Sandi Gray, Norm Goldsmith, Brent Bryant, Marilyn Davis

Randy Hargus has multiple health issues going on right now and Amanda McCrickard has asked that we keep her father in our prayers while he is dealing with these issues.

Doris Pennington has asked for continued prayers for her daughter **Tammy Pennington** who is still trying to determine what issues she is having with her brain. Please pray that the doctors will be able to determine what is wrong and that they will be able to deal with it effectively and quickly.

Norm Goldsmith keep him and Barbara in your prayers and they would appreciate cards and visits.

Sandi Gray is negotiating to go home. She will know more after she sees the doctors again. It appears now that the wound in her back is going to take longer to heal than she first anticipated and she is going to have to wear the wound vac for several months.

Grandma Mendoza is not wanting to eat and is a great deal of pain. Please pray for the family and especially Tom as he has the responsibility of dealing with all the details of taking care of her.

Bill Henniger is going in for surgery to remove the cyst in his leg on the 19th. Keep him in your prayers that all goes well and that removing the cyst will help improve the situation.

*God will never leave you empty.
 He will replace everything you lost.
 If he asks you to put something down,
 its because he wants you to pick up something greater*

A CUP OF RICE

You're lazily flipping through the channels on your new flat screen TV. Despite the vast array of viewing options, there's nothing worth watching, at least for the moment. Your thumb stops on a random station. It's a half-hour long commercial for "Feed the Children." The broadcast depicts a hungry African child. His arms and legs exhibit no muscle at all. He's a veritable skeleton with dark brown skin stretched over the bones. Green bottle flies encircle his eyes and ears. His belly is unnaturally distended and swollen. He's weak, pale, sickly and frail. He's had one "meal" in the past seven days. A small cup of rice. A phone number flashes at the bottom of the television. You're being asked to donate. Just the change out of your pocket. For the price of a cheap cup of coffee you could support this poor, starving child. You could put food in his growling belly. Your heart and emotions are aroused by this under-nourished youth. "How in the world does he make it?" you ask yourself. "He can't live on one meal a week." Determined to help, you pick up the phone and punch in the 800 number. Stay with me for just a moment. We all recognize that to be healthy, we must maintain a steady, balanced diet. We can't skip meals for days on end. We certainly can't live off of a single meal once a week. And yet, isn't that exactly what we're doing when our only source of spiritual nourishment comes from the Sunday morning sermon? When we habitually skip Sunday morning Bible class, aren't we saying that we can be healthy and strong by eating just one meal a week? When we miss the Sunday evening and Wednesday night assemblies at church, and the only time we take in real, biblical sustenance is the 11 o'clock Lord's Day message, aren't we saying -- at least by our actions -- that a child of God only has to eat one meal every seven days? When we fail to open our Bibles at home and pour through the sacred Word each day, but then manage to "squeak in" at the last minute for that one-hour worship assembly on the first day of the week, aren't we communicating that a Christian requires little food for the soul? A small cup of rice, indeed.

What we acknowledge in the physical realm, we tend to forget in the spiritual. Some of us are starving ourselves to death (Hosea 4:6) and we don't even realize it! When we go to the New Testament book of Acts, we find a group of folks who understood the correlation between regular Scripture "meals" and a strong, maturing faith. The text says, "Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true" (Acts 17:11). Did you catch that? The Bereans were more nobly disposed than the Thessalonians because 1) they received the spoken Word with great eagerness (A. T. Robertson says "eagerness" carries the idea of rushing forward), and because 2) they "examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." Watch it! The Berean Jews were commended because they personally investigated the Old Testament prophecies to which Paul appealed on a DAILY basis. You might say the Thessalonians had a cup of rice once a week, while the Bereans ate "three squares" a day. Dear Christian, if the Word is food (Matt. 4:4; cf. Psalm 19:9-10; Jer. 15:16; John 6:26, 63), and it is, shouldn't we "pull up to the table" and fill our plates every day? If we can make time for television, sports, shopping at the mall, going to the movies, and a myriad of other fleshly pursuits, we certainly can make time to read and study God's Word. When would be the best time for you to delve into your Bible? At the breakfast table? During break at work? Before you go to bed after the kids are asleep? Pick a time that is best for you and then enjoy the feast! ~Mike Benson

The greatest test of faith is when you don't get what you want, but you are still able to say
THANK YOU LORD FOR LOVING ME
THANK YOU LORD