

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 09/16: 63 | Budget \$2400.33 | Contribution 09/16: \$1688.70

September 23, 2018

Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

The Individual

The emphasis has always been on the individual. God loves us, not by mass, but one by one. Christ does not save us in groups, lots, or numbers, but just one by one. The Bible is one book, read by one at a time. There is one body, one spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one god, one gospel, one church, one motive, one heaven and one hell.

Involved in all this is the simple statement - "THERE IS ONE MESSENGER - the Christian." "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (1 Corinthians 4:7). There is one auditor - the lost and one field in which to work. "Say ye not, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold I say to unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; they are white already unto harvest" (John 4:34-35).

Christ shows us well how a GREAT COMMISSION CAN BE EXECUTED. In the selection of the disciples the emphasis remains on the individual. Two disciples heard John speak and followed Jesus (John 1:37). One was Andrew, who first findeth his brother Simon, and brought him to Jesus (John 1:41-42). Jesus found Philip and said, "Follow me" (John 1:43). Philip findeth Nathanael . . . and so it went; Nathanael findeth Samuel, and Samuel findeth Mary and Mary brought her sister, and both together gained a neighbor, etc., etc.

The knowledge of Christ will not linger long in a selfish heart. One must dare to share the joys of Christ or he will soon lose his strength to bear the cross of Jesus.

I sought myself, myself I could not see, I sought my God, my God eluded me.

I sought my brother and found all three.

The privilege of soul-winning belongs to individual Christians. Knowledge and experience with Christ brings a clear-cut responsibility, whether we want it or not. It cannot be performed by others in our stead. There are people in your life that you alone can reach with the saving message of love. ~Jack Exum

The Gospel of Christ and Heaven

Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). The promise of salvation is to those who "obey him" (Hebrews 5:8,9).

Let us immediately allow Jesus into our hearts. He stands at the door and "knocks" (Revelation 3:20). what prohibits His salvation and His being allowed to come into our lives?

Love of sin (1 Jn. 2:15-17) is one thing that prohibits Jesus. On our part, the "lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life" varies as to the object of our lusts. Sometimes it is a person; sometimes it is our love for personal power; sometimes it is the lazy spirit we adopt. Regardless, these things take us away from Jesus rather than allow Him to come in.

Failure to love God is another thing that prohibits Jesus. He said that it's when we love Him that we obey Him (John 14:15) and become His friend (John 15:14). Failure to love God will result in very sinful conduct (1 John 4:10ff) and heaven will be denied to those (Revelation 20:12ff).

Let us love Him and let us shun sin so that neither His knocking nor his love for us is in vain.

~Robert D. Rawson

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
 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

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. (Psalm 111:1,2)

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.

Studying the Bible is for every believer (and unbeliever, if they're honestly searching) at any and every stage in their Christian walk. It's one of those tools in the shed that has been tested and proven.

The Two Ways

Sometime after Florence, my paternal grandmother died, my grandfather called my mother with an unusual offer.

"Kathy," he said, in his heavy Swedish accent, "I was going through some of Florence's things in the attic when I came across a box of old dishes. I was going to get rid of them, but I noticed they're blue - your favorite color. Why don't you take a look at them, and if you want them, they're yours; otherwise, I'll give them to the Salvation Army.

So, my mother went through the attic, expecting to find some run-of-the-mill dinnerware. Instead, when she opened the box, she was looking at some of the most exquisite china she had ever seen. Each plate had been individually painted with a pattern of forget-me-nots. The cups were inlaid mother-of-pearl. The dishes and cups were rimmed with gold. The plates had been hand-crafted in a Bavarian factory that was destroyed during the Second World War, so they were literally irreplaceable.

Yet my mother had been in the family for twenty years, and she had never seen this china before. She asked my father about it. He had grown up in the family - and he had never seen it either.

Eventually, they found out from some older family members the story of the china. When Florence was very young, she was given the china over a period of years. They were not a wealthy family, and the china was quite valuable, so she only got a piece at a time for gifts - confirmation, graduation, or a birthday.

Why had my parents never seen it? To know that, you have to know something about the character of Swedes. We are a cautious kind of people. We don't roll the dice easily. For instance, my two great-aunts lived for eighty years in a beautiful Victorian home built by my great-grandfather in the 1800s. The most beautiful room in the house was a parlor. It was generally reserved for very special guests. No guest that special ever came to the house, so the parlor didn't get used much.

Whenever Florence received a piece of china - because it was so valuable, because if it was used it might get broken - she would wrap it very carefully in tissue, put it in a box, and store it in the attic for a very special occasion. No occasion that special ever came along. So my grandmother went to her grave with the greatest gift of her life unopened and unused.

Any time a gift is given, the recipient must choose to respond in one of two ways. The first way says, This gift is valuable so it can't be risked. Those who follow the first way realize that when the gift is brought out of the box and into the open, things may not always go well. The gift may be poorly used sometimes. It may not always be admired by others the way we want. It may even get broken. Taking the gift out of the box is always a risk.

The second way says, This gift is so valuable it must be risked. Those who follow the second way understand that if the gift is not brought out of the box, it will never be used at all. To leave the gift in the box is to thwart the desire of the giver. There is no tragedy like the tragedy of the unopened gift.

You, too, have been give a gift. Along with the gift, you have been given a choice - whether or not you will open and use what was given to you. Is your life following the first way or the second? ~John Ortberg



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, Tami Pennington

Sandi Gray is going home to finish recovering there. Keep her in your prayers as she continues to heal.

Bob and Shirley Childers new address is: The Brookdale, 221 Torbett, Richland, 99354 Cards and letters would be appreciated.

Helen Pierce has been feeling week this week. Keep her health in your prayers.

Melinda Botts as she continues to recover from her infection

One of the most important things that all believers should know about the Bible is that, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible is the single most important book ever written. It is an eyewitness account of historical events of such great magnitude that have incredibly shaped the world we live in. It is also the most important book you'll ever read.