

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

Hebrews 13:16

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 and Anna Maria in their outreach in Peru.

"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— saying with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come.'" (Rev.14:6, 7a)

I can't promise to fix all your problems.

But I can promise you won't have to face them alone.

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.

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

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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 12/31: 79 | Budget \$2000.00 | Contribution 12/31: \$2452.48

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Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

Food for the Soul

God's word is food for the soul. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4). It has substance and sufficiency to furnish us completely in God's service (2 Timothy 3:16-17). God's Word will not disappoint the person with "an honest and good heart" (Luke 8:15). It will satisfy the hungry soul searching for truth (John 8:32; 17:17). It is versatile and adaptable for either the newborn babe in need of "the sincere milk of the word" (1 Peter 2:2), or it will serve as "strong meat" for those who "are of full age" (Hebrews 5:12-14).

The pantry of God's Word is always full. It is like the widow's barrel of meal and a cruse of oil, which outlasted the drought (1 Kings 17:14). It is like the sandals of the Israelites which did not wear out after forty years of walking in the wilderness (Deuteronomy 29:5). It is like the loaves and fishes in the hands of the Lord as they kept feeding the hungry multitudes (John 6).

God's Word is sufficient food for every situation and lot in life. The Heavenly Father has stocked it well with everything we need for a healthy spiritual diet. Properly and routinely ingested and digested, it will keep us humble and penitent, never letting us become puffed up with pride. It will invariably lead us to be more loving, kind, considerate, and good (1 Corinthians 1:3).

If you have been feeding upon the devil's junk foods and are bloated and burdened with sin, it is time to change your diet. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul" (Psalm 19:7). Only Christ "has the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). His New Testament instructs us to **believe** in God and His Son (Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24), to **repent** of all sin (Acts 3:19), to **confess Christ** as God's Son (Acts 8:37; Romans 10:9-10), to be **baptized for the remission of sins** (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16) and to always **be faithful** in the Lord's service and work (1 Corinthians 15:58).

(Taken from What's in Between by Edward Anderson)

Pressing On

As I walked past an outside wall of the office building where I work, I was amazed to see a beautiful flower growing up through a crack between concrete slabs covering the ground. Despite its deprived circumstance, the plant had found a foothold, rooted itself in the dry crevice, and was flourishing. Later, I noticed that an air-conditioning unit located directly above the plant dropped water on it throughout the day. While its surroundings were hostile, the plant received the help it needed from the water above.

Growing in the Christian life can sometimes be difficult, but when we persevere with Christ, barriers are surmountable. Our circumstances may be unfavorable and discouragement may seem like an obstacle. Yet if we press on in our relationship with the Lord, we can flourish like that lone plant. This was the experience of the apostle Paul. Despite the severe hardships and challenges he faced (2 Corinthians 11:23-27), he wouldn't give up. "I . . . take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me," he wrote. "I press on toward the goal to win the prize" (Philippians 3:12, 14).

Paul realized he could do all things through the Lord who strengthened him (4:13), and so can we as we press on with the help of One who gives us strength.
~Lawrence Darmani

*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:

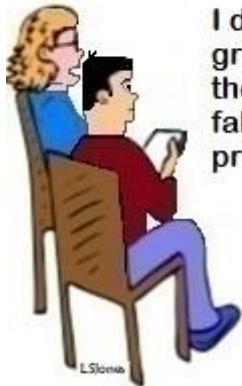
12/31 Game Night to bring in the new year
01/07 First Sunday Potluck
01/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
01/14 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
01/28 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
02/02 Game Night 6:00p
02/04 First Sunday Potluck
02/10 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
02/11 Open Congregational Meeting 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 Begins again 01/11



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
Joshua Hickman's MRI went well. They did find something, but are waiting to discuss the results until the doctors at the Children's hospital in Seattle have a chance to study them.

*Growth lies at the edge of our comfort zone. And that's what life is all about. Leaping. Falling. Growing.
If you fail, you learn something about yourself. Growth lies in the out-of-the-box land, in the unknown space of possibility.*



I don't mind the growing part. It's the leaping and falling I have a problem with.

Komedy Korner



Success is remaining faithful to the process God has laid out for you.

Andy Stanley

The Persecuted Church

The Lord's letter to the church in Smyrna is filled with reassuring words for those who live in times when standing up for one's faith was being mocked. Smyrna was located 40 miles to the north of Ephesus. It was a town originally founded by Alexander the Great. There was a large library there that was later transferred to Alexandria. Smyrna was also the home of the Olympic Games. As early as 23 B.C., this city built a temple to Tiberius, the Emperor, and led the way in Asia for emperor worship under Domitian. There was a large population of Jews in that city. The church, suffering through threatened persecution and death, must have been reassured to know that Jesus is eternal and He has overcome the grave (Revelation 2:8).

How easy it is for those in suffering to feel all alone and as if no one cares. Jesus knows each person's past, present and future suffering, and He has promised to help bear those problems (Hebrews 2:17-19; 4:15-16; 1 Corinthians 10:13). The Lord also knew of their poverty; in fact, He had experienced similar conditions (Matthew 8:20). Christians are not to concentrate their efforts on obtaining material wealth (Matthew 6:19-20). The church at Smyrna was physically poor but spiritually rich. King Jesus also knew about the blasphemy or the speaking against that was coming out of those who said they were Jews. There was a synagogue there, but the Lord said it was Satan's, and not His. God's true Israel in the Christian Age is composed of those who are circumcised in heart (Revelation 2:9; Romans 2:28-29; Philippians 3:3).

Though severe trials were yet to come and they would last a complete period, the church could be assured that the time would one day be over (2 Timothy 3:12; Philippians 1:29). The church's real enemy is Satan, the devil, which means accuser or slanderer (cf., John 8:44; 1 Peter 5:8; Luke 22:31). He would try them or tempt them to sin in the fullest possible way: imprisonment, exile or death. Christians are not to fear any of these things, for if they remained true to the faith, even if it would cost them their lives, eternal life would be their crowning reward (Luke 12:4-5; James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; 1 Peter 5:4; 1 Corinthians 9:25).

Remember, this is the home of the Olympics, so having eternal life described as a victory crown would be quite meaningful. The brethren were urged to heed the words of this letter, and if they did, they would be immune to the second death (Revelation 2:10-11; 20:14; Romans 6:23). Such immunity is promised to those who overcome.

God's church in Smyrna experienced far greater trials than most of us have ever known or could even imagine. They remained faithful despite their suffering and were promised a crown if they remained faithful. Today's Christian should be encouraged by the example of those Christians to remain true to the Lord who bestows eternal life as a victory wreath.

~Gary C. Hampton

8Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tender-hearted, be courteous; 9not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

10For "he who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit.

11Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.

12For 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 3:8-12)