



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. Bring Non-Perishable Items for the next few weeks.

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

Elders:

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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

Three Types of Churches

There are many churches right outside your door. Almost as many as Dollar Generals and fast food restaurants. I'm not talking about "denominations". I'm not contrasting "contemporary" or "traditional" worship styles. I'm not even differentiating between about "large" or "small" or churches.

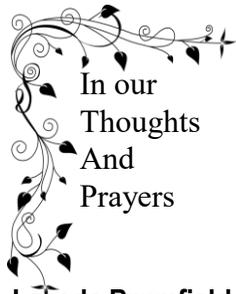
There are three types of churches that come across our religious radar, yet they're seldom defined this way. Maybe because we don't always realize it. The three types of churches I'm referencing could be called "Tumbleweeds", "Transplants", or "Towers".

If you've ever visited west Texas, you're familiar with tumbleweeds. These spheres of sticks and sod blow down the street and through the town. They have no backbone or foundation. They just go where the wind carries them. Yes, some churches are just like "tumbleweeds". They don't have convictions. They don't have vision. They just "blow" through life without a plan, accepting any teaching or doctrine that crosses their path. The apostle Paul spoke out against this very attitude in Ephesians 4:14. He commanded the Christians in Ephesus to strive for spiritual maturity and the understanding of the fullness of Christ, so that they would "...no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching..." These people, which make up these churches, simply "blow from here to there"—they're "tossed back and forth by the wind". And in the very next verse, Paul tells them how to avoid that position—"speak the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15). Sometimes truth is presented without love, and that's a real shame—God detests that. Sometimes love is presented, but the truth is never spoken for. That's not any better. But when truth is absent, the tumbleweed takes form. Every. Single. Time.

On the other hand, some churches are more like transplants. One would think their conviction and foundation would be stronger, but it only appears that way on the outside. They're just like bushes or trees that are uprooted and hastily planted somewhere else. You see, these are the churches that listen to all of the teachings, programs, and habits of the denominational world with great envy and interest. After seeing what appears to be "success" (nothing more than bodies in a building), they say, "Well, we should do that, too", without ever questioning its biblical correctness. Therefore, they "uproot" and join the soil to "fit in" with the other "trees" around them. That's not to say that every teaching in the denominational world is wrong, but it does beg the question—why make the change? Just to be more like them?

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Attendance 9/18 A.M. Worship: 76 / Budget: \$2000.00 / Contribution 9/18: \$1870.00



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 , Bob Childers, Leroy Pierce – Health issues
Ken Winstead – UT Infection

Laveda Brumfield, Marie Frolin, Don Jespersen, Lucy Larsen, Gloria Moore, Bruce Pennington, Mary Lewis - Homebound
Oscar & Ana Maria Castro in Peru
Hannah Minor, Levi Toombs while away studying.

(9) Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid; nor dismayed, for the lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

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Or because it's biblically and spiritually needed? Without the biblical and spiritual support, it's just a transplant move—from one soil to one another.

But there's one more type of church—the church God really had in mind. It's not the tumbleweed that blows from town to town. It's not the transplant that seeks to be nourished in every soil. It's the tower. The attitude and mindset of that church is described in 1st Corinthians 15:58, "...my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." Now, don't load your religious rifle with criticism to fire. Just because this church is like a "tower", that doesn't mean it's withdrawn from society. It has open doors. It has warm greeters. It has imperfect people who can easily admit their imperfection. Yet it knows its boundaries. It seeks to impact culture rather than allowing culture to impact it. It stands strong against the winds of society trends, trusting in its unwavering foundation, Jesus Christ. And this, my friend, is the type of church that will always last. The very church Jesus came to build (Matthew 16:18). The very church Jesus purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:28). Which church do you attend? Which one do you support? Which one do you believe truly patterns what Jesus had in mind?
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**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
9/25 – 10/2**

Lola Fruehling 9/26
Jerret Hyndshaw 9/26
Gwen Merrick 9/28
Dylan Lathim 9/30



Giving Answer For Our Religion

Most of us have likely heard one or more of the following statements: "I don't believe in arguing the Bible;" "The truth doesn't need defending;" "Debating is un-Christian." The Devil couldn't be more pleased with such statements. – they contradict God and the Bible! Contrary to such thinking, Christians are obligated to think logically, to reason soundly, and to use logic and reasoning in defending the faith (Jude 3).

Paul States, "Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good" (1 Thess. 5:21). To prove is to try, discern (Phil. 1:10), examine (Gal. 6:4), and put to the test (1 Cor. 11:28). The conclusion being that Christians are to prove, try and test what is heard regardless who the speaker might be. The Bereans were of this disposition, "searching the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). For this reason, "They were more noble than those in Thessalonica."

Those who mix truth and error are consistently before us and we must ever be on guard. Subsequently, we must not only be studious, but questioning and testing what is said. Jesus warned, "Take heed what ye hear" (Mark 4:24). Our testing equipment in testing what we hear is the Bible. It is our measuring rod, our "yardstick" to determine correctness.

Peter exhorts, "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and [be] ready always to [give] an answer"(1 Peter 3:15). The Greek word translated "give an answer" is a legal term used in court wherein the attorney talks his client off a charge levied against him [Wuest's Word Studies, First Peter, P.89]. Since the Bible has no verbal defense except its believers, persons of faith must be its defenders. Therefore, Peter enjoins upon Christians the obligation to defend the faith in a verbal way – "give an answer." The only restriction given us is that it must be done with an attitude of "meekness" and "fear" in trusting God and His word rather than self."

Valid and sound argument is not wrangling or contentious dispute, but is the method of giving proof and evidence. By reasoning truth, we confirm Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of God; the New Testament plan of salvation and worship, church policy, etc. We are confident in what we believe and practice because we have Scripture to witness to our intellectual hearts in the matter. Consequently, such confidence allows us to teach and preach with all boldness (Acts 4:29).

-Joe W. Nichols (excerpted)

(2) Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. (3) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers. (4) And they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to fables. (5) But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
(2 Tim. 2-5)