

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 Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

Attendance 11/04: 53 | Budget \$2400.33 | Contribution 11/04: \$2440.00

November 11, 2018

Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

The Word of God

One of the silent but powerful forces at work during the early days of the Restoration Movement was the weariness of mind among believers in Christ who knew something was wrong in a divided faith that was meant to be one. Had not Jesus prayed for oneness among all His disciples (John 17:20f)? Separations born of, and perpetuated by, multiple creedal systems did not set well with many searching souls.

When men who advocated abandonment of all creeds and a return to the Scriptures as the only guide for faith began to appear, their plea quickly caught the attention of dissatisfied souls. The time was ripe for renewal, and the plea for scriptural authority to take precedence over all other voices found a receptive audience.

Any effort today to soften the demands of the Scriptures is destined for failure. Temporary victories may seem to be won, but the war itself will be lost. There cannot be final victory where the Word of the Lord does not reign supreme.

Doctrines associated with Christian faith are to be interpreted in con-text with the whole of God's Word. Love, sympathy, understanding, brotherhood, and all such matters are included. No doctrine of the Scriptures can be given a working definition that will not permit it to blend with the balance of biblical teaching. For example, Christian love cannot ignore evil and remain Christian love. Paul wrote:

"Love ... does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:6). Christian love, however strong, cannot turn unbelief in another into belief. Belief must grow within the mind and heart of the one who is believing. It cannot be infused by proxy.

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Gains and Losses

Throughout life we lose. Be it relationships or loved ones, jobs or health, possessions or innocence, dreams or security, we often feel what is precious to us being wrenched away forever.

By our losses, God seeks to strengthen our tie to Him. In losing things and people in this life, we can make gains in the spiritual realm. Such gains do not come automatically. Our hearts must move from love of this world to desire and to appreciation for the next. Loss can also make us bitter or resentful, if we choose that path

As we move through life (that's a euphemism for growing older), a Christian gains much: wisdom, a greater desire for Heaven, a stronger faith, holiness, a deeper love for others, a wider circle of spiritual family and a closer walk with God, to name a few. With such a perspective, truly one can say that, for the Christian, "Christ is all" (Colossians 3:11). Or as David expressed it in his loss of security, "I have no good besides You" (Psalm 16:2).

The questions I need to ask, then, are ones like these: "What is God teaching me in this loss?" "How can I be a better disciple because of this loss?" "How can I find a spiritual gain in this loss?" "Where can I identify selfishness in my feelings about this loss?" "Where is the Lord in this Loss?"

Judith Voirst called life a process of "Necessary Losses." The Bible shows us how those can become Eternal Gains. Then, what Eliphaz spoke will be true of us, who will "fear no loss" (Job 5:24).

<p>Keep these Dates in Mind:</p> <p>11/07 First Sunday Potluck 11/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 12/02 Holiday Potluck Open Congregational meeting will not be held in December Game night has been suspended until January Soup night has been suspended until January</p>	<p><i>November Birthdays/Anniversaries</i></p>		
	<p>Clarence Botts 10/22 Genevieve Hickman 10/25 Melinda Botts 10/25 Harvey Jones 10/25 Pat Lindsay 11/1 Sallie Winstead 11/7 Norm Goldsmith 11/8 Gary & Linda Bills 11/10</p>	<p>Dustin & Amanda McCrickard 11/10 Patrick Hickman 11/21 Holly Preston 11/29</p>	
<p>⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. (1 Cor. 13:4-8)</p>	<p><i>Bible Studies</i></p>		
	<p>Fellowship Hall (S) – Galatians (W) – Acts</p>	<p>Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room</p>	<p>Ladies Class – Ladies Class 10:00a-11:30a</p>



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, Pansy Caywood

Melinda Botts and Bob Childers as they continue to recover

Bill Henniger is going into surgery for the cyst on his leg on Nov. 21. Keep him and the family in your prayers for a successful surgery and complete recovery.

His Presence

The anxious father and his teenage son sat before the psychic. “How far is your son traveling?” the psychic asked. “To the big city,” the man replied, “and he will be gone for a long time.” Handing the father a talisman (a kind of good-luck charm), he said, “This will protect him wherever he goes.”

I was that boy. However, that psychic and that talisman could do nothing for me. While in that city, I put my faith in Jesus. I threw away the talisman and clung to Christ. Having Jesus in my life guaranteed God’s presence.

Thirty years later, my father, now a believer, said to me as we rushed my brother to the hospital, “Let us first pray; the Spirit of God goes with you and will be with you all the way!” We had learned that God’s presence and power is our only security.

Moses learned a similar lesson. He had a challenging task from God—to lead the people out of bondage in Egypt and into the Promised Land (Exodus 3:10). But God assured him, “I will be with you” (v. 12).

Our journey too is not without challenges, but we’re assured of God’s presence. As Jesus told His disciples, “I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). ~Lawrence Darmani

Learning Greater Patience

The first-century saints endured much for their fidelity to the Lord. By the close of the first century, these suffering servants of the Christ were being persecuted almost beyond measure. Amidst the persecution and tribulation that befell them, many of these early Christians were almost ready to give up their

faith. By inspiration, James encourages the child of God to greater patience in the face of trials: “Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord” (James 5:7). The word “patient” translates the Greek *makrothumeo*, meaning “patient endurance; longsuffering.” The idea is that of bearing up under adversity, patiently waiting on the Lord through the trials of life. The inspired penman uses three illustrations so that these early Christians might learn greater patience: the planter (5:7), the prophets (5:8), and the patriarch Job (5:11).

What can these teach us about patience?

James first calls our attention to the planter or farmer: “Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain” (5:7). Anyone who has ever planted a garden knows that it requires much patience in waiting for the harvest. Not only that, but the farmer is resigned to accept whatever God has in store for him in the course of his planting, watering, and waiting. As a general rule, the planter is rewarded in the end for his patience with an abundant harvest. The child of God who patiently waits upon the Lord will in the end be rewarded.

James then calls our attention to the prophets: “Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience” (5:10). These powerful proclaimers of God’s word were made to suffer to a degree most of us will never know. Reflect on the hardships endured by Jeremiah, whose own people sought to kill him. Consider the turmoil in the life of Hosea, which God used as an illustration of His relationship with Israel. Think of the constant persecution of

Elijah at the hands of Ahab and Jezebel, and the times he felt like giving up. We realize that the faithful prophets of the Old Testament were made to suffer much affliction and anguish simply because they were trying to do what was right. The child of God who is striving to live according to Divine precept will

suffer persecution just for trying to live right (2 Tim.3:12). We must patiently endure, realizing that in the end God will right all injustices, and reward the fidelity of His saints. Finally, James calls our attention to the patriarch Job: “Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy” (5:11). The Bible proclaims Job to be a “perfect and upright man” (Job 1:1). In spite of his faithfulness, he was made to suffer unimaginable trials and calamities. He endured the loss of all of his physical possessions. He endured the loss of his ten children. He endured the loss of his

physical health. Yet Job remained faithful to God, and by the end of the Biblical account, we see just how merciful and full of pity God is as he restored unto Job that which Satan had been allowed to take away. The patience of Job arose from a heart that had determined to trust God no matter what (Job 13:15).

At times in our lives our faith will be tested. We must resolve now to face these struggles with a heart fixed on the goodness and grace of God. In so doing, we will be able to patiently endure whatever may be thrust upon us. ~Patrick Morrison

Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted. Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, “You will not call to account? But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation, that you may take it into your hands; to you the helpless commits himself; you have been the helper of the fatherless. Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer; call his wickedness to account till you find none. (Psalm 10:12-15)