

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children's Home

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

Peru Ministry

Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru.

Harvesting the Scriptures

Kennewick Spring Lectureship April 11-15

^{18b}All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matt. 28:18-20)

Food Pantry

⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing proceeds to all, as any had need. (Acts 3:44-45)

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 03/18: NA

Budget \$2400.33

Contribution 03/18: \$ 2682.10

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Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

For the Glory of God

The prophet Daniel expressed thus his conviction that God still rules in the governments of men, "To the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will" (Dan. 4:17). That this conviction was, and is, well founded is evident also from these passages of Scripture: "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? . . . There is no power but of God . . . He ruleth by his power forever . . . God is our refuge and strength . . . Let God be true and every man be found a liar . . . Jehovah reigneth; he is clothed with majesty" (Gen. 18:25; Rom. 13:1; Psa. 66:7; 46:1; Rom. 3:4; Psa. 93:1). When we believe that God made the world and everything in it (Gen. 1) and that He rules in the hearts and lives of men and women, we do not allow earthly troubles to overwhelm us. Whatever man may do to us, our ultimate trust resides in the One before whom we shall one day stand (Rom. 14:12). We all should humbly sing:

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with thy powerful hand.

How Foolish it is for men to follow the leadership of puny mortals (Ex. 23:2), or even try to guide themselves: "The way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23). No passage is more vibrant on this point than that of Deut. 33:27, "The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms." Daniel firmly held to this conviction, and his message and his life graphically reflects that sentiment.

Just as the lion's den was a completely different place when Daniel was in it, so was the banquet hall of Belshazzar. No passage in all the Bible contains a more courageous scene than the confrontation between Daniel and the man left in charge of Babylon by Nabonidus when the Chaldean leader left for battle in Egypt. Belshazzar was using the precious vessels stolen from the Jerusalem temple as he engaged in riotous, raucous debauchery. Prior to explaining the meaning of the handwriting on the wall, "You are weighed in the balances, and art found wanting" (Daniel 5:25-28), Daniel had bluntly informed the weak ruler that he had failed to glorify the God who had made him (Dan. 5:23). As if that were not bold enough, Daniel then told him that he would die that very night! When we fight against our Maker, we shall not prosper (2 Chron. 13:12).

But, sadly, Belshazzar did not share the sentiment expressed by Daniel. We are told in Isa. 43:7 God's reason for creating us: "For I have created him [man] for my glory." Belshazzar rejected that purpose, and brought on himself the precise fulfillment of what Daniel prophesied. When we today look for examples of nobility in preachers, we ought to think of Nathan, Micaiah and Daniel, who had the backbone to rebuke rulers to their faces. Such courageous proclaimers are a living rebuke to modern professional pulpiteers who lack the conviction to upbraid error and uphold the beauty of truth. ~Johnny Ramsey

The glory of God is the beauty of His spirit. It is not an aesthetic beauty or a material beauty, but it is the beauty that emanates from His character, from all that He is.

Keep these Dates in Mind:

04/01 First Sunday Potluck
 04/08 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
 04/11 Spring Lectureship in Kennewick 6:00p
 04/22 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
 04/29 Fifth Sunday Singing 3:00p
 05/06 First Sunday Potluck
 05/14 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
 05/15 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
 05/21 Game Night 5:00p (\$5 donation requested)
 05/22 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Birthdays and Anniversaries for April

Bill Henniger 3/31
 Avi Botts 4/3
 Betty VanVorst 4/6
 John Hopkins 4/8
 Al & Pat Lindsay 4/12
 LaVern & Sammie Engelke 4/18
 Eunice Petross 4/25

Bible Studies:

Adult Class - Fellowship Hall
 (S) –Epistles of Peter
 (W) – Romans

Youth Classes -Classroom Wing
 Teen Classes – Teen Room

Ladies Class – Fellowship Hall
 Thursdays 10:00a



Health Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Shirley 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, Lupe Mendoza, Margie Lindholm,

It was good to see **Karen McBurney** back with us last week
Bill Henniger had 1-1/2 liters of fluid drained from the sac around his lung and he is

breathing better. He has an appointment with a pulmonologist in Spokane on 3/27 to try to determine the origin of the fluid and how to correct the problem.

Our spring lectureship that it is successful

My attempts at fixing things around the house usually lead to paying someone else to undo the damage I caused while trying to fix the original problem. But recently I successfully repaired a home appliance by watching a YouTube video where a person demonstrated step by step how to do it.

Paul was a powerful example to his young protégé Timothy who travelled with him and watched him in action. From prison in Rome, Paul wrote, "You . . . know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings" (2 Timothy 3:10-11). In addition, he urged Timothy to "continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures" (vv. 14-15).

Paul's life demonstrated the necessity of building our lives on the bedrock of God's Word. He reminded Timothy that the Bible is the powerful, God-given source that we need to teach and to demonstrate to others who want to be Christ-followers.

As we thank the Lord for the people who helped us grow in faith, we are challenged to follow their example of living out the truth as we teach and encourage others. That's the power of demonstration.

—David C. McCasland

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)

Biblical Inspiration

When one surveys the Bible, he sees prolific claims for revelation and inspiration throughout.

- The Old testament claims for itself to be inspired of God (Exodus 24:4; Jer. 1:9; Neh. 9:20, 30; 2 Sam. 23:2)
- The New Testament claims for itself to be inspired of God (1 Cor. 14:37; Gal. 1:10-12; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Peter 3:15-16)
- The New Testament claims for the Old Testament to be inspired (2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Tim. 3:15-17)
- The Old Testament pre-authenticated the New Testament (Jer. 31:31-34)
- Christ's claims for the Old Testament (John 5:39; Luke 24:44; Matt. 23:35 (note: Jesus viewed the Old Testament as the voice of God - Matt. 19:4-6)

These points clearly indicate that no matter where you go in the Bible, it is overflowing with claims for its own inspiration.

To further develop this, it is important that we understand this claim for inspiration extends to the very "words" of the Bible. The Bible does not claim "concept" or "thought" inspiration; it claims verbal inspiration (words). Let me itemize some examples to consider.

- "And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do" (Exod. 4:15)
- "I will write upon these tables the words" (Exod. 34:1)
- "Write thou these words" (Exod. 34:27)
- "These are the words which the Lord hath commanded" (Exod. 35:1)
- "Moses went out, and told the people the words of the Lord" (Num 11:24)
- "These be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel" (Deut. 1:1)
- "that we may do all the words of this law" (Deut. 29:29)
- "he read all the words of the law" (Josh 8:34)
- "to perform the words of this covenant" (2 Kings 23:3)
- "they obeyed the words of the Lord" (2 Chron. 11:4)
- "he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant" (2 Chron. 34:30)
- "then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel" (Ezra 9:4)
- "I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12)
- "The words of the Lord are pure words (Psalm 12:6)
- "the entrance of thy words giveth light" (Psalm 119:130)
- "I have put my words in thy mouth" (Isa. 1:16; Jer. 1:9)
- "My words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35)
- "they remembered his words" (Luke 24:8)
- "He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God" (John 3:34)
- "The words that I speak to you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63)
- "not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth" (1 Cor. 2:13)
- "nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine (1 Tim. 4:6)
- "Hold fast the form of sound words" (2 Tim. 1:13)
- "be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets" (2 Pet. 3:2)

These evidences and more demonstrate that the Bible is of divine origin. We have seen that God has always revealed His will to man and held him accountable to it. This revelation has always been given through inspired words that man can hear, believe, and obey.

~Randy Kea