

## 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

### Elders:

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Open Congregational meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

Attendance 08/26: 63

Budget \$2400.33

Contribution 08/26: \$2487.00

September 02, 2018

## Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

### GLOBAL WARMING

Much is said these days about the issue of global warming. We are told that, because of increased burning of fossil fuels, escalating usage of harmful pesticides and other detrimental farming practices that lead to increased erosion and pollution, and the exponential increase of the human population and the subsequent need to convert woodlands and grasslands into suitable habitat for people to survive, these practices are slowly increasing the ambient temperature around us. This process of global warming is causing polar ice caps to melt, colder climates to become more temperate, and warmer climates to become almost unsuitable for most life to exist. Science wants us to believe the supposed overwhelming evidence that our actions are destroying the earth. I will agree that we could all do a better job of being good stewards of this beautiful world that our Creator has made for us to dwell upon. We should seek to take only what we need and we should clean up our messes. But, have man's actions somehow set off a catastrophic chain of events that will doom our world, unless we suddenly change course? Yes, and no. It is true that our choices have doomed this world in which we live to destruction. And yes, said destruction will be caused by global warming, but not the way modern science has depicted. Man's choice to sin against God's law set into action the demise of all physical, temporal things around us (Genesis 3). This means that physical life will ultimately come to an end, as well as the demise of everything within the physical universe. Peter reveals for us what will become of this world at the end of time: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Pet.3:9-10).

Early in the history of the human race, man's wickedness had become so great that God decided to destroy the world by means of a flood and rebuild the human population by means of Noah and his family (Genesis 6-9). However, after the great worldwide flood, the Almighty promised never to destroy the earth with water again, and he gave a sign to remind us of this promise—the rainbow (Gen.9:15-16). The rainbow should always be to us a reminder of God's goodness, but it should also remind us of his severity (Rom.11:22). We must remember that our God is longsuffering, but at some point, that longsuffering will be exhausted. When that time comes, there will be global warming of epic proportions, but no one will be here to record such for the annals of history. History will cease in the day of this global warming, for it will be the day of our Lord's return.

When God created this world, he made it as an idyllic paradise in which man could dwell forever and could enjoy the uninterrupted fellowship and communion with the Creator. However, sin soon separated man from God, and doomed this world to destruction. God, through Jesus, then prepared us a glorious residence in heaven (John 14:1-6). Can you even begin to fathom how glorious this new residence will be? God, in all his power and might, created this world, in all of its splendor and glory, in just six days (Exo.20:11). How amazing will heaven be, seeing our Lord has been preparing it for us ever since he ascended to the right hand of the Father some 2,000 years ago? As imperfect as throne of Jehovah. What a great day that will be, and what an amazing place Jesus will have made ready for us! We long for that day to come, when we can see our God and our Savior face to face. This world is no longer our home. We are merely passing through on our journey toward eternity in heaven. The day is coming when this old world is going to melt with fervent heat. Let's not put down roots in this world, lest we perish with it when our Lord comes!

~WOT Publication, Editorial

**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 (Tentative)  
 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

<sup>4</sup>Be angry and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. <sup>5</sup>Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord. (Psalm 3:4, 5)

**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**

<b>Adult Class –</b> Fellowship Hall (S) – Mark (W) – Acts	<b>Youth Classes</b> Classroom Wing <b>Teen Class -</b> Teen Room	<b>Ladies Class –</b> Begins September 6. 10:00a-11:30a. Studies will be in Hebrews.
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**THE AWARENESS OF SIN**

Christian preachers and writers often complain about sin in the church. We rightly think that Christians should have no part in the sin that is found on every hand in the world. We sometimes wonder how or why Christians would live the way they do, all the while claiming to be true, faithful servants of God. We wonder how we can motivate Christians to be more committed to Christ. I do not claim to have all the answers, but one possible solution is for ALL Christians to realize their own sinfulness. At first, this may sound foolish and incorrect. How would consciousness of our own sinfulness lead to more commitment? Surely, the reverse would be true. However, I think that one of the primary problems in the church in a lack of consciousness of sin. As a result of this, too many Christians are lackadaisical in their service to God. Christ taught about this very thing in Luke 7:36-50. Jesus was eating in the home of Simon the Pharisee. While eating, a sinful woman came into the house and washed Jesus' feet with her tears, kissed them, dried them with her hair, and anointed them with a fragrant perfume or oil. Simon was horrified that Jesus allowed her to do this. In his mind, Jesus' action (or lack of action) only proved He was not a prophet. If Jesus did not know she was a sinner, He lacked the knowledge necessary to be a prophet. If Jesus knew she was a sinner and did not care, then He lacked the holiness necessary to be a prophet. Either way, the result was the same. Jesus was not a prophet; He was merely a man, so Simon thought. Jesus knew what Simon was thinking, so He uttered a short parable of two debtors. One owed 500 denarii, and the other owed 50 denarii. In the first century, a denarii was the wage for a day's labor. Thus, one man owed about 500 days of labor while the other owed only 50 days of labor. Nevertheless, neither could pay, and when they approached the creditor, he promptly forgave them both. Je-sus then asked Simon a question, "Which of them will love him more?" (Luke 7:42). Simon's correct answer was the one to whom more was forgiven.

The application is clear. If we are aware of our sin and our need for forgiveness, then love for God and Christ will naturally follow. I wonder if many times we as Christians have not forgotten our need for forgiveness. Oh, we realize we are not perfect; however, our sin is not nearly as great as everyone else's sin. After all, we have always lived good, moral lives and have not committed many serious sins. We have become like Simon the Pharisee, who in his self-righteousness did not think he needed forgiveness. The result was that he loved God little, whereas the sinful woman, whose sins were many (Luke 7:47), loved much. Jesus stated the principle, "To whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." The point is not whether we have many sins or very few, but rather our consciousness of sin. It really doesn't matter whether we have few sins or many. We cannot atone for any sins, and the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). We all must be forgiven, or we are doomed to eternal condemnation. Thus, we all need a real consciousness of the great debt of sin we owe to God and the great gift of forgiveness and salvation that Christians have received through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Several things naturally follow from a lack of consciousness of sin, according to Christ. "He to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." As a result, one has little love and appreciation for God. As a consequence of that, one feels little need for obedience, because love and obedience go together. Jesus said, "He who has my commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves me" (John 14:21). According to Jesus, if we do not obey, then we do not love either. Accordingly, if our love increases, our desire to obey will also increase. Furthermore, one has little motivation for full commitment to God. After all, if our sins are relatively few and nothing major, then we have not received an exceedingly generous gift. If God has not been generous with me, why should I be generous with Him? Thus, one constantly wants more and more from God. If He ceases to bless us as we think He should, then our service likewise ceases. It should be apparent that many things naturally result from a lack of realization of our sins. We all have a debt of sin that we cannot pay. Through Christ we have the gift of salvation, something that we can never earn or deserve, and certainly a gift that God was not forced to offer us. Once we fully realize the magnitude of God's gift, then our love, appreciation, and commitment will increase. Remember the words of this song by Ellis Crum. "He paid a debt he did not owe; I owed a debt I could not pay; I needed someone to wash my sins away. And now, I sing a brand new song, 'Amazing Grace' Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay." ~Jerry Bates



**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** has multiple health issues going on right now and Amanda McCrickard has asked that we keep her father in our prayers while he is dealing with these issues.

**Doris Pennington** has asked for continued prayers for her daughter **Tammy Pennington** who is still trying to determine what issues she is having with her brain. Please pray that the doctors will be able to determine what is wrong and that they will be able to deal with it effectively and quickly.

**Norm Goldsmith** is not progressing as quickly as they hoped he would keep him and Barbara in your prayers and they would appreciate cards and visits.

**Sandi Gray** as she continues to gain strength and recover from the wound in her back

**Lupe Mendoza** had her last Chemo treatment this last week and sent a message to thank everyone who sent cards and prayed for her. She was thankful for the love that was shown to her in this time of sickness.

**Angry At Someone? Motivation for Reconciliation**

-Prov 29:11  
 A fool vents all his feelings but a wise man holds them back  
 -Prov 15:18  
 A wrathful man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger allays contention  
 -Ps. 11:5  
 The Lord tests the righteous but the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.