



### Women's Fellowship

**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.

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

October 15, 2016

## **Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ**

### **Life's Storms Shape Us**

Those of us old enough can look back and see where the hard times of life shaped us. How we went into that particular hard time naïve and starry-eyed and came out grounded and realistic. The challenging problems of life always leave an imprint. Most of us can recall happy times, but for most of us those times of joy and ease did not change us. The things in life that that change us are usually the storms, the trials and the challenges. For those of us who are believers, that imprint makes us stronger in faith and action.

"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." (James 1:2-4). Most of us want to avoid trials. James tells us they are "all joy." That is, the testing of our faith makes us stronger in faith. We gain endurance. We gain perspective. We gain maturity. All of this because we went through a storm. The end result is that we are mature and complete, lacking nothing. That sort of endurance will not come to us through a life of ease. It only comes when we face and endure the trials of life, the storms the world uses against us.

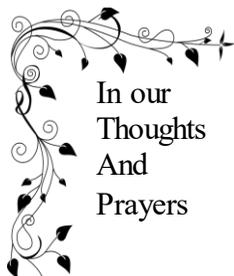
In the end, enduring trials will bring the ultimate reward. "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial: for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." (James 1:12). James does not flinch. Instead of running from trials, he challenges us to endure them faithfully. Once we learn to cope with the storms of life, we receive the reward God has promised us. This is true, even if the storm does its worst and sinks us. Even in death, we receive the best from the Lord.

The apostle Peter echoes these points. "In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:6-7). Notice, again, that Peter tells us to look at our trials differently. Instead of despair, we should rejoice for all the blessings God has poured out on us (1 Peter 1:3-5). We will be distressed by various trials, but when tested in the fire, our faith will be strengthened and that will bring honor to God and His Son. Peter did this when he stepped out of the boat, ignoring the storm, and started walking toward Jesus.

I suppose the apostles in that boat were not enjoying the storm. But, without the storm they may have been all the way across the lake, and they would have missed this remarkable event. They might never have seen Jesus walk on water. That would mean Peter would have never even thought of stepping out of the boat. The storm is what brought all this together. Looking back, they may have marveled at how Jesus was able to use the storm to strengthen their faith. The Lord can do that for you as well.

David Thurman, Gospel Minutes, July 15, 2016

Attendance 10/09 A.M. Worship: 81 / Budget: \$2000.00 / Contribution 10/09: \$2762.83



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  
**Shirley Childers** – Blood Clots in lungs, she is home and on medicine to break up the clots

**Laveda Brumfield, Marie Frolin, Don Jespersen, Lucy Larsen, Gloria Moore, Bruce Pennington, Mary Lewis, Don Powell** - Homebound

**Oscar & Ana Maria Castro** in Peru

**Hannah Minor** – Studying abroad

**Levi Toombs** - in the U.S. military

**Keith and Toni Toombs** as they prepare to move

**Add to your Address Book:**

John, Christina, Anna Hopkins

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*Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets.  
So, love the people who treat you right  
And forget about the ones who don't.  
And believe that everything happens for a reason. . .  
If you get a chance - take it;  
If it changes your life - let it.  
Nobody said that it would be easy. . .  
They just promised it would be worth it.*

Fifth Sunday Singing, October 30th in Hermiston at 3:00pm. Keep the day open for an afternoon of fellowship and singing.



**1st Sunday  
Potluck (11/6)**

After morning worship. Come join us for a potluck meal and Christian fellowship.



**2nd Saturday  
Men's Breakfast  
8:30 am (11/12)**

All the men are invited to come together for a time of devotion and fellowship



**Birthdays/Anniversaries  
10/16 – 10/23**

Bill Johnson 10/18  
Clarence Botts 10/22  
Terry Johns 10/22

## ~ Hymns of Praise ~

The first Africans on American shores arrived in chains. Their hellish voyage aboard slave ships was only the beginning of their sorrows. The breakup of their families, the oppression of bondage, the whips and shackles, their loss of dignity . . . it all combined to kill both body and spirit.

But the souls of the slaves found release through singing, and a unique form of music evolved call the "Negro Spiritual." Spirituals differed greatly from the hymns. The classics of English hymnody were largely written by pastors like Isaac Watts and John Newton out of their studies of Scripture. African American slaves, on the other hand, composed their songs in the fields and barns, the words dealing with daily pain and future hope.

Often the slaves were allowed to sing while working. If, for example, they were hauling a fallen tree, they would combine muscles and voices, using the musical rhythms for a "heave-ho" effect. Other times, risking lash or branding iron, they'd slip into torch-lit groves to worship the Lord. With swaying bodies, they would stand, eyes half-closed, singing, "Go Down, Moses," "Roll, Jordan, Roll," "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," and the classic "There is a Balm in Gilead" based on Jeremiah 8:22.

"Hymns more genuine than these have never been sung since the psalmist of Isreal relieved their burdened hearts," wrote Edith A. Talbot.

Fisk University, in Nashville, Tennessee, was established after the Civil War, and the famous Fisk Jubilee Singers popularized these Negro spirituals around the world. Composers began arranging spirituals in a way that appealed to the larger population and this gave rise to another type of Christian music, tagged by composer Thomas A. Dorsey as "gospel songs."

Few Negro spirituals can be precisely dated, nor are many specific authors known, but they have mightily influenced American Christian music.

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometime I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all.*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*  
Robert J. Morgan, Then Sings My Soul

(22) Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered? (Jeremiah 8:22)