

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

Attendance 10/28: 68 | Budget \$2400.33 | Contribution 10/28: \$2958.00

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## Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

### God Merciful and Just

God is called "the Father of mercies" in 2 Corinthians 1:3, and rightly so. Without His mercy, all of us would be doomed. However, Paul says, "God, being rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace have ye been saved)" (Eph. 2:4-5). Again, "By grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory" (Eph. 2:8,9). The great mercy of God is seen in the fact that, "God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Not because we were righteous, but in spite of the fact we were not good people, God was merciful to us. "Not by works done in righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy he saved us" (Titus 3:5).

Many people, though, seeing the mercy of God, see nothing else in His character. But, God is also just. It was God who commanded Israel, "Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have" (Lev. 19:36). God is just, and that means He is honest, fair and will do what He says. "He is faithful that promised" (Heb. 10:23). But what a dilemma for a holy God who desires to save sinful man! "For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God set forth to be a propitiation, through faith, in his blood. . .that he might himself be just, and the justifier of him that hath faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:23-26).

God offers salvation to everyone. But, He offers salvation in Christ alone. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me. . .And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved" (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). And, He forces it upon no one. As man is given the freedom to choose his life here, he is given the right to choose his eternal destiny. God is both merciful and just. He will keep His promise to save those who are in Christ. And, He will keep His promise to allow those outside of Christ to be eternally lost. ~Clem Thurman

When Paul went to Thessalonica in the first century, as recorded in Acts 17, he used logical techniques to make his case for Christ. He "reasoned" with them from the Old Testament Scriptures, showing the prophecies of Christ. He was "explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead." That is, the Old Testament Scriptures predicted the suffering and resurrection of Christ. Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled those Scriptures in what was to them, at that time, recent history. Paul laid the Scriptures on the one hand and the facts on the other and compared them, reasoning, explaining, and demonstrating. As was usually the case, some believed, and some got angry. Some things never change. ~Robison's Rubies

<sup>17</sup>So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith – that you being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph. 3:17-19)

<p><b>Keep these Dates in Mind:</b></p> <p>11/07 First Sunday Potluck  11/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship  11/14 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p  11/28 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p  <b>12/02</b> First Sunday Potluck  12/08 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship  12/09 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p  12/23 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p</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 &amp; Linda Bills 11/10</p>	<p>Dustin &amp; Amanda  McCrickard 11/10  Patrick Hickman 11/21  Holly Preston 11/29</p>	
<p><sup>14</sup>Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. <sup>15</sup>Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, <sup>16</sup>who exalt in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted. (Psalm 89:14-16)</p>	<p><i>Bible Studies</i></p>		
	<p>Fellowship Hall  (S) – Galatians  (W) – Acts</p>	<p>Classroom Wing  <b>Teen Class</b> -  Teen Room</p>	<p><b>Ladies Class</b> –  Ladies Class  10:00a-11:30a.  Studies will be in</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

**Melinda Botts** went through her surgery well and is home recovering.  
**Bob Childers** fell and is in the hospital, please keep him and Shirley in your prayers

Several of the ladies from the Kennewick congregation are going to the Ladies Day at the Valley church of Christ on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The speaker is Celine Sparks from Huntsville AL

Anne Frank is well known for her diary describing her family's years of hiding during World War II. When she was later imprisoned in a Nazi death camp, those with her said "her tears [for them] never ran dry," making her "a blessed presence for all who knew her." Because of this, scholar Kenneth Bailey concluded that Anne never displayed "compassion fatigue."

Compassion fatigue can be one of the results of living in a badly broken world. The sheer volume of human suffering can numb even the best intentioned among us. Compassion fatigue, however, was not in Jesus's makeup. Matthew 9:35-36 says, "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

Our world suffers not only from physical needs but also from spiritual brokenness. Jesus came to meet that need and challenged His followers to join Him in this work (vv. 37-38). He prayed that the Father would raise up workers to respond to the needs all around us—people who struggle with loneliness, sin, and illness. May the Father give us a heart for others that mirrors His heart. In the strength of His Spirit, we can express His compassionate concern to those who are suffering. ~Bill Crowder

### Making Room for Satan Through Materialism

In this land of prosperity, it is difficult to focus properly on spiritual values. We tend to measure everything by money or property. And, this is precisely the way the devil wants us to think. We need to learn the lesson again: "We brought nothing into the world, for neither can we carry anything out. . . But they that are minded to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition" (1 Tim. 6:7,9).

Christ put it this way, Take heed, and keep yourselves from all covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12;15). But, the world all around us seeks for "the food which perisheth" (John 6:27). And, too often Christians give place to the devil by taking the same lure.

The most important question any of us must face with regard to life's emphasis is that which the Lord asked. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matt. 16:26). The important things are not bought with money. The eternal things are the things of real value. And these eternal things are free and available to all.

If Satan can keep us looking at this life, we will forget to look to the source of our strength. "If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is. . . Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal. . .while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (Col. 3:1; Matt. 6;19; 2 Cor. 4:18). By focusing our lives on the material, we "give place to the devil." Clem Thurman

### Help in our Weakness

First century Christians were taught that they would suffer (Romans 8:17, 18; 1 Peter 4:12-13; James 1:2-3) and that God is aware of our struggles. Trials and tribulations actually can result in improvement, and they may be blessings to the person who endures faithfully. We see suffering and struggling brethren every day. Life can be very hard, and brethren are not spared difficulty.

Consider the many promises to brethren in Romans 8:26-39. First, Paul penned in Romans 8:26-28, "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered. Not He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

These promises are further emphasized as we continue reading Romans 8:31-35. "What shall we say to these things? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is Christ who died and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of God? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

We are promised victory in these times. In Romans 8:37-39, Paul stated, "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The help we need in our times of disaster and trouble is available and will be provided, if we are faithful to