



### Women's Fellowship

**Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class**  
10:00 -11:30 am.  
Study is in Acts.

**Ladies Hand & Foot Card Fellowship:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. Play begins at 1:00pm.  
Card Fellowship will begin on the first Tuesday this month.

### OutReach

#### *Christ's Closet*

Free Clothing for anyone in need. Open Wednesdays 9:00 – Noon.  
Please bring men and boys clothing. There is a need for any men's clothing.

#### *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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#### **Minister:**

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

February 5, 2017



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

### **Don't Go Through it Alone**

Suffering can be redemptive. It can bring into our lives what we later, in saner moments, confess was a blessing that couldn't be measured.

I know this must provoke almost to fury someone who's suffering beyond words, whose torment is more likely understated than exaggerated.

If you're someone like this, I beg you to believe that I have no wish to be glib; and I know that if I were in your place, I would find it more difficult to say such things.

But if I were in your place and you in mine, in my desperation, I would want your words to be true!

It's bad enough that so many of us live without health, but worse if we live without purpose or hope! I wouldn't want to believe that suffering and death had the last word, that they were the grim ultimates! I would want to believe that these cursed realities could be made to serve some lovely purpose, that I wouldn't have to look at my suffering loved ones or my gangrenous body and shrug helplessly without hope!

When we say suffering and death can be redemptive, we're not saying they're not hateful or excruciating; we're not saying the sufferers aren't in agony. No! We're speaking our faith that God will not allow us to face anything without the privilege of his working it for good – if we will but say yes to his offer. He will not allow suffering to be meaningless but will, with our permission, for it to be the soil out of which things like compassion, sympathy, courage and service grow.

Thousands of people down the years have lived utterly selfish lives until personal tragedy shook their self-centered world or until the torment and need of other sufferers broke the spell that held them captive and freed them to live transformed lives.

Tell him how painful it is and how you wish you didn't have to go through it, and hear him assure you that you don't have to go through it alone. -Jim McGuiggan (The God of the Towel)

(3)Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort. (4)Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. (5)For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. (6)Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. (7)And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation. (2 Cor. 1:3-7)

Attendance 1/29 A.M. Worship: 71 / Budget: \$2000.00 / Contribution 1/29: \$4480.00

### ***Keep these Dates in Minds:***

2/5 First Sunday potluck  
2/11 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship  
2/12 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p  
2/15 Soup Night 6:00p before Wed Bible Study  
2/24 Game Night 6:00p  
2/26 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p  
3/5 First Sunday Potluck  
3/11 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship  
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A few women are needed on an as-needed basis to wash clothing brought into the clothing room, see Pansy or Debbie.



**When I'm with you, you give me comfort. When I'm with you, I'm never alone. You heal all my burdens and fears.**

### ***Bible Studies:***

Adult Class (S) – Hebrews; (W) – Romans - Fellowship Hall  
Young Adults (S, W) – Acts - Spanish Room  
Youth Classes – Classroom Wing

### ***Birthdays and Anniversaries for January***

Gari Koci 2/1  
Nadine Mohr 2/1  
Frank Shaw 2/1  
Leland & Marilyn Davis 2/8  
Ron Stephens 2/14  
Joe Botts 2/15  
Allen Lindsay 2/16  
Jim Preston 2/22



**Health Issues:** Pam Fox's grandson, Canaco & Eli , Abigail Jones, Karen McBurney, Dustin Stecker, Doris Pennington, Betty VanVoorst, Logan Johnson (Amanda McCrickard's friend's son), Bob Childers, Eddie Petros, Gayle Caldwell, Darlena Moon.

**In the Military:** Levi Toombs

**This Week:** Bill Henniger was admitted to the hospital on Friday for fluid on his lungs.

Jackson Hickman suffered a seizure and is still recovering

Hayden Smith – Memorial will be held Feb. 11 at 11:00a, Richland Church of Church

### **How to Take Heart When You Are Discouraged**

(A Short Series)

**No matter the reason for the discouragement, think about the Lord.**

Hebrews 12:1–3 says, "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, *looking unto Jesus*, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For *consider Him* who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls."

It is when we look horizontally that we get discouraged. When we let what people say or think and the expectations people have of us to influence us, then discouragement sets in. When we look to men (horizontal), rather than to God (vertical), we easily become weary.

These verses say, "Look unto Jesus" and "consider Him." It is in bringing our lives before the Lord that we find encouragement. All our troubles and all our reasons for discouragement fade away when we look up and see Him.

When we do this, we realize that the difficulties we face are just another way for us to identify with His sufferings (see Philippians 3:10). He is able to turn them around into a means through which we become more Christ-like. Discouragement simply becomes a way for His treasure to shine out through the broken clay vessels that we are (see 2 Corinthians 4:7). In our weakness, He is made strong. "Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me" (2 Corinthians 12:9, NIV).  
–K.P Yohannan

### **The Lonely Ember**

A member of a certain church, who had previously been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The preacher found the man at home, alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the preacher's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a big chair near the fireplace and waited.

The preacher made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the play of flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then, he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet fascination. As the one lone ember's flame diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon, it was as "dead as a doornail."

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting.

Just before the preacher was ready to leave, he picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

It is important that we worship and serve the Lord together as the body of Jesus Christ, that all will be encouraged and inspired by the life and example we set before all men. (I'm So Blessed daily)

(1) God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (2) Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; (3) Though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. (Psalm 46:1-3)