

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 – 2nd Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

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Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

Why Not the Church of the Lord's Choice

For as long as I can remember, I've heard the expression, "Join the church of your choice." this is the denominational concept of "Christianity," pure and simple - the idea that there are many churches, all of which are pleasing to God. Therefore, as the theory goes, people can just pick and choose which one they will "join." The perception is somewhat like a high school graduate selects the college of his or her choice.

Most people readily accept this approach to religion because this is what they have heard, as well as what they have been taught all of their lives. Most people have no earthly idea what the bible teaches on the matter, and they don't really care.

Though not cognizant of it, yet people desperately need to hear the truth! The truth is that Christ "loved the church and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25). He purchased the church with His own "precious blood" (Acts 20:28). God gave Him to be "head" of the church, and in it He is to have "all the preeminence" (Eph. 1:20-23; Col. 1:18).

During His personal ministry, Jesus plainly said that He would "build" his church (Matt. 16:18). Obviously, the Lord spoke of the spiritual building, not a material structure, because the Bible speaks of "living stones" framed together as the spiritual temple of God. Read and consider such Scriptures as 1 Pet. 2:5, Eph. 2:19-22, 1 Cor. 3:16,17 and 1 Tim. 3:15. These "living stones" are people who have heard, believed and obeyed the Gospel of Christ, which is God's power to save (Rom. 1:16). Obedience to the Gospel is the submission to the commands plainly given in that message to those who believe it. Believers must repent, confess faith in Christ and be baptized to enter Christ and have their sins washed away through His blood. Read such scriptures as Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:37-38; Acts 3:19; Acts 17:30; Acts 8:12, 35-39; Acts 10:48; Acts 22:16; 1 John 4:12; Rom. 10:9-10; Gal. 3:26-27; Rom. 16:3-6, 17,18. Such obedient believers are added to the Lord's church (Acts 2:47), and thus, the church is that spiritual body of the saved (Eph. 5:23), the body of the reconciled (Eph. 2:16), that spiritual kingdom of the redeemed (Col. 1:13-14, 18, 24).

In another depiction of the church, the Bible plainly indicates it is the "bride of Christ." Read Eph. 5:22-32 and 2 Cor. 11:2. Since "all scripture is given by the inspiration of God" (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21), can anyone explain why the Holy Spirit would so have pictured the church if He had not wanted us to receive and perceive the point made? Jesus Christ chose His bride! Not just any would do! That is so obvious that even a child should be able to understand!

We might expect the denominational world to try to defend the concept of many churches, and one is just as good as another. Its efforts are feeble, since the concept is blatantly false! Stubborn departures from what is written (1 Cor. 4:6), nevertheless defended, also occurred anciently. The Ephesian elders received such a warning, "from among your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them" (Acts 20:30). That is exactly what is happening among us today!

It is of extreme importance and a matter of urgency that we get back to the fundamentals and basics. We need to preach and teach anew about the church of the Lord's choice! ~Maxie B. Boren

Attendance 11/25: 60

Budget \$2400.33

Contribution 11/25: \$3289.00

<p>Keep these Dates in Mind: 11/07 First Sunday Potluck 11/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 12/02 Holiday Potluck Open Congregational meeting will not be held in December Game night has been suspended until January Soup night has been suspended until January</p>	<p><i>December Birthdays and Anniversaries</i></p>		
	<p>Buzz Heston 12/1 Mark Minor 12/4 John & Christina Hopkins 12/12 Laiken McCrickard 12/15 Bill & Linda Lafferty 12/24 Queca Woods 12/26</p>		
<p>...if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ~1John 4:12b</p>	<p><i>Bible Studies</i></p>		
	<p>Adult Class – Fellowship Hall (S) – Galatians (W) – Acts</p>	<p>Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room</p>	<p>Ladies Class – Ladies Class 10:00a-11:30a</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, Pansy Caywood

Melinda Botts, Bob Childers, Sandi Gray and Bill Henniger as they continue to recover

Mary Beth Walker fell this week at Ladies Class and broke her hip. She had surgery on it Thursday night. All went well with the surgery. She is in Trios at this time. She has

asked for no visitors at present.

Tami Lathim, Doris Pennington's daughter had brain surgery recently. It went as expected, with the exception that she had a seizure afterwards. Keep the family in your prayers

Amanda McCrickard has asked for special prayers for **Kaleb** and for **Tabby Jenkins** as she struggles with AML,

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col. 3:15-17

1st Century Christian in a 21st Century World

I have grown up in a world where technology is the norm. From the time I was born until this very day, I have never known a time without technology. Now, that does not mean that my parents did not insist that I go outside. In fact, most summer days were spent outside working, running and playing ball. Yet, the stories one hears of days before technology took over the world are not my stories. They are stories I have been told by people who lived in a different period than me. They are from people who have experienced life differently than I ever have and probably differently than I ever will.

If you were to take somebody that lived one hundred years ago and compare him to somebody living today, you would see a lot of differences in their life experiences. The advances in industry, machinery, medicine and technology have been astounding. In many ways, the advances of the modern era have revolutionized the entire world. However, is there a downside to so much technology?

The world is more connected than ever. Phones, internet, social media, airplanes and cars have improved so much that just about anything a person wants to do and anywhere he wants to go can be done quickly. With all of those things being said and true, I still have some questions. With all of the connectivity, why are we as people living in our culture so disconnected? Are we as Christians using the resources that are at our fingertips for the glory of God?

Imagine you are a Christian living in the 1st century, and someone from the future gives you all of the tools that we have at our disposal today. What do you think would be accomplished with those tools? No longer would it take days to get somewhere because planes and cars would make spreading the Word to the world faster and more convenient. Modern medicine would allow you to live longer and spend more time teaching. Computers, phones and other devices would allow you to communicate with people hundreds and thousands of miles away. Checking on the status of fellow Christians and congregations could be accomplished with just the push of a button.

What do you think would be accomplished if you had a 1st century Christian living in the 21st century world? The answer to that question should be answered by our lives. We are Christians just like those people in the 1st century. The same responsibility has been given to us to spread the Word of God to the world. Are we spreading the Word as we should? Are we using the tools we have at our disposal? Let us make a point today to tell somebody about Christ. "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as Children of light" (Eph. 5:6). ~Derek Broome



The book of Proverbs in the Old Testament is inspired of God. Proverbs 6:16-19 reads:

"These things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren."

It doesn't require much comment to see how that applies in many arenas today, does it? God loves and teaches attitudes and actions that are good, holy and benevolent. He hates the sin that causes so much suffering. Would to God that more of mankind hated evil the way God does.

~Robison's Rubies