



### Women's Fellowship

**Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class**  
10:00 -11:30 am  
September thru May  
Beginning Sept, 8

**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

The clothing room is in need of men's and boys' jeans and shoes. If you have any of these articles, please bring them to the clothing room.

#### *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 Elders meeting - each Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

August 28, 2016

## Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

### **Oh Lord We Need A Friend**

Several years ago we sang a song where I was preaching. I do not have a copy of the song book nor the words to the song but here is a portion as I remember it.

This life is filled with sorrow and trouble here below. We oft are made to wonder just why it should be so. In every situation our life would come to view. Oh Lord we need a friend like you. Chorus: Oh Lord we need a friend on this weary road. We need someone to guide and share our heavy load. We need someone to love and tell us what to do. Oh Lord we need a friend like you.

That song has been on my mind for days.

In Colorado a man goes into a school and kills a teenager. In Wisconsin a teenager shoots and kills a school principal. In Pennsylvania a gunman kills five precious little girls and wounds five others. In Washington DC a congressman resigns because of immoral behavior. The words of the song, "This life is filled with sorrow and trouble here below" keep flooding my mind.

Folks, we need the Lord. We have always needed the Lord. There has always been murder (Gen 4) and sexual immorality (Gen. 34; Rom. 1). However, it seems to me in recent years it has accelerated. Why?

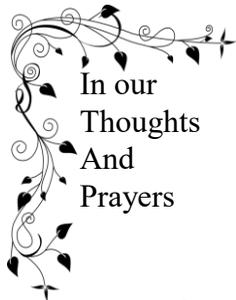
Could it be because our nation has made a concerted effort to remove God from our society? If there is no God, what difference does it make? Remember the days of Noah? The Bible describes those people by saying, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen 6:5)/ When you teach people they come from animals and that there is no superior being as God, then they'll act like what they came from. Is it any wonder that people will randomly kill – cut a baby from its mother's womb?

There have always been and will always be wild teenagers. Could it be that their acts are more violent because they have been catered to by parents who thought it was their job to make their kids happy rather than "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). I spoke with a father recently who was telling me of his daughter's feats in sports. Every day, every week end, they are traveling to different places. She is only ten years old. How much spiritual instruction does she receive? Have we taught our children selfishness by giving them every conceivable gadget?

"Oh Lord we need a friend like you." We need the Lord. We must turn our hearts and lives to God (2 Chron. 7: 14)

-Larry Acuff

Attendance 8/21 A.M. Worship: 69 / Budget: \$2000.00 / Contribution 8/21: \$1863.73



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 , Kaleb McCrickard** – Health issues

**Laveda Brumfield, Marie Frolin, Don Jespersen, Lucy Larsen, Gloria Moore, Bruce Pennington, Mary Lewis, Don Powell** – Homebound – Cards and Letters are always appreciated.

**Oscar & Ana Maria Castro** in Peru

**The Jim Peter and Leonard Peters' family** - as they deal with the loss of three loved ones (Mary Mike, Jim Peters, Bernard H. Wildenborg) so close together.

You are invited to attend the Meridian, ID,  
Annual Spiritual Growth Lectureship. October 13 – 16, 2016.  
More details as to speakers and subjects will follow.

Dear Lord,

Just for today, help me do my best to be kinder. Help me try to listen more than I speak. Let me show mercy to those in need without judging or condemnation. Let me walk the extra mile without complaining. Let me celebrate with those who have been rewarded without envy.

Just for today, let me see what needs to be done and do it without complaining. Let me speak encouragement to those I meet. Help me be a better servant for you and show your love to others.

Lord, I can only manage one day at a time, but just for today, help me be more like you.

-Anonymous

I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, and nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before him. (Eccl. 3:14)



**1st Sunday Potluck (9/4)**

After Sunday A.M. worship. Everyone is invited to join in a potluck meal and Christian fellowship.



**2nd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:30 am (9/10)**

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



**Birthdays/Anniversaries 8/28 -9/4**

Eddie Petross 8/28  
Bonnie Simons 8/28  
Barbara Oldham 8/31  
Craig & Debbie Bolt 9/1



**Passing the Buck**

"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man" (James 1:13). Thus James answers once and for all the question of responsibility.

Go back to the beginning and this very question was entered into the records. When questioned about eating the forbidden fruit, Adam quickly blamed it on God. "Has thou eaten of the tree. where of I commanded thee

that thou shouldest not eat?" And the Man said, "the woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat" ( Gen. 3:11, 12). I'm not responsible had been the plea, and blaming God as the cause is a familiar use. Eve blamed the serpent for beguiling her. "I'm not responsible – it's not my fault," was the plaintive cry. So from the beginning we simply deny guilt and promptly blame someone else.

Aaron blamed the people for forming the golden calf. "I just threw that gold into the fire and it just came out that way." King Saul spared the king and brought back the best of the spoils only to say, "But the people took of the spoil . . . to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal" (1 Sam. 15:21). "I'm not to blame," "I'm not guilty," "I'm innocent."

Whatever Harry Truman was, he was not one to "pass the buck" or spread the blame. He was President and carried with him the full responsibility for his decisions. This spirit would "right more lives," "strengthen more hearts" and "cause more growth" than any simple attitude that right now is missing. We have the paralysis of the analysis. We have studied more problems and learned less than any generation before us.

When a drunken driver mows down a family in a crosswalk, we just don't seem to know where to place the blame. The auto maker, the booze producer, the lighting – was it bright enough, and oh yes, there is the outside view that the driver who was too drunk to walk, might come in for a wee bit of the blame.

Today's paper tells of a New York gang who have taken over an eight story apartment building. All one hundred inhabitants have fled in terror, and the gang mercifully waits on the last one to leave so they can "Fire it" and move on to the next. Who would you blame?

Now let's come a little closer to home. Think of the many times [each day] that we excuse ourselves from responsibility. From tipping the tea, to soiling the carpet, we busy ourselves, with the usual rational: "Don't look at me. I'm innocent."

The "blaming God" was just the beginning. The Christian knows better. Beginning now, as you read this print, see how few times you willingly accept the blame and how readily you pass it on.

"He did it," "They did it," "It just broke all by itself," "Well, if God didn't make the rules, I wouldn't break them." It all reminds me of the following story.

"Mommy, Mommy, Johnny broke my doll!"

"How did he do it?"

"I hit him over the head with it! It's all his fault!"

-Jack Exum