

(15)And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. (16)Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Mark 15:15, 16

Christ's Closet

Free Clothing for anyone in need. Open Wednesdays 9:00 – Noon.

Mountain States Children's Home

Remember to stock up on non-perishable supplies to bring for the children's home collection which takes place near the end of March each year. Keep this work in your prayers.

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.

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

May 14, 2017

Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

Popularity is a Vapor

It is natural to want to be loved. None of us will deliberately set out to make other people dislike us. But, sometimes we forget to put the approval or disapproval of other people in its proper place. When others speak well of us we need to be careful. *"Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall"* (Prov. 16:18) Such flattery can lead us to compromise with principle to retain popularity. It is said of some of the chief rulers of the Jews, *"Nevertheless even of the rulers many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, lest they should be put out of the synagogue"* (John 12:42). What a picture! They knew what they should do. But, they refused because their popularity would suffer!

Lest we become *"wise in our own conceits"* (Rom. 12:16), we need to go back and read again from the book of Job. When we begin to think of ourselves as important, let us answer these questions God put to Job. *"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding."* Or, *"Or who shut up the sea with doors. When it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb; When I made clouds the garment thereof, And thick darkness a swaddling-hand for it, and marked out for it my bound, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further; And here shall thy proud waves be stayed?'"*

Again, *"Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? Or has thou walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed unto thee? Or has thou seen the gates of the shadow of death? Hast thou comprehended the earth in its breadth? Declare, if thou knowest it all"* (Job 38:4, 8-11, 16-18).

If we will consider the majesty of God, we will have no room for pride. The praise of man will not sway us from the course He wants us to walk. The apostle Paul said it well, *"But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing against myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord"* (1 Cor. 4:3-4). What other people think is not important at all, compared to the Lord Jesus Christ's approval!

– Clem Thurman, Gospel Minutes January 13, 2017

"A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us when troubles thicken around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts."

- Washington Irving

Happy Mother's Day

Attendance 05/07 A.M. Worship: 64 / Budget: \$2000.00 / Contribution 05/07: N/A

Keep these Dates in Minds:

- 5/07 First Sunday Potluck
- 5/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 5/14 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 5/27 Game Night 6:00p
- 5/28 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 6/04 First Sunday Potluck
- 6/10 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 6/11 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 6/23 Game Night 6:00p
- 6/25 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Bible Studies:

- Adult Class (S) –James
(W) – Romans - Fellowship Hall
- Young Adults (S, W) – Acts - Spanish Room
- Youth Classes – Classroom Wing
- Ladies Class (Thurs. 10am) - Acts

Birthdays and Anniversaries for May

- Lynette Jones 5/4
- Gerald Funnell 5/5
- Jarod Bolt 5/7
- Bill Lafferty 5/8
- Barbara Goldsmith 5/16
- Tom Gritzan 5/17
- Ken Merrick 5/18
- Sheila Calzadillas 5/23
- Dustin McCrickard 5/30

**"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."
- Isaiah 66:13**

On this Day

On this day we honor mothers. But there is more to motherhood than bringing another human being into the world and on this special day, I would like to honor all women who, whether they have children or not, I consider to be some of the best mothers I know.

I have several friends who were not blessed with children, whom I consider to be the epitome of the perfect mother. They excel at caring for children, for noticing them, understanding their needs, taking their time to teach and love.

There are women who spend their lives in the Sunday School classes teaching the children about the love of God. They spend countless hours that go unnoticed. There are those women who make sure that the building is clean and that there is food when there is a funeral or a potluck. These are the women who send cards to the sick and remember you on your birthday.

These are surely the acts of women who are sharing the unique gift that women have to love and to share love. These are the women who looking out and seeing a mother struggling to keep her sanity when she has three toddlers and only two hands, come and take one of the babies to help. These are the women who look at a baby who has been abandoned and takes them in as their own.

These women reach out with a motherly love to the world around them. It isn't a matter of blood or DNA or birthing. It is a love within them that reaches out to find those in need. To all those mothers out there today, may today be filled with love, honor, praise and friendship. Happy Mother's Day.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me - practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:8,9)



Health Issues: Pam Fox's grandson, Canaco & Eli , Abigail Jones, Karen McBurney, Dustin Stecker, Doris Pennington, Betty VanVoorst, Bob Childers, Eddie Petros, Darlena Moon, Jackson Hickman , Jack Pinckert Jr., Amanda McCrickard, Sandy Gray, Bill Henniger, Savannah and Christian Johnson, Marilyn Foster (Gayle Caldwell's mother), Linda Lafferty

In the Military: Levi Toombs
Shannon Mendoza's mother's surgery went well. Preliminary indications are it wasn't cancer.

Amanda McCrickard had her TEE. Results should be in early this week.

Linda Lafferty's hip surgery went well. She is home recuperating.

Christy Hickman as the doctors continue to determine the cause of her heart issues.

Gayle Caldwell mother's brain scan and EKG came back as normal. This is good news.

Fran Henniger's Brother Fred as he recovers from his surgery.

Pansy Caywood as she recovers from having surgery to place multiple stints in her heart

Courage

The courageous person has been admired throughout history because he is willing to stand up for something. Joshua was told, "Be strong and of good courage" (Josh. 1:6-7). In the New Testament, the word bold is used as a word for courage. Paul asked for prayers to God on his behalf that he might be bold (Eph 6:19-20).

Boldness will help overcome fear (Heb. 13:6). God gave us examples of courage that we may learn how to live. David went against the odds to defeat Goliath (1 Sam. 17:23,32,57). Joseph was strong enough to overcome sexual temptation (Gen. 39:1-13). Elijah was bold enough to stand alone against the 450 prophets of Baal, Ahab and Jezebel (1 Kings 18:1-40). Jesus had the courage to speak the things that needed to be said even though it upset his hearers (Matt. 23:1-39).

God needs and wants men to preach the whole truth today (Acts 20:27, 2 Tim. 4:2). God wants preachers and teachers that are not afraid to speak negative. Positive lessons are needed, but negative lessons are also needed (2 Tim. 4:2). God wants members of his church to study to see if their preachers and teachers are giving them the pure word of God (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15).

Far too many seek to find preachers that will make them feel good while living in sin (2 Tim. 4:3-4). God wants people with the courage to obey Him even when they learn the whole truth (Acts 9:1-18; Gal. 1:16). When preachers preach the truth, some may get upset and go somewhere else to worship but this should not prevent the truth from being preached (2 Tim. 4:2). May God give us more courageous truth-loving people (Acts 17:11).

- Earl Claud, Land Between the Lakes Church of Christ, Dover, TN

Motherhood is more than a stage— it's a lifelong calling from God.
With it He gives us hearts that love deeply, hands that serve tirelessly,
and vision to see His blossoming image in the precious ones entrusted to our care.