

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

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 and Anna Maria in their outreach in Peru.

"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— saying with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come.'" (Rev.14:6, 7a)

I can't promise to fix all your problems.

But I can promise you won't have to face them alone.

Mountain States Children's Home

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

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

Attendance 12/24: NA | Budget \$2000.00 | Contribution 12/17: \$1885.00

December 31, 2017

Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

Our Challenge

"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first'" (Revelation 2:18, 19).

While our Lord would go on to admonish the church in Thyatira to greater faithfulness, the compliments with which He opened this section are profound. Praising their industry and tenacity, He crowned their achievements with this striking phrase: "your latter works exceeded the first." What a dynamic congregation Thyatira must have been. Not content to embrace the comfortable complacency of past accomplishments, they pressed onward, achieving more for the cause of Christ.

The past exerts a tremendous force upon the present. At best, our experience can challenge us to reach further and accomplish more to the glory of God. Unfortunately, far too often we permit the past to be a hindrance rather than a help. Nostalgia for the past can serve as a barrier to progress. We must not dwell on past victories or defeats in a way that limits our effectiveness in the present and potentially for the future. Rather, following the example of the church in Thyatira, we should cultivate a mindset of love, faith and service that builds towards the future rather than resting on the past.

We are the heirs of a great inheritance. The deeds of the men and women who preceded us should be honored and cherished as reminders of dynamic accomplishments. They should move us forward. Our challenge is to build upon our heritage so that the latter works exceed the first.

~Greg Tidwell

***There is no challenge more challenging than the challenge
to improve yourself***

¹⁰ Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth! ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.

(Psalm 46:10-11)

*Birthdays and Anniversaries
for January*

Hannah Minor 1/5
Linda Lafferty 1/8
Gayle Caldwell 1/12
Holden Minor 1/15
Henry Walker 1/18
Larry Moore 1/19
Mary Beth Walker 1/22
Shirley Childers 1/24
Eddie & Eunice Petross 1/24
Loretta Slettene 1/26
Hannah Mendoza 1/29
Nadine Mohr 1/19

Keep these Dates in Mind:

12/31 Game Night to bring in the new year
01/07 First Sunday Potluck
01/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
01/14 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
01/28 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
02/02 Game Night 6:00p
02/04 First Sunday Potluck
02/10 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
02/11 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
02/25 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Bible Studies: Youth Classes -
Adult Class - Classroom Wing
Fellowship Hall Ladies Class -
(S) –Epistles of Peter Fellowship Hall
(W) – Romans Begins again 01/11

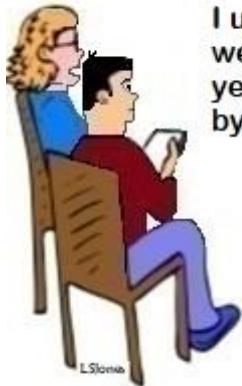


Health Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Amanda McCrickard, Kaleb McCrickard, Savannah and Christian Johnson (friends of the McCrickards, daughter suffering from mitochondrial disease), Christy Hickman, Joshua Hickman, Vern Mast, Sue Aldrich

Kaleb McCrickard is still recovering from surgery and is having some trouble dealing with the healing process. Please keep him and the family in your prayers as they deal with the situation.

All those who are traveling during the holidays
All those affected by the fires in California

May the Lord Bless you and keep you
in the coming New Year!



I used to like to
welcome the new
year. Now they fly
by too fast.

Komedy Korner

What is done
in LOVE
is done
WELL
Vincent Van Gogh

With Eyes Wide Open

The apostle Paul, in Romans the twelfth chapter, makes an appeal based on "the mercies of God." The NIV puts it like this: "Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship" (Romans 12:1). The action urged is "in view of God's mercy." I like Phillips' translation which says "with eyes wide open to the mercies of God."

Are my eyes wide open to all the mercies God extends, or do they seem like pictures on the wall which I see every day, but don't really see at all? Visit any hospital and you will come away with a new perspective. Do you have eyes to see? Lungs with which to breathe? A heart that functions properly? It's so easy to take all of these things for granted. G.K. Chesterton has commented on our passing over the great mercies to which we are blind. He says we thank God for the presents in our stockings at Christmas, but we ought to thank God we have legs in our stockings!

The old adage is true. We don't appreciate the water until the well runs dry.

"Nothing raises the price of a blessing like its removal; whereas, it was its continuance which should have taught us its value" (Hannah Moore).

Consider what God has done in giving us life, sustaining us through the years, granting the blessing of family and friends, saving us from our sins, granting us the privilege of prayer, preparing for us an eternal home. And the list goes on and on. Do we have eyes wide open to the mercies of God?

Hannah Moore has a word in season for all of us:

There are three requisites to the proper enjoyment of earthly blessings:

- A thankful reflection on the goodness of the giver
- A deep sense of our own unworthiness
- And a recollection of the uncertainty of our long possessing them
- ✓ The first will make us grateful
- ✓ The second, humble
- ✓ And the third, moderate

It's a challenge, but we all need eyes wide open to the mercies of God. Then we will present ourselves as living sacrifices to God.

"Come and see the works of God; He is awesome in His doing toward the sons of men. ...He rules by His power forever; His eyes observe the nations; Do not let the rebellious exalt themselves" (Psalm 66:5, 7).

~John Gipson

Times of Completion

At the end of the year, the burden of uncompleted tasks can weigh us down. Responsibilities at home and work may seem never-ending, and those unfinished today roll into tomorrow. But there are times in our journey of faith when we should pause and celebrate God's faithfulness and the tasks completed.

After the first missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas, "they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed" (Acts 14:26). While much work remained in sharing the message of Jesus with others, they took time to give thanks for what had been done. "They gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles" (v. 27).

What has God done through you during the past year? How has He opened the door of faith for someone you know and love? In ways we can't imagine, He is at work through us in tasks that may seem insignificant or incomplete.

When we feel painfully aware of our unfinished tasks in serving the Lord, let's not forget to give thanks for the ways He has worked through us. Rejoicing over what God has done by His grace sets the stage for what is to come!

~David C. McCasland