

**(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.

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

April 23, 2017

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

### **How to Pray (Matthew 6:9-15)**

**Pray then in this way (vs. 9)** - This does not mean to recite this prayer. This prayer is to be a model or pattern as to how to pray. The elements contained in the model prayer are to remind us of what should be contained in our prayers.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name (vs. 9)** - Jesus shows us the intimacy that we have as disciples of God. He is our Father and we are his children. When we begin our prayer, we need to recognize who God is and our relationship to him. God is holy. His name is holy and he is deserving of our awe and reverence for he is in heaven. Thus in this very statement we see the balance of our relationship with the Lord. He is our Father, which denotes a close, intimate relationship, yet he is to be hallowed by us, kept holy and deserving our awe and respect.

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven (vs. 10)** - The pattern here tells us that we need to pray according to the will of God. We must pray for the things of God and the will of God to take place in all aspects of this world. What we must see from how this prayer begins is that we are not the focus of the prayer. Instead, God is the focus in the prayer. We begin by praising him and giving him the awe and worship that he deserves. Then we pray that God's desires and will be established on earth and we will do what we can to help God's will to be fulfilled. We must focus upon what is the will of the Lord.

**Give us this day our daily bread (vs. 11)** - Now we can ask God for the needs of this day. This runs against what we usually want to pray for. We want to pray that we have the luxuries of life. But Jesus teaches that our focus is to simply be on today and that our needs for today will be met. God is the one who is the giver of all blessings and he is the one who will take care of our needs. We are to put our trust in God to provide what we need today, even though there may be times when we cannot see what will happen tomorrow. For today we will be satisfied. If we have enough for today then that is all that is necessary. Trust in God to give us what we need for today.

**And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors (vs. 12, 14)** - Now Jesus tells us to pray for the forgiveness of sins. But notice the condition that Jesus places upon our prayer for forgiveness. We only can ask for forgiveness when we have also shown forgiveness toward others. Quite simply, we should not and cannot expect to receive from God what we are unwilling to give others. And this point is so important that Jesus repeats this again in verse 14. Forgiveness of our debts and trespasses are certainly conditional upon the forgiveness that we offer others. We also learn the need for us to ask God for forgiveness. 1 John 1 tells us to confess our sins to the Father and he is faithful and just to forgive us. We need to tell him our sins and ask him for forgiveness.

**And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one (vs. 13)** - We need to ask God for deliverance from temptation, to help us with our weaknesses, and to strengthen us against the works of the devil. We need to seek to be near God so that we can overcome Satan's fiery darts that he throws at us. There is a way of escape available to us that we can avoid temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13). We need to pray for God to help us take advantage of the way of escape and that we will not succumb to the devil.

- by Brent Kercheville, (Excerpted)

Attendance 04/16 A.M. Worship: 91 / Budget: \$2000.00 / Contribution 04/16: \$2052.32

**Keep these Dates in Minds:**

- 4/02 First Sunday Potluck
- 4/08 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 4/09 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 4/28 Game Night 6:00p
- 4/30 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 4/30 Fifth Sunday Singing in Walla Walla
- 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

**6Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you. 7Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. (1 Pet. 5:6.7).**

**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 April**

- Bill Henniger 3/31
- Avi Botts 4/3
- John Hopkins 4/8
- Al & Pat Lindsay 4/12
- Laverne & Sammie Engelke 4/18
- Kirsten Merrick 4/18
- Eunice Petross 4/25

*Father hear the prayer we offer; nor for ease that prayer will be, But for strength, that we may ever Live our lives courageously.  
Let our path be bright or dreary, storm or sunshine be our share; May our souls in hope unwearry make Thy work our ceaseless prayer.*

**Fall on Your Knees**

There we were, sitting in the doctor's office, waiting for the doctor to arrive. He'd requested that we come into the office. That was never a good sign. My wife took my hand and together we waited for what we knew must be bad news. We had spent the night praying that this pain I was having was normal for someone getting older, or that there was an easy fix.

The doctor came in, shook my hand, perhaps a moment too long, or was I just reading something more into it than was there? Sitting down at his desk, he opened the file on his computer, it seemed to take him forever. Then he looked first to my wife, Sarah, and then to me.

"Bill, there is no easy way to say this, so I'm just going to say it. You have stage 3 lung cancer. We will start treatments right away, chemo, radiation. We'll get you to the right people. I want you to keep in mind that many people respond well to the treatments and win the battle against cancer."

Then he fell silent. I knew he was giving us time to comprehend the seeming life sentence he had given me. I wasn't quite ready to leave this world, even though I knew there was a better one coming. I wasn't ready to go through the pain I knew was coming. "How long do I have?" I finally croaked out.

"We don't like to put a time frame on things like this anymore. But at stage 3, I would encourage you to get your life in order, just in case. Go do things you've always wanted to do."

Sarah was sitting silent, tears in her eyes. I put my arm around her as we rose from the desk. "We'll be in touch soon to get you started on the treatments," the doctor said as we walked out, shell shocked.

As soon as we returned home, I fell down on my knees and began to pour out my fear, my anger, my feelings of hopelessness to God. As I prayed, his words came back to me. "Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." "Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you." I rose, still afraid, but knowing I could face what was coming as long as God was with me. -Unknown



**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).

**In the Military:** Levi Toombs

**This Week:**

**Linda Lafferty** is waiting on a hip replacement. She is struggling with the pain her hip is causing. **Levi Toombs** and Samantha Funderburg as they start their life together. Congratulations!



*Prayer is the key that unlocks all doors*



**Always Listening**

Dad was a man of few words. He had hearing damage due to years of military duty and wore hearing aids. One afternoon when Mom and I were talking a little longer than he thought necessary, he responded playfully, "Whenever I want peace and quiet, all I have to do is this." Lifting both hands in a single motion, he turned off both hearing aids, folded his hands behind his head and closed his eyes in a serene smile.

We laughed. As far as he was concerned, the conversation was over!

My father's actions that day remind me how different God is from us. He always wants to hear His children. This is underscored by one of the shortest prayers in the Bible. One day, Nehemiah, a servant to King Artaxerxes of Persia, was visibly sad in the king's presence. Fearful when the king asked him why, Nehemiah confessed it was because Jerusalem, the conquered city of his ancestors, lay in ruins. Nehemiah recounts, "The king said to me, 'What is it you want?' Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king..." (Neh. 2:4-5).

Nehemiah's prayer lasted only a moment, but God heard it. It set in motion God's merciful response to the many prayers Nehemiah had already offered for Jerusalem. In that moment, Artaxerxes granted Nehemiah's request to rebuild the city.

Isn't it comforting to know that God cares enough to listen to all of our prayers – from the shortest to the longest?

-James Banks

**4**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. **5**Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; **6**do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7).