

(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.

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.

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.

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

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Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

A Chance to Overcome Evil

"Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay,' says the Lord. 'But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:17-21). This is, perhaps, the greatest tool we have in hand. We can, by acting and reacting as Jesus did, overcome evil in our lives.

Our hope is to get along with everyone, to be at peace with brothers and sisters and with unbelievers. Some however, may not leave you alone. They might be fellow Christians who just love to point out your failings. They might be co-workers who do not believe in Jesus or God and just want to make your life miserable. How do we overcome all this evil? First, we do the right thing in all circumstances. Second, we do not get even or pay back evil for evil. We trust God to do the judging in the right way at the right time.

In fact, we respond as Jesus did. When cruel, unfeeling people were in the act of crucifying Him, He said to God (and for all to hear), *"Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing"* (Luke 23:34). Jesus could have asked God to send help and kill all those doing evil to Him. Instead, He willingly forgave them and died for them. That is our task as Christians. We can overcome evil by responding kindly when we are mistreated, no matter the source of the attack. So, I love my fellow Christians by not retaliating when they criticize me. I treat my enemy with love and generosity, even when my enemy is doing his worst to me.

This whole process is based on dying to self and living for Jesus. This takes place when you die to sin so that you can live for the Lord. Paul tells us when and where we die to sin. *"Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?"* (Rom 6:3). It is in the water of baptism that we join Jesus in death. As He carried a cross and died, so we die when we are baptized into his name. The result is simple. *"Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin"* (Rom. 6:6-7). Dying daily begins by dying to sin in the grave of baptism. That is why the first thing all believers did in the book of Acts was to be baptized. Until you die to your old life, you cannot begin to live the Christian life.

"Therefore we have been buried with him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:4). Baptism takes away our sin. Then, as Jesus was raised to a new life, so we are raised to walk in a new way of life, the Christian life. This new life is then described in this way. *"Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace"* (Rom. 6:12-14). This new life is one of surrender. It is a daily surrender in which you die to yourself and let God reign in your heart. It all begins when you are raised to walk in a new life, when you are baptized. Do not delay. Be saved – Today!
– David Thurman

Attendance 7/30 71

Budget \$2000.00

Contribution 7/30: \$2474.27

Keep these Dates in Minds:

- 8/06 First Sunday Potluck
- 8/11 Youth Rally
- 8/12 Men's Breakfast -**Cancelled**
- 8/13 Open Congregational Meeting -**Cancelled**
- 8/27 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 9/03 First Sunday Potluck
- 9/09 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 9/10 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 9/24 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Bible Studies:

- Adult Class (S) –Jude
(W) – Romans - Fellowship Hall
- Youth Classes – Classroom Wing
- Ladies Class – Begins 9/7 10:00a - 11:30a

Birthdays and Anniversaries for August

- Christina Hopkins - 8/2
- Darlana Moon - 8/5
- Debbie Bolt - 8/8
- Clarence & Melinda Botts - 8/13
- Danny Mendoza - 8/13
- Ron & Ila Stephens - 8/13
- Maddison Reser - 8/18
- Eric Calzadillas - 8/19
- Merry Hyndshaw - 8/22
- Harvey & Lynette Jones - 8/25
- Sue Minor - 8/25
- Julia Jespersion - 8/27
- Eddie Petross - 8/28
- Bonnie Simons - 8/28
- Barbara Oldham - 8/31

A Chance to Treat People Right

"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality" (Rom. 12:9-13).

These verses spell out the priorities for a Christian as he or she interacts with others. It all begins with love that is genuine (without hypocrisy). That is the kind of love God has for us. This is the kind of love that Jesus had when He died for us. There were no strings attached. God didn't say He would love us when we were good enough. He loved us while we were sinners (Rom. 5:8). So, if we are going to reflect God's values, we will love people unconditionally.

This love presents itself in being devoted to the well-being of the people around us. It is shown in giving preference to the ideas and thinking of others. Love means persevering, even when we are in hard times. It is being devoted to prayer for one another. It is being generous to meet the needs of other Christians. It is opening our homes and possessions to help people in need. The Christian life is always focused on others. It always puts others first and does all it can to meet their needs. Like Jesus, it is more worried about saving another soul than staying safe and protected. The Christian life offers us the chance to treat people right. —David Thurman

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. (Colossians 4:6)

The US Masters Golf Tournament began in 1934, and since then only three players have won it two years in a row. On April 10, 2016, it appeared that twenty-two-year-old Jordan Spieth would become the fourth. But he faltered on the last nine holes and finished in a tie for second. Despite his disappointing loss, Spieth was gracious toward tournament champion Danny Willett, congratulating him on his victory and on the birth of his first child, something "more important than golf."

Writing in *The New York Times*, Karen Krouse said, "It takes grace to see the big picture so soon after having to sit through a trophy ceremony and watch someone else have his photograph taken." Krouse continued, "Spieth's ball-striking was off all week, but his character emerged unscathed."

Paul urged the followers of Jesus in Colossae to "be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. *"Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone"* (Col. 4:5–6).

As those who have freely received God's grace, it is our privilege and calling to demonstrate it in every situation of life -win or lose. —David C. McCasland



Health Issues: Pam Fox's grandson, Canaco & Eli , Abigail Jones, Karen McBurney, Dustin Stecker, Doris Pennington, Betty VanVoorst, Bob Childers, Eddie Petros, Darlana Moon, Jack Pinckert Jr., Amanda McCrickard, Sandy Gray, Bill Henniger, Savannah and Christian Johnson, Marilyn Foster (Gayle Caldwell's mother), Christy Hickman, Joshua Hickman, Gary Bills, Norm Goldsmith, Tom Gritzen, (In the Military) Levi Toombs

Vern Engelke's shoulder surgery went well. He is home and recuperating.

Joshua Hickman is still very much in need of prayers as he struggles with his illness. Please keep the entire family in your prayers as they deal with the doctors and appointments and disruptions to their lives. Pray that they may find answers and comfort in this time of need.

Darrell McBurney, Karen McBurney's brother fell and injured his shoulder. Keep him and Karen in your thoughts and prayers as he heals.

THE OUTLET

IS HERE!

YOUTH RALLY - August 11, 12, 13 (This Friday, Saturday and Sunday!) - BIBLE BOWL
ACTS CHAPTERS 1-14
GET READY!

¹⁰The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

(Acts 17:10,11)

Being Respectful

- *Treat others the way you want to be treated*
- *Remember that all people are important*
- *Listen while others are talking*
- *Speak calmly and always use encouraging words*