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KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hearing the Gospel

The first thing a person must do to be saved is to hear the gospel message about Jesus. This may be an assumed step by many, but it should not be. The gospel is to be proclaimed by followers of Jesus because no one will be saved until they hear what the message tells them God has done and calls for them to do (Mark 16:15). Through Jesus' earthly ministry he would challenge people to truly hear what He was saying (Matt 11:15). He wanted his audiences to pay attention to what they heard (Mark 4:24; cf. Luke 8:18, 8:21) and commanded them to let His words sink deep down into their ears (Luke 9:44). This means more than simply hearing the words spoken. When the Bible speaks of hearing the gospel it means hearing with a desire to heed (Rom. 10:17; cf. Heb. 4:2).

One cannot be saved through a dream, a vision, or some event that causes warm-hearted emotions and feelings to arise in one's heart. A sinner must hear the truth about their spiritual condition and about God's work done through the person and work of Jesus to change that condition (Gal. 3:13). In the first century the gospel was preached by the apostles and disciples of Jesus and before the hearers could do anything else they needed to listen carefully to what was being said. On the day of Pentecost, the Jews heard the gospel and were convicted in their hearts (Acts 2:36-37). Many others heard the word and obeyed Jesus, bringing the number of believers to 5,000 (Acts 4:4). Lydia's heart was opened to hear what was spoken by Paul before she could act on what she had been taught (Acts 16:14). The twelve men from Ephesus heard with accuracy the truth about baptism and were immersed in Jesus' name (Acts 19:5). The gospel plan of salvation requires that one first hear: *hear* the disaster of our sin and its consequences, *hear* about the love of God expressed in Jesus' sacrificial death, and *hear* about how one can call on the name of the Lord and enjoy the spiritual blessings offered in Jesus Christ (Eph 1:3-14).

~Hiram Kemp, Identifying the Church: Plan of Salvation

**Repentance shows that a person wants to do what is right in the eyes of God
and flee the darkness in exchange for God's light**

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
2/2 Monthly Potluck 2/7 Hand and Foot get together 2/8 Men's Business Meeting TBD Youth Get Together 4:00p	Wanda Danley 2/16 Al Lindsay 2/16 Jim Preston 2/22 Josh Mendoza 2/27	
Today's News	Bible Studies	
	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am - Acts Wed pm – Proverbs	Ladies Class Monday 11:00 – 12:30, Ladies class begins again on Jan. 6th

For us to remember:

- **Annie Phom, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Tami Pennington, Jim Preston, Sandi Gray, Shannon Mendoza, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Norm Hubbard, Lyn Gigar, Queca Woods, Mike Wilson, Paul Mays, Benny Gutierrez**
- **Al Lindsay** is home and the last report showed good improvement. Please keep Al and Pat in your prayers as he continues to recover.
- **Norma Mast** is in the assisted retirement center just next to the Regency rehab center
- **Shauna** (Ila Stevens daughter) Liver disease
- All those of the congregation who have been down with this latest flu that is going around
- **Joe Marcotte** suffered a apparent stroke and is in Seattle as they treat his injuries. Please keep Jonni and family in your prayers as the doctors continue to help Joe recover.
- **Karen McBurney** fell and broke her collarbone. She is not able to use her walker at this time and is wheelchair bound. She has quite a lot of bruising along with the break, please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.

Date	Opening Prayer	Song Leader	Communion Thought	Lord's Supper	Closing Prayer
This week	H. Jones	L. Moore	J. Wilson	A Rodriguez J. Mendoza	D. Nelson
Next Week	D. McLaughlin	J. Mendoza	D. Mendoza	J. Wilson L. Moore	K. Winstead

We Have a Motive!

“Motive” is the reason behind a decision or action. Knowing why we would do something can be one of the best evidences for if we do something. When a prosecutor is trying to convince a jury to convict a defendant for murder, it may all hinge on whether or not they present a reasonable motive for the crime. If a jury can understand why someone would do it, they are more likely to be convinced that they actually did it.

Is there a sufficient motive for us to follow Christ? What if we explained our reason for being a Christian to someone else? Would they have enough evidence to believe that we really do believe the faith we proclaim? Does our reason for living differently than the rest of the world make sense?

In 1 Timothy 4, verses 8-10, Paul explains our motive for being Christians. He writes, “For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.” He is telling us that our reason for living as a Christian comes down to two things: a profitable life on earth and a profitable life in heaven. We do what the Bible says is right not only because there is a reward of heaven, but because it leads to the best possible life.

We are motivated to live Christian lives because our actions are in line with our purpose. Every person wants to know what their purpose in life is. Without purpose, our lives have no meaning. If we want fulfillment in life, then we must live according to our purpose. Ecclesiastes 12:13 tells us that our purpose is to “Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all.” This means that living a godly life is exactly what we were made for. We weren’t made to live for the temporary pleasures of life. We are eternal, spiritual beings (cf. Ecc. 12:7; Gen. 2:7). We were made to glorify God.

We are also motivated to live Christian lives because it is good for our health and wellbeing. Living a worldly life can certainly give plenty of temporary pleasure. But, we all know that they come with terrible consequences. Drunkenness leads to violence and car accidents. Lying destroys trust and relationships. Promiscuity brings disease and tears apart marriages. Fleshly living may seem fun in the moment, but it will always lead to chaos. If I am living according to the Bible, then it can all be avoided. “For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace” (Rom. 8:6).

We have a motive for being Christians! If we know it, we will be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks us a reason for the hope that is in us (cf. 1 Pet. 3:15). ~Robert Lupo

Complaint Department – Not Where You Think It Is

I had someone call me at the church office one time and ask for the HR Office, as they wanted to file a complaint. That was a fun conversation. Have you ever wondered where the “Complaint Department” is for Christians? It’s a two-part answer.

Part 1: “Do all things without complaining and disputing” (Phil. 2:14). Well, looks like the “Complaint Department” got closed before it could ever open. Circle the word “all.” No complaining! (Ancient Israel apparently missed this memo.)

Part 2: “I pour out my complaint before Him” (Psa. 142:2). When you’ve got a complaint, consider Luke 6:31 and then Colossians 3:13, then grab 1 Peter 5:7. After that (or better yet, before that), “cry out to the Lord” (Psa. 142:1). Take your “trouble” (142:2) to Him: “My spirit was overwhelmed...No one acknowledges me...No one cares for my soul...I am brought very low...they are stronger than I” (142:3, 4, 6). After you unload your complaint, remember: “You knew my path...You are my refuge...You shall deal bountifully with me” (142:3, 5, 7). Leave it with Him! He will take care of it...and you!

God is with you at work! ~David Sproule

Sermon on the Mount Word Search

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

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