

LET IT WALK

Down in the south, there are many churches known as "answer back" churches. When the preacher says something, the congregation naturally replies.

One Sunday, a preacher was speaking on what it would take for the church to become better. He said "If this church is to become better, it must take up it's bed, and walk."

The congregation said "Let it walk, Preacher, let it walk."

Encouraged by their response, he went further. "If this church is going to become better, it will have to throw aside it's hindrances and run!"

The congregation replied, "Let it run, preacher, let it run!"

Now really into his message, he spoke stronger. "If this church really wants to become great, it will have to take up it's wings and fly!"

"Let it fly, Preacher, let it fly!" the congregation shouts.

The Preacher gets louder. "If this church is going to fly, it will cost money!"

The congregation replied. "Let it walk, Preacher, let it walk."

Kennewick Church of Christ

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Meeting Times::

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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

Attendance 12/15 59

Budget \$2400.33

Contribution 12/15 \$3080.50

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The Reward Ahead Is So Marvelous

The Bible is filled with instructions to Christians designed to alert them of the danger they face in remaining faithful to the Lord. These warnings are not found to discourage us, but to help us think soberly about the road we travel. I found the following list and it had a profound impact on me as I read it. I hope that it will have the same impact on you. Remember these are heaven's words about our walk as Christians.

- *Strive* to enter the strait gate (Luke 13:24).
- *Fight* to lay hold on to eternal life (1 Tim. 6:12).
- *Run* that you may obtain the crown (1 Cor. 9:24).
- *Hold fast* to what you have heard (Rev. 3:3).
- *Press on* to the goal for the prize (Phil. 4:14).
- *Pray* that you enter not into temptation (Luke 22:40).
- *Look to yourselves* to receive the full reward (2 John 8).
- *Take heed* lest you fall (1 Cor. 10:12).
- *Watch* that you enter not into temptation (Matt. 26:41).
- *Fear* lest you come short of entering (Heb. 4:2).
- *Watch* that you may be ready (Matt. 24:42-44).
- *Take heed* lest you depart from the living God (Heb. 3:12).
- *Be diligent* be found blameless (2 Pet. 3:14).
- *Take heed* how you build on the foundation (1 Cor. 3:10).
- *Trembling* work out your own salvation (Phil. 2:12).
- *Take heed* that you be not deceived (Luke 21:8).
- *Watch* lest He find you sleeping (Mark 13:36-37).
- *Prove yourself* lest you are disqualified (2 Cor. 13:5).
- *Take heed* lest your heart be weighed down (Luke 21:34).
- *Looking diligently* lest you fail (Heb. 12:15).
- *Do not faint* and you will reap (Gal. 6:9).
- *Be vigilant* for Satan seeks to devour (1 Pet. 5:8).

The list of verses encouraging us to remain faithful is almost endless. Take time to read the list again and then think about the seriousness of the commitment we have made. It is time for sober reflections. We cannot afford to turn back, for the reward ahead is so marvelous.

Remember that the Lord is doing all He can to insure we win! He is faithful and will never allow us to be tempted beyond our limits. He *always* provides the way of escape. He does not look for sinless perfection, He only wants faithfulness. He stands *beside* us to lift us up and He stands *before* us awaiting our arrival at the finish line.

So let's run the race together. Let's encourage each other. Just remember to watch out for the potholes!

~Dan Jenkins

Keep These Dates in Mind	December Birthdays and Anniversaries	
12/01 First Sunday Potluck 12/14 Men's breakfast and fellowship 12/15 Open Congregational Meeting 5p 12/29 Kennewick hosting the 5 th Sunday singing 01/05 First Sunday Potluck 01/11 Men's breakfast and fellowship 01/12 Open Congregational Meeting 5p	Mark Minor 12/4 Sandi Gray 12/14 Bill & Linda Lafferty 12/24	<i>For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven</i>
Bible Studies		

Today's Speaker
Leonard Peters

Tonight's Video:
Has the Bible Been Corrupted (9 Of 9)
– Dave Miller

Adult Bible Classes Sunday am.–Exodus Wed pm – Fruits of the Spirit/Works of the Flesh	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class Th. 10-11:30am Friday Bible Class Friday 3:00pm
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Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Shirley Childers, Marji Lindholm, Marilyn Davis, Eunice Petros, Tami Pennington, Karen McBurney, Helen Pierce

Shirley Childers and **Loretta Slettene** are both in residential care homes. Both would appreciate cards and visits.

Pansy Caywood as she continues to heal.

Bill Gregory will be coming to meet the congregation and preach for us on Jan. 11, 12 as he considers working with us a minister and as we consider him. Please plan to attend the get together on Saturday and come to hear him speak on Sunday. He will be delivering the morning and evening lesson.

We are hosting the 5th Sunday Singing next week at 3:00p. See the signup list in the fellowship hall for goodies afterwards. Please do your best to attend and enjoy the time we spend praising God with out voices.

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children's Home

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

Petu Ministry – Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

Food Pantry - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

Austin and Kennadie McCrickard – Bear Valley Bible Institute

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Worthy is the Lamb

"And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth' " (Revelation 5:9-10).

As Christians, we are very grateful that Jesus came and died on the cross for our sins (John 3:16; 1 Peter 1:18-19). However, how do we feel about his role in pronouncing judgment upon the world?

As the apostle John writes down the things which Jesus has told him to the seven churches of Asia (Revelation 1:11), he beholds an awesome sight as he writes, "After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, 'Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this'" (Revelation 4:1). He sees what appears to be God sitting on His throne in heaven, 24 elders sitting around the throne and 4 amazing "living creatures" there as well (Revelation 4:1-7). He sees the 24 elders and four living creatures praising God (Revelation 4:8-11).

Beholding this incredible sight, John writes, "And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?'" (Revelation 5:1-2). What was this scroll and what is the meaning of its seals? Later, as John sees loosing of the seals, he sees the unfolding of God's plans and judgments upon the world (Revelation 6:1-17; 8:1).

Initially, no one is found who can open the scroll containing the seven seals and John begins to weep (Revelation 5:3-4). However, John is soon stopped: "But one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals'" (Revelation 5:5). John sees Jesus as a Lamb that had been slain remove the scroll from the hand of God (Revelation 5:6-7). As He does so the 24 elders and the 4 living creatures sing, "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth" (Revelation 5:8-10). Then as the opening verses above indicate the angels in heaven join in singing (Revelation 5:11-12) as do every creature in heaven and on earth (Revelation 5:13-14).

Jesus is the Lamb Who is a Lion (Revelation 5:5-6). Jesus came to the earth the first time as a Lamb to be slain our sins (Isaiah 53:7). However, when He comes again, He will come as a Lion to Judge the world. When Jesus comes again with His angels, He will come "in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God,

and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).

I am grateful for what Jesus has done to save me from my sins; however, I will not be ashamed that Jesus is coming again to judge the world. Rather I will rejoice that Jesus, because of His sacrifice, is worthy to do this because for God to be just, His judgment must be carried out!

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10)

. ~Susquehanna Church of Christ