

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children's Home

There is a list of supplies that the children's home would like to receive on the bulletin board at the top of the ramp. Next collection date to be announced

Peru Ministry - Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru.

Food Pantry

Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library. Please bring your donations and leave them in this room. If you need help or know of anyone who is in need, ask one of the members to assist you. Feel free to take what you need.

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.

Attendance 09/23: 65

Budget \$2400.33

Contribution 10/14: \$2260.08

October 14, 2018

Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

The Quiet Game

Fear and hiding go together like adolescence and hormones. The very first recorded instance of fear reflects this: *Where were you, Adam? I heard you in the garden; And I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid.*

And we have been hiding ever since – behind smiles we don't really feel, behind agreeable words we don't really believe, mostly behind the things we truly feel and believe but refuse to say.

When I was growing up, my parents would sometimes have my brother, sister and me play "the quiet game." I imagine you know the rules. Whoever could be the quietest the longest wins. It is a popular game with parents. One day we were playing – for hours, we kinds being unusually good at this game – when the thought suddenly occurred to me: *I don't have to play the quiet game.*

- I don't have to play the quiet game because . . .

I don't really think my parents would punish me for talking

- I don't have to play the quiet game because . . .

even if they did, no punishment could be worse than having to sit here in silence mile after mile after mile.

- I don't have to play the quiet game because . . .

I'm seventeen years old now, and this is getting ridiculous.

I hate to say it, but sometimes – for altogether different reasons these days – I will play the quiet game. All too often, I hold back from saying what I truly think or feel because of fear. I am afraid of what someone might think of me; or I am afraid of the pain in the conflict that might emerge; or I am afraid that I will have to spend more energy cleaning up the relational mess that will emerge than I really want to spend.

You play the quiet game when you pretend something does not bother you when it really does; or when you pretend to agree with someone when you really don't; or when you act as if you don't care, but you really do.

People in churches are often good at playing the quiet game in the name of peace, but it is not peace built on truth. In fact, it is not real peace at all; it is just the absence of conflict made possible by hiding.

I know of couples who have played the quiet game with each other for years. They play it to avoid arguments – but they also avoid intimacy.

I know employees who play the quiet game at work. They play it in order to avoid making wave or rocking the boat – but they spend years in resentment and frustration.

I know Christians who play the quiet game with unchurched neighbors and friends. They may avoid embarrassment or rejection – but they lose the chance to fearlessly share their faith and offer spiritual life to people far from God. Fear always lies behind the quiet game.

Fear whispers to us that God is not really big enough to take care of us. It tells us we are not really safe in his hands. It causes us to distort the way we think about him. What might have been had we trusted God? What might be if we trust God? (John Ortberg, Edited)

<p>Keep these Dates in Mind:</p> <p>10/07 First Sunday Potluck 10/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 10/14 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p 10/26 Game night 6:00p (Tentative) 10/28 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p 11/07 First Sunday Potluck 11/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 11/14 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p 11/26 Game Night 6:00p (\$5 donation if able) 11/28 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p</p>	<p><i>October Birthdays/Anniversaries</i></p>		
	<p>Kenneth Winstead 10/6 LaVern Engelke 10/8 Marlene Blankenship 10/9 Mark & Sue Minor 10/9 Bob Childers 10/15 Clarence Botts 10/22 Melinda Botts 10/25 Harvey Jones 10/25</p>		
<p><i>Bible Studies</i></p>			
<p>For the word of the corss is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." (1 Corinthians 1:18 -19)</p>	<p>Fellowship Hall (S) – Mark (W) – Acts</p>	<p>Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room</p>	<p>Ladies Class 10:00a-11:30a. Studies will be in Hebrews.</p>

*Love
Never
Fails*



Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Shirley Childers, Amanda McCrickard, Kaleb McCrickard, Joshua Hickman, Vern Mast, Sue Aldrich, Lupe Mendoza, Marji Lindholm, Bill and Fran Henniger, The Johnson family, The Mendoza family, Helen Pierce, Sandi Gray, Norm Goldsmith, Brent Bryant, Marilyn Davis, Randy Hargus, Tami Pennington

Helen Pierce has been down this week due to health issues. Please keep her in your prayers and ask God for healing.

During the testing **Melinda Botts** had done while she was fighting her infection, a mass was found in her abdomen. At this time it is considered to be benign, but she will be undergoing surgery in the next few weeks to have it removed. Keep her and the family in your prayers as they go through this time.

It Is Written – con't

The written Word is exceedingly important even in the midst of today's high tech electronics, etc. Not everyone has access to or the training to know how to take advantage of some of the state-of-the-art technology that is available to may. I have certainly failed in some of my past predictions, but I will make another prediction, . . .I predict that it will be a very long time, if ever, before copies of the printed Word and other materials dealing with that printed word will become obsolete.

The advantages afforded to the printed copies are many. However, there are no advantages at all if we do not seize our opportunities to Use the printed material, both for our own benefit and for the benefit of others.

"It is written" – Let's READ it, STUDY it, and DISPERSE it. ~ Byron Nichols

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. (1 Cor. 2:12)

It is written

Most of us have read in Matthew chapter three about the baptizing of Jesus by the reluctant John the Baptizer (Baptist). We have read the last verse of the chapter where God speaks from heaven and says of Jesus, "This is My beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." we then read the account in chapter four of Jesus being led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness, and it is there that Satan proceeds to confront Christ with a series of temptations. It is noteworthy that God's Son responds consistently with the affirmation, "It is written. . ." By His doing so, Jesus is testifying tot he merits of the scriptures. He is here using the written word of God as his basis for refusing to succumb to the attractive temptations created by Satan.

I have not counted them myself, but I am told that Jesus used this same phrase, "It is written," 46 times in the New Testament. Christ again and again quoted from the old testament writers as He drove home points of spiritual significance. His repeated emphasis upon God's Word reflected His confidence in the wisdom and truthfulness of the Scriptures. For example, notice His response to the false teaching of the Sadducees and their rejection of the doctrine of the resurrection. In Matthew 22:29 He answered them by saying, "...You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God." The implication is quite clear: The answers to all meaningful matters, including the resurrection, are in God's Book, the Scriptures. As Religious leaders, they should have known better.

Jesus definitely endorsed and subscribed to what we know as Proverbs 30:5, 6, where we read, "Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, lest he rebuke you, and you be found a liar." Jesus could endorse and recommend every word in God's Word.

God regarded David as "a man after My own heart" (Acts 13:22), and David certainly had the highest regard for both God and His Word. In Psalm 19:7-9 the Psalmist shows his allegiance to God and to His word. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; The statues of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

How could anyone then or now fail to understand the supremacy of the scriptures above all other writings and/or pronouncements? How could men reject the wisdom and commitment expressed to God by David in Psalm 119: 11 as he declared, "Your word I have hidden in my heart; That I might not sin against You." David recognized the value of reading, knowing, and remembering the written Word of God. It is up to the church today to lead the way in showing to the world the value of the Scriptures that can help to rescue all of us in times of trouble and tribulation.

Jesus knew "it is written" because of His personal study of God's Word. He knew it was "written" because of His familiarity with the Scriptures.

David was able to hid God's Word in his heart because he read and studied it; David knew the Word. There were no Bibles like we have today for David and others to purchase and carry with them whenever and wherever they moved about. Thus it became important to him that he read that written Word very carefully and frequently and commit as much of it as he could to memory so that he could in that way have God's Word with him at all times.

Jesus stressed things that were "written" because those were the things that were significant to God and to man's obedience. Those things that were not "written" were more than likely the ideas of me, some of whom sought to secure a following for themselves.

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