



### Women's Fellowship

**Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class**  
10:00 -11:30 am.  
Study is in Acts.

**Ladies Hand & Foot Card Fellowship:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. Play begins at 1:00pm. Card Fellowship is suspended until January.

### OutReach

#### *Christ's Closet*

Free Clothing for anyone in need. Open Wednesdays 9:00 – Noon. Please bring men's clothing. Also men's coats and blankets to distribute have been requested.

#### *Mountain States Children's Home*

Remember to bring supplies for the children's home box. Bring Non-Perishable Items.

#### *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

#### **Elders:**

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

December 18, 2016



### For Everyone Who Believes

Romans 1:16-17 contains the most life-transforming truths ever put into men's hands. If we really understand and respond to the truths in these two verses, time and eternity will be totally altered. I believe that they form the theme and thesis for the entire epistle to the Romans. In brief but glorious and comprehensive terms, the epistle is compressed into these basic truths. These verses are a statement of the gospel of Christ. In the beginning of chapter 1 Paul briefly discusses the message and himself as its messenger; then he goes on to crystalize the thesis of the epistle, the gospel of Christ, and reveal his boldness in declaring it.

Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ" (v 16a). All the learned religionists and all the philosophers of Rome did not intimidate Paul; nor did they intimidate him in Galatia (Acts 14:5-6, 19-21); Philippi (Acts 16:19-25); Thessalonica (Acts 17:5-10a); Berea (Acts 17:5-10a); Athens (Acts 17:18, 32); Corinth (Acts 18:6, 12-18a); Ephesus (Acts 19:23-30); Jerusalem (Acts 21:27-36; 22:22-24).

Paul endured every kind of verbal and physical persecution at the hands of the opponents of the gospel, yet he calmly viewed the disdain of the unbelievers, understanding the contempt and ridicule of those who rejected Christ. He faced death itself for the gospel, but never once did he become ashamed of Christ. He would face anybody, anytime, and preach Jesus Christ.

Why is Paul so bold? Verse 16 is the key. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation". He is bold to preach the gospel because of what it is and what it does. The reason Paul was not overcome by the temptation to be ashamed of the gospel, but rather proclaimed it so joyously, was that it is powerful and it changes lives. Sure it's a stumbling block, and of course it's foolishness (1 Cor. 1:23), but it's also "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth," and he knew that. Paul's supreme passion was to see men saved. He even said in Romans 9:3 that he could wish himself accursed for the sake of seeing the salvation of his people. He didn't care about his personal comfort, his reputation, or his popularity. His life offered no compromise to a clear, confrontive gospel. He preached the gospel because he knew it was the power of God that could change people. — John McArthur

(16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. (17) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." Rom. 1:16-17

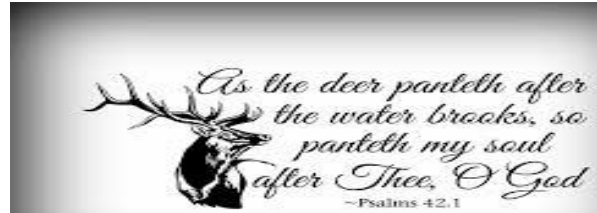
Attendance 12/11 A.M. Worship: 54 / Budget: \$2000.00 / Contribution 12/11: \$2137.67

**Keep these Dates in Minds:**

- 12/11 Congregational meeting at 5:00p cancelled
- 12/18 Rescheduled Congregational meeting at 5:00p
- 12/21 Soup Night at 6:00pm
- 12/25 Congregational meeting at 5:00p cancelled
- 12/30 Game Night at 6:00pm
- 1/1 First Sunday potluck
- 1/14 Men's Breakfast and fellowship
- 1/15 Open Conareaational Meeting at 5:00p

**Bible Studies:**

- Adult Class (S) – Hebrews; (W) – Romans - Fellowship Hall
- Young Adults (S, W) – Acts - Spanish Room
- Youth Classes – Classroom Wing



***Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.***

**Quiet Conversations**

Do you ever talk to yourself? Sometimes when I'm working on a project—usually under the hood of a car—I find it helpful to think aloud, working through my options on the best way to make the repair. If someone catches me in my "conversation" it can be a little embarrassing—even though talking to ourselves is something most of us do every day.

The psalmists often talked to themselves in the Psalms. The author of Psalm 116 is no exception. In verse 7 he writes, "Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you." Reminding himself of God's kindness and faithfulness in the past is a practical comfort and help to him in the present. We see "conversations" like this frequently in the Psalms. In Psalm 103:1 David tells himself, "Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name." And in Psalm 62:5 he affirms, "Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him."

It's good to remind ourselves of God's faithfulness and the hope we have in Him. We can follow the example of the psalmist and spend some time naming the many ways God has been good to us. As we do, we'll be encouraged. The same God who has been faithful in the past will continue His love for us in the future. —James Banks

(22) The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; (23) they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (24) "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." Lamentations 3:22-24



**Health Issues:** Pam Fox's grandson, Canaco & Eli , Abigail Jones, Karen McBurney, Dustin Stecker, Doris Pennington, Betty VanVoorst, Logan Johnson (Amanda McCrickard's friend's son), Bob Childers, Eddie Petros, Frank Shaw, Gayle Caldwell, Gerald Funnell, Josh Mendoza

**In the Military:** Levi Toombs  
A Request was made for men's coats and blankets to give out to the homeless. Please bring your contributions to the clothing room.

A Request for a lift chair for Bob Childers has been made. If you have one or know of one let Shirley or Dustin know.

**Blessed Are . . .  
Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness**  
(Matthew 5:6)

When we think of "righteousness" we primarily think of it as a spiritual word that refers to our moral condition and our relationship with God. That is not incorrect, but in both Hebrew and Greek, the words translated as "righteousness" in our bibles also convey the meaning "justice."

So it would be good for us when we read Jesus talking about hungering and thirsting for "righteousness", that we assume He is referring to those who actively seek conduct which results in right relationship with God *and* other people. This also makes a lot of sense based on Jesus listing the two greatest commandments as loving God with everything we have and loving our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22.37-39).

Another key idea to this beatitude is the idea of having "hunger and thirst" for righteousness. Living in the financially blessed conditions of the United States, most of us really know very little about what it means to be hungry or thirsty. The hunger of the ancient world was not a gentle growling of the stomach reminding us that it is time for us to eat for the first time in a few hours. Most people barely had enough to eat to get by, and meals of more than enough (like what you and I get any time we go to a fast food restaurant) were very rare indeed. Similarly, whenever we are thirsty, we can generally get access to clean drinking water within a matter of minutes. Again, this was not the case in the ancient world. So the idea here is not someone who has a mild desire for righteousness, but rather, someone who desperately craves it.

How much do you desire to be right with God and other people? As much as a starving person wants food? Because *that* is the characteristic of citizens of the kingdom that Jesus is describing here, and He says that those with such a hunger will be satisfied. —Luke Dockery

(11) But Flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance *and* gentleness. (12) Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

(1 Timothy 6:11:12)