

Sharing the Gospel

When God gave Christians the privilege as well as the responsibility of sharing His Gospel with the rest of the world, He knew that He would also be providing His children with the tool through which they could learn much concerning His own nature and feelings. When our hearts reach out in deep love for a person who is lost - a person we are trying to teach - we glow with a small part of the joy and happiness of God when he/she is obedient; or if the response is negative, we feel the hurt Jesus felt when the rich young ruler turned away (Mark 10:21). We learn how it feels to long in agony for the welfare of someone who has done nothing to merit our concern; we experience deep grief when that person follows wrong thinking and won't be guided by God's council. And we, ourselves, grow with every joy and pang ~Unknown

6Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty. But it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:6-11)

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Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

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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 11/08: 21

Budget \$2484.00

Contribution: 11/08: \$1743.00

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KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



Christ Like People

Everything Jesus taught in Matthew 5-7. He lived out in His own life. This was not an empty message which even He could not follow. As we have seen throughout these articles, Jesus taught it, but He also lived it. That sort of genuineness cannot be faked. It is either there or it isn't. Jesus did turn the other cheek. He did forgive His enemies. His prayers were not long and eloquent, in fact, the prayers we have that He prayed are brief, emotional and simple. In other words, they were genuine talks with God, not shows to impress people.

The Lord did not play religious games and put on a big show of being a good Jew. He was a genuine human who followed the will of God openly, honestly and genuinely. What Jesus taught in this sermon could be seen, repeatedly, in His life. It came through in His dealings with people, whether a woman caught in the act of adultery (John 8), or the Roman soldiers who nailed Him to a cross (Luke 23). It even showed in the way He dealt with "sinners," like Levi and Zaccheus and sinners like the Pharisees and Sadducees. Jesus was the same with all people, seeking their well-being in this life and salvation for the next life.

We can learn a lot from this principle. Those around us, especially who know we are followers of Christ, should see genuine love, genuine mercy, genuine joy in the way we live. When we imitate the Christ, we will demonstrate that His way of life, a genuine reflection of the Heavenly Father, is a powerful life with powerful influence in the lives of others.

Jesus did not stop His ministry with this sermon, He began it! This is the first step in His public ministry and now, people have a spoken standard by which to judge Him. Will He really be happy being poor in spirit? Will He actually put into practice all that He has preached? The Lord has three years of hard work ahead, culminating with His death on the cross and His powerful, overcoming victory over death in His resurrection. All of this was because He not only taught these principles, He lived them. To be like Christ is to be doers of the word, as He was.

The sermon on the mount was not some "pie in the sky" simple philosophy. Instead, it was a powerful, life-changing way of living. After His ascension, His followers, from Peter to Paul, will put into practice this message, and they, along with many others, will change today's world, Covid-19 and all, if we put His principles into practice today. The world needs this message; not just in sermons, but in our lives and action.

Early in the sermon on the mount, Jesus said, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). When we look and act like Jesus, our lights will shine! When we love and forgive like Jesus, our lights will shine! So, ask yourself, what kind of light are you shining? Are you a dim candle, barely noticeable? Or are you a beam of light, reflecting the nature of God and His Son? When we apply this sermon and live it, our lights will Shine!

~David Thurman

Keep These Dates in Mind

Since we have entered into this time of uncertainty with those in the government asking us to keep our assemblies to a minimum and to use caution and discretion as we meet, any activities that may be planned will be announced in a timely fashion a week before they are planned to happen and will be put out on the call multiplier.

Sandy Gray has volunteered to put out an informational email during the week to update the church of immediate prayer needs or information that needs to be disseminated before/in-between our scheduled meeting times. If you wish to be on this list, please contact her and give her your email information.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pat Lindsay 11/1
Sallie Winstead 11/7
Mike & Cindy Manning 11/9
Gary & Linda Bills 11/10
Lupe Mendoza 11/21
Holly Preston 11/29
Connie Stecker 11/30

*Let us go forward
in peace, our eyes
upon heaven, the
only one goal of our
labors.*

St. Therese of Lisieux

Bible Studies

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday a - O.T.
Sunday p -James
Wed p -Thessalonians

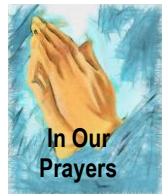
Youth Classes

Classroom Wing
Teen Class -
Teen Room

Ladies Class

Thursday 10:00 a

Ongoing Health issues: Pansy Caywood, Shirley Childers, Marilyn Davis, Sandy Gray, Fran Henniger, Linda Lafferty, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Lupe Mendoza, Shannon Mendoza,, Tami Pennington, Eunice Petros, Helen Pierce, Bill & Linda Lafferty's daughter-in-law, Michael Stimson, Fred Fleming, Hubbard Family



Linda Lafferty was diagnosed as needing a pacemaker to solve her blood pressure issues and had surgery to place it this week. She is home but says it may take her a bit of time to recover from two surgeries so close together.

Jim Preston dealing with debilitating migraines

Fran Henniger is home and doing better although she still has some follow up still to come. Her Brother **Fred Fleming** passed away a week Saturday. He requested that there be no memorial for him.

Doris Pennington has recovered from her bought with Covid-19 but has since been diagnosed with COPD

Michael Stimson has developed a bubble in his carotid artery. There is a possibility of stroke. Please keep all these in your prayers this week.

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)

Peru 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)

Don't Ever Surrender

The world is full of wickedness (1 John 5:19). Darkness is everywhere. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Man is therefore lost and without hope. Satan is the prince of this world and controls the masses.

All of the corruption and evil in the heart of man originated with Satan – the devil, the evil one – who is described as a liar and a deceiver (John 8:44). With the majority giving themselves to various sins and wickedness, and reaping the consequences of the same, is it any wonder that there is so much war, crime, hurt, and sorrow in the world?

Even in America, the place which once was called "a Christian nation", the evils of sin reign supreme. Half of the marriages end in divorce. One-third of the babies conceived die by choice. One-fourth of all births are illegitimate. Violence and abuse have become common factors in these broken homes. Through the disintegration of the home and of family values, the very fabric of the nation is rotted and will surely disintegrate unless change comes quickly.

But America is not the only nation with critical problems. Throughout the world, sin reigns within man, in social life, in the family, in religion, in politics, and in business affairs. Man is power-hungry. Bribery and corruption are accepted as necessary. Wars erupt within nations and among nations, resulting in oppression of the weak by the strong. This often brings starvation, death destruction, and the yearning for peace that is seldom found.

Even the religious world is corrupt. There are many false religions, with numerous false teachers (Matthew 24:24). Most obey the doctrines and commandments of men, and their worship of God is in vain. The vast majority are on the broad way that leads to eternal destruction.

With all that is wrong in this world, it would be easy to become disillusioned, confused and ready to surrender to Satan and his massive army. There might be the feeling, what is the use? The forces against us are too great. Eventually, finally, after all the struggle, we will lose."

But there is still hope.

The God of heaven is greater than the god of this world. Although humanity was lost and undeserving, the eternal Creator had mercy and sent His Son into this world to die on the cross in the place of sinful man, in order that the obedient might be saved. Through Christ we can know the forgiveness of our sins, and He will add us to His family, which is also described as an army that fights a spiritual warfare with the prince of darkness and all of his forces.

Although the Christian life is depicted by some as being a difficult life, it offers far more than Satan offers. We may be in the minority but we have the Lord's promise that He will always be with us (Matthew 28:20). We have a Father to call upon for help. We have our brethren, fellow soldiers, to join with us in our opposition to the world. We have the Word of God to guide us, and all spiritual blessings in Christ to sustain us. Above all, we have the hope of eternal life in that new world where we shall ever be with the Lord.

My plea, then, to all of us would be that we never give up, that we never quit, or become unfaithful, or surrender to the Wicked One. We must remember: we have the Lord's promise that in the end we will be victorious. No matter how much suffering or pain we experience in this life, and regardless of the challenges we must face and the battles we must fight, still, the Christian is assured of victory. We must never forget that.

Therefore, we must keep ourselves pure, remain godly, continue to stand for God and the truth, preach His gospel to the world, worship Him faithfully, and serve Him always. He will bless us and help us, even in the day-to-day challenges of this physical life, and in the world to come He has promised an eternal home with Him, (Revelation 2:10). The apostle Paul said, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18). With that, we say in the name of Christ: Amen and amen. ~J.C. Choate