

## You and Worship

Henry Ward Beecher, the famous pulpit orator, had to be absent one time. His brother was invited to speak for him. The church was crowded, but when it became evident the eloquent Henry Beecher was not going to appear, many started to leave. Beecher's brother was not disturbed. He stood up before the murmuring crowd, call for silence and said, "All who came this morning to worship Henry W. Beecher may now leave. The rest will remain and worship God."

No one left after that. What are we doing in our assemblies? Some, like the Athenians, come only to hear the preacher say "something" (Acts 17:20-21). "Is it relevant?" "Is it positive?" Are mental guidelines used in judging sermons? Some attend to judge the singing, the prayers or the friendliness of a congregation. These go away with a host of criticisms, perhaps – or even pride – but worship has been forgotten.

Why do we gather for worship? Some are there to get "it over with for a week," to get their ticket validated once more. But those who are there because they need strength in carrying their cross know the value in true worship.

Worship has nothing to do with the song leader or the talent of the preacher. It has to do with you and your God. Let people do what they will to please themselves. "The rest will remain and worship God.

~ Norman Easter

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

(Psalm 32:1-2)

### 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome

Attendance 04/14 64 |

Budget \$2400.33 |

Contribution 04/14 \$2382.81

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### The Victory that is Mine in Christ

When we live in sin, we are "bondservants of sin" (John 8:34, Rom. 6:17). Only Christ can break the shackles. "Since then the children are sharers in flesh and blood, he also himself in like manner partook of the same; that through death he might bring to nought him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and might deliver all them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage (Heb. 2:14-15). Only Jesus Christ can set me free. No one else can overcome Satan, but Jesus has!

We live, we sin, we die, then what? Christ is the answer. We live for Him. "This is the end of the matter; all hath been heard: fear God, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:13). Even though we sin, "Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). The fear of death is destroyed by His resurrection from the dead. "Since then the children are sharers in flesh and blood, he also himself in like manner partook of the same; that through death he might bring to nought him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and might deliver all them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage ( Heb. 2:14-15).

The apostle Paul writes of that resurrection. "If we have hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable. But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of them that are asleep...If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body...as we have borne the image of the earthly; we shall also bear the image of the heavenly...For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality...The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:19-20, 44, 49, 53, 56-57). Jesus says, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). If I live for Him, walk with Him, then His victory is mine! That is why I am a Christian.

Why aren't you a Christian? Jesus wants you to be. He promises to save you from sin, to help you through this life and take you home with him to live forever. If there is a God, and the Bible is His word, then Jesus is the Christ. Christ is the only means of coming to God. But if you will come to Him, surrender your life to Him, yours will be the eternal victory! ~Clem Thurman

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or season that the Father has fixed by His own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. <sup>9</sup>And when He had said these things, as they were they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, " and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come again in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.

(Acts 1:6-11)

<b>Keep These Dates in Mind</b>	<b>April Birthdays and Anniversaries</b>		
03/31 Fifth Sunday Singing <b>04/07</b> First Sunday Potluck 04/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 04/14 Open Congregation Meeting 5:00p 04/19 Family Fun Night 6:00p <b>05/05</b> First Sunday Potluck 05/11 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship Open Congregation Meeting 5:00p 05/15 Soup Night 05/24 Family Night 6:00p	Avi Botts 4/3 Betty VanVorst 4/6 John Hopkins 4/8 Al & Pat Lindsay 4/12 LaVern & Sammie Engelke 4/18 Eunice Petross 4/25	<b>When you choose to see the good in others, you end up finding the good in yourself</b>	
	<b>Bible Studies</b>		
<b>Even in the most difficult of trials, God is there in a unique way To ensure our victory</b>	<b>Adult Bible Classes</b> Sunday am.-O.T. Beginning in Gen 12 Wed pm – Shadows of the church from the O.T	<b>Youth Classes</b> Classroom Wing <b>Teen Class -</b> Teen Room	<b>Ladies Class</b> Thursday 10:00a.m – 11:30a.m.



**Issues (ongoing):** Karen McBurney, Shirley Childers, Kaleb McCrickard, Sue Aldrich, Marji Lindholm, The Johnson family, Marilyn Davis, Randy Hargus, Eunice Petros, Tami Pennington

.Marilyn and Leland's daughter did suffer a stroke and appears to have some paralysis on one side of her body. While they were doing tests, it was discovered that she has stage 4 cancer. Please keep this family in your prayers as they continue to struggle with this battle.

Many have asked for prayers for family members including **Karen McBurney (father), Amanda McCrickard (mother), Leland and Marilyn Davis (daughter)**. Please add them to your prayer list.

Our lectureship begins May 1<sup>st</sup>. Keep these dates in mind and invite your friends to attend.

### **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)

#### **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)

### **Think on these things**

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things (Phil. 4:8).

**Things that are true** – Let our thoughts be upon things that are superior, things of worth, things of excellence and value.

**Things that are Just** – Let us think about things that are upright, honest, and free of bias, things that are right and moral, fair, and right conduct. In all our thinking let us be guided by the Bible while making inquiry to God in prayer.

**Things that are Pure** – Let our thoughts be on heaven and heavenly things and let our minds be set on things that are superior, things free from moral corruption and evil intent. May our hearts be pure, and may we recall the words we sing in Mrs. A. L. Davidson's song: "Purer in heart, O God, Help me to be." We need to always recall and live according to the words of Jesus when He said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8).

**Things that are Lovely** – Think on things that are lovely and beautiful. Let us think on the beautiful qualities

And pleasing things that are seen in the lives of men women, and children. Think on the beauty of God's plan for us and the handiwork of His vast creation. From a song, we have the warm admonition and encouragement to sing, "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen." Yes, let the beauty of Christ be seen in you and me.

**Things of Good Report** – Consider and think about things that are favorable, right, and proper, things that will endure, things that are correct and honorable, and things that have approval. Things having approval would include the good works of Christians. The Bible reveals many things that are of good report. In writing to the Colossians, Paul mentioned hearing of their faith in Christ and love for all the saints (1:4). Another example is in his epistle to the Romans, in which he wrote that their faith was spoken of throughout the world (1:8)

**Virtue and Praise** – In considering virtue, our thoughts most likely include things of moral excellence, right decisions and actions. Also, we would undoubtedly think about such things as justice, prudence, fortitude, temperance, and certainly faith, hope, and charity. Also, let us have good vision and see the commendable deeds of our fellow saints.

In conclusion, let us meditate (think deeply and continuously) on things that are noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous, and commendable. Moreover, we know that the peace of God surpasses all understanding and will guard out hearts and minds through Jesus Christ: "For our citizenship is in heaven; whence also we wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 4:7). Accordingly, let us set our minds on Christ and rejoice in knowing that our citizenship is in heaven: "For our citizenship is in heaven; whence also we wait for a Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ" (3:20). ~Orville Worley

*To see the face of our Lord, we must only look as far as our brother or sister sitting next to us. Whatever kindness we show to them is being received by Christ. When we see their faces, the faces of our brethren in need, there is a sense in which we are seeing the lovely face of Jesus.*