

Mountain States Children's Home

Remember to stock up on supplies to bring for the children's home collection **which takes place on March 25, 2018**. Keep this work in your prayers. **March is quickly approaching!**

What to Bring (Some Suggestions – See bulletin board for complete list):

- Picante Sauce
- Soy Sauce
- Olive Oil
- Granola Bars
- Individual Bags of Chips
- Graham Crackers
- Basil, Oregano, Garlic, Italian
- Jasmine Rice
- 2 lb Flour
- Decaf Coffee
- 100% Fruit Juices
- Spaghetti Sauce (Glass containers only)
- Instant Oatmeal
- Refried Beans
- Ranch Dressing
- Disposable Razors
- Tampons
- Mouthwash
- Gal & Qt. Ziploc bags
- Dish Washer Detergent
- Disposable Cups, Plates & Bowls
- Clorox Bleach
- Plastic Cutlery

<i>Peru Ministry</i> Support Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru.	<i>Kennewick Spring Lectureship April 11 – 15</i> Harvesting the Scriptures
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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.

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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 02/11: 65 | Budget \$2400.33 | Contribution 02/11: \$2436.25

February 18, 2018



Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

This Life is a Vapor

"But we have to make a living!" How often do we hear that, as we exhort someone to give their lives to Jesus Christ? Look again at James 4, "Come now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall both live, and do this or that. But now you glory in your vauntings: all such glorying is evil. To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:13-17). Planning ahead and making a living are a waste of time if we ignore the Lord in the process.

We need to recognize that our lives belong to God, and we live only according to His mercy and His will. And, we must know, too, that we shall die. "And inasmuch as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh judgment" (Heb. 9:27). As God told Adam and Eve, "in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground, for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" (Gen. 3:19). Solomon wrote of death this way, "For the living know that they shall die...and the dust returneth to the earth as it was, and the spirit returneth unto God who gave it" (Eccl. 9:5; 12:7).

A few years ago, I stood in Jericho and viewed the sites of excavation of ancient cities. The guide told us that the city of Jericho had been levelled and rebuilt at least seventeen times! Excavations reveal a city that dates back more than six thousand years, according to the archaeologists. How accurate their dating may be is debatable, but that those many cities have existed over many generations is fact. I saw the evidence. And, I could not help but think, as I stood in that ancient city, "how puny I am!" So many important people lived, and died, there. Now all sign of them is buried under sand and rubble. And, who will remember me fifty years from now? If we live our "three score and ten," that seventy years is but a vapor compared with the ongoing stream of time. And time itself is nothing when compared with eternity!

We think this life is all there is and all that matters. But, James reminds us that our lives are short and not our own. That is why Peter tells us, "For, All flesh is as grass, And all the glory thereof as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower falleth: but the word of the Lord abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:24-25). All flesh is temporary and will not endure. The "glory" and "splendor" of man's deeds will not last. The only thing that will last is the abiding Word of God. ~Clem Thurman

Builders All

*Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings, and clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And common folk like you and me, are builders for eternity?*

To each is given a bag of tools, a shapeless mass and a book of rules.

And each must make, "ere life has flown,"

A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

(R. L. Sharpe)

Birthdays and Anniversaries for February

Gary Koci 2/1
Curtis Mohr 2/1
Frank Shaw 2/1
Leland & Marilyn Davis 2/8
Linda Bills 2/14
Eric & Jeffra Slagle 2/14
Ron Stephens 2/14
Joe Botts 2/15
Buzz & Cathy Heston 2/15
Wanda Danley 2/16
Al Lindsay 2/16
Rick Freitag 2/18
Jim Preston 2/22
Josh Mendoza 2/27

Keep these Dates in Mind:

02/02 Game Night 6:00p
02/04 First Sunday Potluck
02/10 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
02/11 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
02/25 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
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Bible Studies:

Adult Class - Fellowship Hall (S) –Epistles of Peter (W) – Romans	Youth Classes - Classroom Wing Ladies Class – Fellowship Hall
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Health Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Amanda McCrickard, Kaleb McCrickard, Savannah and Christian Johnson (friends of the McCrickards, daughter suffering from mitochondrial disease), Christy Hickman, Joshua Hickman, Vern Mast, Sue Aldrich

Bob and Shirley Childers pray for them while they are separated as they recover. If you can help drive Bob to and from Services see Dustin for details.

Lupe Mendoza started chemo therapy this week. Keep her in your prayers as she

Deals with the side effects.

Margie Lindholm, Wanda Danley's sister, who has been diagnosed with cancer. Pray for both families.

Sammie Engelke's tests came back cancer free, so prayers of thanksgiving for that news.

Amanda McCrickard's surgery went well and she is home recovering. She requests prayers for her recovery.

Speakers at our Lectureship: Morne Stephanus; Dustin Campbell; Richard Sutton; Terrance Brownlow Dindv Jr.



Dustin Campbell

Dustin is a graduate of the Bear Valley Bible institute in Denver Colorado. He loves to preach and minister in anyway he can to the congregation.

He is also involved as a Chaplain for the Lander Police Department as well as a Chaplain for Help for Health Hospice located out of Riverton. Dustin is married to Amanda and has three children, Danika, Wyatt and Melanie.

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Giving Answer For Our Religion

Most of us have likely heard one or more of the following statements: "I don't believe in arguing the Bible;" "The truth doesn't need defending;" "Debating is unchristian;" The devil couldn't be more pleased with such statements - they contradict God and the Bible! Contrary to such thinking, Christians are obligated to think logically, to reason soundly, and to use logic and reasoning in defending the faith (Jude 3).

Paul states, "Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good" (1 Thess. 5:21). To prove is to try, discern (Phil. 1:10), examine (Gal. 6:4), and put to the test (1 Cor 11:28). The conclusion being that Christians are to prove, try and test what is heard regardless who the speaker might be. The Bereans were of this disposition, "searching the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). For this reason, "they were more noble than those in Thessalonica."

Those who mix truth and error are consistently before us and we must ever be on guard. Subsequently, we must not only be studious, but questioning and testing what is said. Jesus warned, "Take heed what ye hear" (Mark 4:24). Our testing equipment in testing what we hear is the Bible. It is our measuring rod, our "yardstick" to determine correctness.

Peter exhorts, "sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and [be] ready always to [give] an answer..." (1 Peter 3:15). The Greek word translated "give an answer" is a legal term used in court wherein the attorney talks his client off a charge levied against him [Wuest's Word Studies, First Peter, p.89]. Since the Bible has verbal defense except its believers, persons of faith must be its defenders. Therefore, Peter enjoins upon Christians the obligation to defend the faith in a verbal way - "give an answer." The only restriction is that it must be done with an attitude of "meekness" and "fear" in trusting God and His word rather than self.

God called upon Israel to "reason" (Isa. 1:18) and so Elijah debated the false prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:21). Religion needs to be constantly tested and tried as to its quality. In the cases of God and Israel, and Elijah and the false prophets of Baal, the genuineness of the two religions was tested and that which was not of God was shown to be vain and wanting.

One's "Christianity" stands in its right to exist as the religion from God when it can be substantiated in faith and practice in light of Scripture. Children and servants of God are: 1) To not believe every speaker (1 John 4:1); 2) Not to succumb to a perverted Gospel (Gal. 1:6-9); 3) Beware of those who go onward and abide not in the Doctrine/Gospel of Christ (2 John 9-11); 4) Mark them that cause divisions and occasions contrary to the doctrine of Christ (Rom. 16:17-18); 5) Contend (go to battle) for the faith once delivered (Jude 3); 6) Reason out of the Scriptures as Paul did at Athens and Ephesus (Acts 17:17; 19:8); 7) Expound more accurately to others the way of God as did Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:26); and 8) like Paul, be "set for the defense of the Gospel" (Phil. 1:17).

Valid and sound argument is not wrangling or contentious dispute, but is the method of giving proof and evidence. By reasoning truth, we confirm Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of God; the New Testament plan of salvation and worship; church polity, etc. We are confident in what we believe and practice because we have Scripture to witness to our intellectual hearts in the matter. Consequently, such confidence allows us to teach and preach with all boldness (Acts 4:29).

~Joe W. Nichols

¹Oh come let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. ⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. ⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker! ⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. (Psalm 95:1-7)