

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

Christ's Closet

Free Clothing for anyone in need. Open Wednesdays 9:00 – Noon.

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.

Mountain States Children's Home

Remember to stock up on non-perishable supplies to bring for the children's home collection which takes in August and March each year. Keep this work in your prayers.

Peru Ministry

Support Oscar and Anna Maria 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

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

September 24, 2017

**Welcome to the
Kennewick Church of Christ**

My cup runneth over

The phrase *my cup runneth over* is the King James Version's wording of Psalm 23:5. Other versions say "*my cup overflows.*" A cup runs over when it cannot hold all that is being poured into it. The emphasis of Psalm 23 is the Good Shepherd's loving care for His sheep (cf. John 10:11, 14). The Lord not only gives His people what they need (Psalm 23:1–2), but He supplies abundance in the midst of difficult times (verse 5). This abundance is not limited to material blessings under the Old Covenant, but it also includes the Holy Spirit's future outpouring upon all who ask (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:1–4).

The Bible emphasizes the excessive love, blessing, and power that God desires to pour out on those who love Him (Malachi 3:10; Lamentations 3:22; Psalm 108:4). Jesus reflected God's generosity when He said, "*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly*" (John 10:10). Paul continues that theme in Ephesians 3:20 and describes God as the One "*who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.*" Romans 8:37 promises that we are "*more than conquerors through Him who loves us.*" The message echoed in each passage is that of God's excessive grace and provision for every area of our lives. He is not stingy, nor are His blessings confined to temporal things. In Christ we can have overflowing joy, overflowing love, and overflowing peace. We can bear everlasting fruit for God's kingdom, and we can overcome impossible challenges when the Holy Spirit fills our hearts until our "*cup runneth over.*"

The Bible records many mighty things done when people were filled with (i.e., controlled by) the Holy Spirit (Exodus 31:2–3; Ezekiel 43:5; Luke 1:67; Acts 4:31). We are urged to be filled with the Spirit as well (Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:16, 25). However, as a glass cannot be filled with milk if it is already filled with mud, we cannot be filled with the Spirit when we are already filled with sin, pride, or self-will. Before we can be filled to overflowing, we must be willing to empty ourselves of everything that would hinder the Spirit's working in our lives. It is only when our hearts are filled with God that we can accomplish all He desires to do in and through us. His grace knows no limits for those whose hearts are wholly His (2 Chronicles 16:9a). He desires to fill us with His Spirit until our cup runneth over. ~Unknown

*If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it
In Happy Moments, praise God
In Difficult Moments, Seek God
In Quiet Moments, Worship God
In Painful Moments, trust God
In Every Moment, thank God*

Attendance 9/17: 73

| Budget \$2000.00

| Contribution 9/17: \$2274.98

Keep these Dates in Minds:

- 09/03 First Sunday Potluck
- 09/09 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 09/10 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 09/24 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 10/08 First Sunday Potluck
- 10/14 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 10/15 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 10/29 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Birthdays and Anniversaries for September

- Craig & Debbie Bolt -- 9/1
- Dylan Kuhns -- 9/10
- Anna Hopkins -- 9/14
- Kristy Hickman -- 9/16
- Natasha Lathim -- 9/17
- Jack Danley -- 9/18
- Norm & Barbara Goldsmith -- 9/21
- Marie Frolin -- 9/22
- Eric Slagle -- 9/22
- Laveda Brumfield -- 9/22
- Jerret Hyndshaw -- 9/26
- Dylan Lathim -- 9/30

Bible Studies:

- Adult Class (S) –Epistles of John
(W) – Romans - Fellowship Hall
- Youth Classes – Classroom Wing
- Ladies Class –10:00a - 11:30a



Health Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Darlena Moon, Amanda McCrickard, Kaleb McCrickard, Savannah and Christian Johnson (friends of the McCrickards, daughter suffering from mitochondrial disease), Christy Hickman, Joshua Hickman

Bill Ellis (formerly of this congregation) fell off his tracker and broke ribs and his pelvis. He will be in the hospital through this week in Bend Oregon.

God uses suffering to strengthen our faith

In the ancient story of Job, we see a devout follower of God whose life has been laid bare by financial, family, and physical suffering. The book of Job asks the perennial question, "Why do the righteous suffer?" Job's ordeals test his devotion to his Redeemer and Provider. Clearly the book shows how God uses suffering to strengthen believers' faith and refine their character. Job declares, "But [God] knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold" (Job 23:10). ~Dennis Fisher



I hope jogging counts as running with perseverance.



*Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord
Come and quench this thirsting in
my soul
Bread from Heaven, feed me 'til I
want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me
whole
Richard Blanchard*

It Must Be Lived

"I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called" (Eph. 4:1). The apostle Paul begged the believers in Ephesus to live worthy of the calling of the Lord Jesus. In that passage, being worthy had to do with getting along with others in a unified body of believers. "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all and in all" (Eph. 4:2-6). Paul wanted all who were saved by the gospel to live worthy of the gospel by being united.

Living the gospel must also include a new direction. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, and ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:1-2). Living the gospel means dying to self and offering myself to God. This will change me and my direction in life. I will then be able to prove the good and perfect will of God. That is the gospel!

Others will be able to see the effects of living the gospel. Paul encouraged the Colossians "To walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Col. 1:10). When we believe and obey the gospel, we will live to please the Lord. We will bear fruit in our good works. We will increase in our knowledge of God. We must live the gospel in our daily choices.

When Paul wrote the words of the text of this article, he touched a nerve center with us all. Let us all determine to study and learn the Word of the Lord. Let us determine that we shall live as that Word demands. And, let us also determine that we shall fully "obey the gospel" without trying to "pick and choose" what parts we want to live by and which to ignore. We must accept all of the gospel. We must teach it, believe it, obey it and live it.
~Clem Thurman

Watch the Conductor

World-renowned violinist, Joshua Bell, has an unusual way of leading the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, a forty-four-member chamber orchestra. Instead of waving a baton he directs while playing his Stradivarius with the other violinists. Bell told Colorado Public Radio, "Even while I'm playing I can give them all kinds of direction and signals that I think only they would understand at this point. They know by every little dip in my violin, or raise in my eyebrow, or the way I draw the bow. They know the sound I'm looking for from the entire orchestra."

Just as the orchestra members watch Joshua Bell, the Bible instructs us to keep our eyes on Jesus our Lord. After listing many heroes of the faith in Hebrews 11, the writer says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (Heb. 12:1-2).

Jesus promised, "I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matt. 28:20). Because He is, we have the amazing privilege of keeping our eyes on Him while He conducts the music of our lives.

~David C. McCasland

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