



### 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 will begin on the second Tuesday this month.

### OutReach

#### *Christ's Closet*

Free Clothing for anyone in need. Open Wednesdays 9:00 – Noon.  
Please bring men and boys clothing. There is a need for any men's clothing.

#### *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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#### **Minister:**

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

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## Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

### I Believe

I cannot know by philosophical speculations or pragmatic experience that God exists -  
But I believe.

I cannot look into the remote past to envision blank nothingness, then see by arbitrary act of God a chaotic world appear -

But I believe.

I cannot hear the distant thunder of the voice of God when he said, "Let there be," and there appeared plants and rocks and bees, land and stars and seas, birds and fish and trees as God brought both plan and pattern to the universe -

But I believe.

I cannot feel the surge of life in the clay made flesh of Adam as God crowned His creation by breathing life into dead matter -

But I believe.

I cannot fully understand the plan of God, concealed from prophets and hidden from angels, but revealed to us in these latter days. Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and the prophets with only a dim vision and wonder foretold Gog's mysteries, but then God broke into history with His Son, Jesus, to reveal His incomprehensible and immeasurable love. I do not know why or how -

But I believe.

I cannot prove the wonders of Moses, the signs of Elijah or the miracles of Jesus. Both time and space prevent us from the scientific examination of the valley of the Red Sea, Elijah's fiery chariot in the sky, or the resurrection of Jesus -

But I believe.

I cannot know why my sins could be covered by the blood of Jesus in one noble sacrifice on a remote hill in obscure Palestine nearly 2000 years ago –

But I believe.

I cannot describe with words the love of God who sent His Son or the constant presence of Jesus in our daily life or the help of the Holy Spirit He sent as a Comforter –

But I believe.

Somehow I see, hear, feel, understand and know –

Because I chose to believe.

I would be untrue to myself and God in heaven to deny the reality of faith within my soul.

Jimmy Jividen in Inspiration and Authority of the Scriptures, p25: While doing doctoral work at the University of Southern California, I came to a better understanding of faith in God and His Scriptures. All of my religious professors were agnostics or atheists. In this context, my faith was challenged. While working through this conflict, I sat down and wrote these words:

Attendance 1/08 A.M. Worship: 45 / Budget: \$2000.00 / Contribution 1/08: \$1848.00

### ***Keep these Dates in Minds:***

- 1/15 Open Congregational Meeting at 5:00p
- 1/18 Soup Night 6:00p before Wed Bible Study
- 1/21 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 1/27 Game Night 6:00p
- 1/29 Open Congregational Meeting at 5:00p
- 2/5 First Sunday potluck
- 2/11 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 2/15 Soup Night 6:00p before Wed Bible Study
- 2/25 Game Night 6:00p

### ***Bible Studies:***

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

### ***Birthdays and Anniversaries for January***

- Hannah Minor 1/5
- Linda Lafferty 1/8
- Gayle Caldwell 1/12
- Holden Minor 1/15
- Henry Walker 1/18
- Larry Moore 1/19
- Mary Beth Walker 1/22
- Shirley Childers 1/24
- Eddie & Eunice Petross 1/24
- Loretta Slettene 1/26
- Mary Lewis 1/27
- Casey Berry 1/28

### **THINGS YOU CAN'T BUY IN STORES**



### **The Important things in Life**

A philosophy professor stood before his class with some items on the table in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, about 2 inches in diameter.

He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks.

He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up the remaining open areas of the jar.

He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "Yes."

"Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The rocks are the important things – your family, your partner, your health, your children – things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter – like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else, the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take your partner out on a date. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party, or fix the disposal."

"Take care of the rocks first – the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

*-Author Unknown*



**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, Gayle Caldwell, Frank Shaw, Darlena Moon.

**Need Prayers:** Will Crow and his wife

**In the Military:** Levi Toombs

Bruce Pennington – In hospital with fluid in the lungs

### **Growing in the Wind**

Imagine a world without wind. Lakes would be calm. Falling leaves wouldn't blow in the streets. But in still air, who would expect trees to suddenly fall over? That's what happened in a three-acre glass dome built in the Arizona desert. Trees growing inside a huge windless bubble called Biosphere 2 grew faster than normal until suddenly collapsing under their own weight. Project researchers eventually came up with an explanation. These trees needed wind stress to grow strong.

Jesus let His disciples experience gale-force winds to strengthen their faith (Mark 4:36-41). During a night crossing of familiar waters, a sudden storm proved too much even for these seasoned fishermen. Wind and waves were swamping their boat while an exhausted Jesus slept in the stern. In a panic they woke Him. *Didn't it bother their Teacher that they were about to die? What was He thinking?* Then they began to find out. Jesus told the wind and waves to be quiet—and asked His friends why they still had no faith in Him.

If the wind had not blown, these disciples would never have asked, "Who is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!" (Mark 4:41).

Today, life in a protective bubble might sound good. But how strong would our faith be if we couldn't discover for ourselves His reassuring "be still" when the winds of circumstance howl?

*—Mart DeHaan*

In Mark 4:35-5:43 the gospel writer tells of four miracles to prove that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of God" and therefore has absolute authority over the forces of this physical world (4:35-41), over the powers of the spiritual world (5:1-20), over physical illnesses (5:24-34), and over death (5:35-43). These miracles were designed to answer the question, "Who is this?" (4:41). The first miracle was Jesus calming the storm on Galilee. Because the Sea of Galilee is in a basin about 700 feet below sea level and is surrounded by mountains, sudden and violent storms are common (v.37). That Jesus was tired and soundly asleep showed that he was fully human (v. 38); that the storm instantly obeyed him showed he was divine (v. 39)

*-Sim Kay Tee*

*(1) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (2) For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. (3) By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (Hebrews 11:1 - 3)*