

Is this You?

Ears are open to the cries for help from a lost and dying world.
Eyes are ever searching for a receptive heart in which to plant the Word.
Lips are always ready to proclaim the glory of God.
Hands are turning the pages of God's Word, seeking to learn His will.
Feet are on the move to carry the gospel to every creature.
Heart is breaking because some will never hear the gospel.
Head is bowed in prayer for wisdom and for workers in the harvest.
Face glows with the hope that is within.
Life is like a light set upon a hill that cannot be hid.
This a soul winner, but more important,
is it you?

Kennewick Church of Christ

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Meeting times:

Sunday:

Wednesday:

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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

Attendance 08/04 71

Budget \$2400.33

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"Lord, Is It I?"

- 1. Am I so critical that I see a person's weak points quicker than I do the good points?
2. Am I so sensitive that I make myself miserable by taking in a personal way everything that is said?
3. Am I so childish that everyone else has to handle me with caution to keep me from getting mad and causing trouble?
4. Am I adult enough to accept a disappointment and adjust myself to it without feeling mistreated and making everyone around me miserable?
5. When a discourtesy is shown me, do I brood over it and determine to "get even?"
6. Am I always thinking that everyone else is out of step but me and that I could be happy if everybody else would just do right?
7. Can I control myself enough to watch my words, or do I half-way boast that I have a quick temper?
8. Do I hurt other people with my sharp and caustic remarks?
9. Do I have a habit of telling other people what to do?
10. Do I have bottled up inside me a feeling of hostility toward another?
11. Am I determined to have my own way, regardless of what it may do to others?
12. Am I ever guilty of making sarcastic remarks about the accomplishments or successes of another?
13. Do I repeat that which should be kept secret and then excuse myself by saying, "But it's the truth?"
14. Can I be completely trusted with confidences?
15. When the good reputation of another is being undermined, do I participate?
16. Do I laugh at and encourage the telling of unclean jokes or stories?
17. When I realize that I am wrong, am I big enough to admit it; or do I still try to justify myself by trying to blame someone else for my conduct?
18. Do I "follow after the things which make for peace" or do my words and conduct promote strife?
19. Though it may be easy for me to "weep with them that weep," do I obey the other part of that verse which commands me to "rejoice with them that do rejoice?"
20. Do I attempt to white-wash my own sins by constantly pointing out the faults of others?

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~(VIA The Getwell Reminder)

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying; "Whom shall I send; and who will Go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." And he said, "Go and say this To this people:

Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive. Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with Their hearts, and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long O Lord?"

And he said, "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people And the land is a desolate waste, and the Lord removes people far away, and the Forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. And though a tenth remain in It, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when It is felled. The holy seed is its stump. (Isa. 6:8-13)

<b>Keep These Dates in Mind</b>	<b>July Birthdays and Anniversaries</b>		
08/10 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 08/11 Open Congregation Meeting 500p 09/01 First Sunday Potluck 09/08 Open Congregation Meeting 500p 09/14 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship	Debbie Bolt 8/8 Danny Mendoza 8/13 Clarence & Melinda Botts 8/13 Ron & Ila Stephens 8/13 Maddison Reeser 8/18 Eric Calzadillas 8/19 Bill & Fran Henniger 8/19	Merry Bunker 8/22 Harvey & Lynette Jones 8/25 Sue Minor 8/25 Eddie Petross 8/28 Bonnie Simons 8/28 Barbara Oldham 8/31	
	<b>Bible Studies</b>		
	<b>Adult Bible Classes</b> Sunday am.–Genesis Wed pm – Titus	<b>Youth Classes</b> Classroom Wing <b>Teen Class</b> - Teen Room	<b>Ladies Class</b> Recessed for Summer

Being made in God's image, we have been designed to work, to be fellow workers with God. To be an image-bearer is to be a worker. In our work, we are to show off God's excellence, creativity, and glory to the world. We work because we bear the image of One who works.  
~Tom Nelson



**Issues (ongoing):** Karen McBurney, Shirley Childers, Kaleb McCrickard, Marji Lindholm, Marilyn Davis, Eunice Petros, Tami Pennington, Amanda McCrickard's parents, Karen McBurney's father, Leland & Marilyn's daughter, Don and Sherri Blackwell.

Joe Botts will be bringing the lesson from God's word this morning.

**Schedule for speakers over the next few months:**

08/04 – Tom Mendoza; 08/11 – Joe Botts; 08/18 – Leonard Peters; 08/25 – Clarence Botts; 09/01 – Danny Mendoza; 09/08 – Allen Lindsay; 09/15 – Tom Mendoza; 09/22 – Joe Botts; 09/29 – Leonard Peters

**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)

**Our Passion For Growth**

One of the most pressing desires of the Christian is to see the church grow. We want. to see New Testament Christianity spread throughout the world, and we certainly want to see our local congregation flourish. We believe this is as it should be, for the nature of all living things is to grow; and we firmly believe that the Lord's church is to be a living body.

In emphasizing our need for growth, we are often pointed to the Jerusalem church. We are reminded of the 3000 (Acts 2:41), the 5000 men (Acts 4:4), how multitudes were added (Acts 5:14) and then how they began to multiply (Acts 6:7). These are valid illustrations, and we have used them ourselves; but sometimes they create impressions which are not true at all.

It is implied that numerical growth is always associated with faithful congregations, when the Scripture teaches no such thing. When, because of persecution, the Jerusalem church was reduced from maybe, 50,000 to 12 in a single year, there was nothing at all wrong with the church. It was just as true and loyal and mission-minded as it had ever been before.

It is implied that people are responsible for the increase, when God has never placed that burden on us. The suggestion seems to be that if we just do the right things, great growth will automatically follow. Yet, the Bible teaches that God gives the increase (1 Cor. 3:6). It is such a relief to know that we are not commanded to convert the world or even our next door neighbor. Our job is the planting and watering, but we are not responsible for the results.

It is implied that great growth is an indication of God's approval, when the very reverse may be true. Mystic sects have gained millions of followers. Billy Graham appeals to the masses by standing for nothing doctrinally. Some of the fastest growing congregations among us fill their pulpits with twenty-minute, "after-dinner" speeches that would be acceptable in any denomination in town.

It is implied that something must be wrong with a congregation that has a declining membership, when it may be stronger and more godly than it has ever been. You let someone leave the church and go back into the world or rush off after some social club type of program, and people begin to wonder what's wrong with the church. We need to understand that neither a faithful congregation nor any faithful Christian can be legitimately blamed for anyone who turns their back on the way of truth and righteousness. If everyone of us left, it is no reflection on the church. The fault is with the person who leaves. There are many things that affect church growth. There are things connected with the economy, housing patterns, politics and world conditions. We must face them all realistically and keep our faith strong that God will never let His word return void (Isa. 55:11). If we do our part well, surely growth will come, but we must not be so passionate for growth that we forget what should be our chief concerns. This article is not a defense for smallness. It is not to ease our consciences that we are not experiencing rapid growth. It is, however, to refocus on our priorities. We had better be more concerned about being RIGHT than in being POPULAR. We had better be more concerned about Christ meeting with us than in whether we draw large crowds. We want to grow. We are determined to grow; but it is not our first priority. We are in sales. God is still in management. We had rather be "mean and lean" than to sell His approval for growth. ~Jack Gray

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**Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight! Woe to those who are heroes at drinking Wine, and valiant men in mixing strong drink, who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deprive the innocent of his right!**

**Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root will be as rotteness, and their blossoms go up like dust; for they have Rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.**  
(Isa. 5:20-24)