

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children's Home

There is a list of supplies that the children's home would like to receive on the bulletin board at the top of the ramp. Some of the personal/ non-perishable items could be collected early and stored in the room next to the teachers' room. Next collection is in August.

Peru Ministry - Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru.

Food Pantry

Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library. Please bring your donations and leave them in this room. If you need help or know of anyone who is in need, ask one of the members to assist you. Feel free to take what you need.

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.

Attendance 08/12: 56

Budget \$2400.33

Contribution 08/12: \$2332.49

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Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

Starving with Bread Aplenty - A Study in Cause and Effect

Can one die of famine when the cupboard is full of bread? A famine is an extreme scarcity of food. Ninety verses of Scripture speak of "famine," some explicitly citing God as the cause. Elisha told a woman to find a place to "sojourn," for "Jehovah hath called for a famine" (2 Kings 8:1). The famous famine in Egypt in Joseph's day happened because God "called for a famine upon the land" (Psalms 105:16). Warning of retribution against impenitent Judah, God bluntly said, "I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine..." (Jeremiah 14:12). Two famines are mentioned in the Book of Amos, each caused by God. Trying to turn Israel around, God said, "I also have given you cleanness of teeth...and want of bread" (Amos 4:6). God cleaned their teeth by taking food away from them. This terrible famine, however, served as a type of one much worse: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord Jehovah, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of Jehovah" (8:11). Just as with God's cleaning their teeth by taking away food, this hearing famine would be caused by God's taking away "his words"; that is, He would stop sending "his servants the prophets" (3:7). God finally destroyed and dispersed the remainder of the northern kingdom into exile where they would subsist without the "hearing of the words of Jehovah." After the Book of Malachi, God took away His words for some four hundred years. The consequence of this was: "they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of Jehovah, and shall not find it" (v. 12).

This terrible famine ended when "the word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14); when "the bread of life" (John 6:48) "came down from Heaven" (v. 38); when "at the end of these days [He]spoke...unto us in his Son" (Hebrews 1:2); when "God raise[d] up" the prophet like Moses (Acts 3:22). In "words which the Spirit teacheth" (1 Corinthians 2:13), "the faith...was once for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 1:3). People, though, continue to be plagued by starvation and famine. Why? People starve simply because there is no food, but that is not the case here. What then? Perhaps indolence — "The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh" (Ecclesiastes 4:5). Some refuse to "read [and] understand" (Ephesians 3:4). People with hard heads and hearts "hear...the word...understand...it not [and] the evil one snatcheth [it] away." There are also the "care of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches...[that] choke the word" (Matthew 13:9ff). Then again, some people starve because they are like "sheep not having a shepherd" (Matthew 9:36); that is, no one to feed them. The "word of Christ [can, should and must] dwell...richly" in all of God's children (Colossians 3:16). The USA sent forces into Somalia several years ago because the media kept showing pictures of starving children with bloated bellies. Worse yet is the sad specter of brothers and sisters in Christ, who, though periodic pew occupants and Bible owners, are starving when bread is aplenty. —Alan Adams

Keep these Dates in Mind:

08/12 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
 08/26 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
 09/05 First Sunday Potluck
 09/11 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
 09/12 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
 09/24 Game night 6:00p
 09/26 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Birthdays and Anniversaries for August

Christina Hopkins 8/2	Bill & Fran Henniger 8/19
Debbie Bolt 8/8	Merry Bunker 8/22
Danny Mendoza 8/13	Harvey & Lynette Jones 8/25
Clarence & Melinda Botts 8/13	Sue Minor 8/25
Ron & Ila Stephens 8/13	Eddie Petross 8/28
Maddison Reeser 8/18	Bonnie Johnson 8/28
Eric Calzadillas 8/19	Barbara Oldham 8/31

4Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. 5For you are my hope, O load God. You are my trust from my youth. (Psalm 71 4, 5)

Bible Studies

Adult Class – Fellowship Hall (S) – Mark (W) – Acts	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class – Suspended until September
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Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Shirley Childers, Amanda McCrickard, Kaleb McCrickard, Joshua Hickman, Vern Mast, Sue Aldrich, Lupe Mendoza, Marji Lindholm, Bill and Fran Henniger, The Johnson family, The Mendoza family, Helen Pierce, Sandi Gray, Norm Goldsmith, Brent Bryant,

Brent Bryant has left the hospital and is home. His brothers have come to help take care of him. He is not going to need as much reconstructive surgery as was first predicted and he was able to visit with Doris Pennington last week. Thank God that prayers were answered.

Sandi Gray had her follow up review. The doctor indicated that it would be approximately a month before the wound vacuum could be removed, so she will remain in rehab until the vac can be removed. She was able to walk using the handrail alone last week and was excited with the idea of being able to perambulate with just a cane again soon.

Marilyn Davis had a stroke this week but is reported to be doing quite well.

Linda Lafferty's surgery went well. There is a meal list in the fellowship hall for those who want to help provide food for the family while she recovers.

Mountain States Children's Home pickup is this week.. Bring your items and place them in the teacher's Room at the end of the classroom aisle. A list of useful items is still on the bulletin board.

Come to the feast, Come to the table
 The great and the least,
 the rich and the poor
 Come to the feast, Come to the table
 Come and hunger no more
 (From Come to the Feast by Jeff Lawson)

Abraham Lincoln's Religion

From many of the accounts that are given of the life of Abraham Lincoln, we know he was a constant reader of the Bible. This is reflected in his speeches and his literary style, and most of his biographers have shown how in his philosophy he drew heavily upon the Word of God.

A little know fact in the life of Lincoln is that he was a Christian. Charles Chiniquy was a friend of Lincoln's, and in his book "Fifty years in Rome," he says, "Every time I met President Lincoln, I wondered how such elevation of thought and such childish simplicity could be found in the same man. The secret of this was, that Lincoln had spent a great part of his life at the school of Christ, and he had meditated his sublime teachings to an extent unsuspected by the world. I found in him the most perfect type of Christianity I ever met. Professedly, he was neither a Presbyterian, nor a Baptist, or a Methodist; but he was the embodiment of all which is more perfect and Christian in them. His religion was the very essence of what God wants in man." (p. 711). Mr. Chiniquy was for 25 years a Catholic priest, and whose repudiation of the Catholic church created such a stir in Canada and the United States.

Because Lincoln refused to be identified with any of the denominations of his day he was sometimes called, "unitarian," and even an "infidel." The truth of the matter in that he obeyed the gospel, and was a member of the New Testament church. An evangelist by the name of John O'Kane once conducted a gospel meeting in Springfield, Ill. At one of the services, Mr Lincoln made a simple confession of his faith in Christ. When Lincoln told his wife, O'Kane says, " she stormed the castle, and declared it should not be, that Lincoln should be baptized." The result was a delay. But one day Lincoln and O'Kane went hunting, and in doing so, took a change of clothing under the buggy seat. They went to the creek, and there Lincoln was buried with his Lord in baptism, by this evangelist for churches of Christ in the state of Illinois. ~Maurice A. Meredith

But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (1 Peter 2:9)

A Calling of Life

To what were you called, and from what were you called? The call of the master is found in Matthew 11:28-30. "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." We are called from labor to rest (Matthew 11:28).

We are called from death to life (1 John 3:14). "We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love, abides in death." We are called from bondage to liberty (Galatians 5:13). "For you were called to freedom brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." We are called from darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). "But you are a chosen

race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." We are called to the fellowship of His son (1 Corinthians 1:9). "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." Above all, we are called by Jesus Christ from bondage to peace. ~Cliff Holmes