



### 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 is suspended until January.

### 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.

December 4, 2016



### For I Am Not Ashamed (Romans 1:16)

The gospel story is the powerful message that communicates to man the hope of salvation by faith. This being true, why should anyone be ashamed of it? Paul knew its truth, and he of all people would be the last to be ashamed of it. He appreciated the fact that only in Christ is there hope for any man, and that only through the gospel could this hope be imparted. Paul freely declared his faith and trust in the gospel, even to the point of being persecuted in many ways on many different occasions. His suffering on its behalf, however, just made him all the stronger.

The gospel is power in that it is the medium through which God seeks out lost humanity. It is a message or story that plants the seed of salvation in good and honest hearts, which then germinates and issues in a new spiritual life – in Christ. It is a real power that can lead a hardened and calloused sinner to the point of becoming a real saint. It has within it a spiritual power, which, though we cannot empirically or scientifically discern it, is nonetheless real, and can bring about true spiritual changes. The gospel contains its own power and does not need the special aid of the Holy Spirit operating directly – nor in fact any other special aid – in order to be effective. It is power itself.

[The gospel plants the seed of salvation.] Real salvation involves one's relationship to God, and necessarily implies that God counts us as justified, or brought into a saved state or condition where no sin is charged against us. Since all have really sinned, however, this means that God must impute to us or count us as having a righteousness, which we did not earn or achieve, and therefore which we really do not deserve. Such a righteousness is call a forensic righteousness, in which, because of Christ, God is enabled to "call things that are not, as though they were" (Rom. 4:17). He counts us as if we had never committed a single sin, when in actuality we have. –J.D. Thomas

(16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. (17) For in the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." (Romans 1:16-17)

Attendance 12/04 A.M. Worship: 62 / Budget: \$2000.00 / Contribution 12/04: \$2653.00

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

12/4 – Potluck after Morning Worship  
12/10 – Men's Monthly Breakfast and Fellowship  
12/21 Soup Night at 6:00pm  
12/30 Game Night at 6:00pm

***Bible Studies:***

Adult Class (S) – Hebrews; (W) – Romans (begins 11/20) -Fellowship Hall  
Young Adults (S, W) – Acts (begins 11/20) - Spanish Room  
Youth Classes – Classroom Wing

***“All have their worth and each contributes to the worth of the others.”***

**What Are You Worth?**

There is a story that in 75 BC a young Roman nobleman named Julius Caesar was kidnapped by pirates and held for ransom. When they demanded 20 talents of silver in ransom (about \$600,000 today), Caesar laughed and said they obviously had no idea who he was. He insisted they raise the ransom to 50 talents! Why? Because he believed he was worth far more than 20 talents.

What a difference we see between Caesar’s arrogant measure of his own worth and the value God places on each of us. Our worth is not measured in terms of monetary value but by what our heavenly Father has done on our behalf.

What ransom did He pay to save us? Through the death of His only Son on the cross, the Father paid the price to rescue us from our sin. “It was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18-19).

God loved us so much that He gave up His Son to die on the cross and rise from the dead to ransom and rescue us. That is what you are worth to Him.

—Bill Crowder

(3)Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (4)Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. (5) Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (6) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. (7) Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. (8) Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (9) Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God. (10) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteous sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (11) Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake. (12) Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 5:3-12)



**Dealing with Cancer:**

Gloria Ford, Pam Fox's grandson, Canaco & Eli

**Health Issues:**

Abigail Jones, Karen McBurney, Dustin Stecker, Doris Pennington, Betty VanVoorst, Logan Johnson, Bob Childers, Leroy Pierce , Eddie Petros  
Gerald Funnell, Josh Mendoza

**In the Military:** Levi Toombs

**Abroad:** Hannah Minor

**Frank Shaw** had surgery on his lung Saturday. He is in room 4442 at Kadlec.

**Bob Childers** has been admitted to the hospital suffering from pneumonia and a blockage in his intestines. Please keep him and Shirley in your prayers. He is in room 302 at Kadlec.

**Christina Hopkins** has been released from the hospital. She is still treating the infection in her cheek with medication.

**Blessed Are . . .  
Those Who Mourn**

This seems like one of the most paradoxical statements of the Beatitudes: in what sense can those who mourn somehow be happy?

We can acknowledge that there are many aspects of life about which we could mourn:

- Mourning for the general sorrows of life: Sad and heartbreaking things occur in life, and citizens of God’s kingdom are not spared from these tragedies.
- Mourning for the sin in our lives: Sin grieves God, and cost Jesus His life, and as citizens of the kingdom, an appropriate view of sin will cause us to grieve over its presence in our lives and seek to repent of it.
- *Mourning for the suffering of others in our broken world: Scripture presents our world as being a place where Satan, sin, and death currently reign, and because of that, people suffer in a variety of ways.*

Although there are many things in this life worth mourning about, for citizens of the kingdom, we are promised that those who mourn will be comforted. I believe that God is especially near when we mourn (even though at those times it might not seem like He is close at all!). We see over and over again in Scripture that God Himself mourns. Jesus was prophesied to be a Man of sorrows who was acquainted with grief ([Isaiah 53.3](#)), and He was also to be the Comforter of Israel who would bind up the brokenhearted ([Isaiah 61.1](#); cf. [Luke 2.25](#)). God is close to those who mourn, and seeks to comfort us when we do. Ultimately, this comfort will come when Jesus returns, God’s kingdom is fully established, and sin and death are abolished. When that happens, we will find comfort because the causes of our mourning will be no more.

-Luke Dockery