

Dear ones,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, visits, food and expressions of concern on my behalf. I miss meeting with all of you to worship God so much; and pray my body will soon heal so that we can once again meet together.

I have confidence that God is in control and His Will will be done. Please continue to pray that my current trial will work His Will and strengthen my faith.

Love you all,
Pat Lindsay

Suggested Items to bring next week for the Mountain States Children's Home:

Spices, (basil, Oregano, Garlic, Italian Herbs	Jasmine Rice	100% Fruit Juices
Spaghetti Sauce (Glass containers only)	2 lbs bags of Flour (sized for storage)	Instant Oatmeal

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Kennewick Church of Christ

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Meeting Times:

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am	Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am	Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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Bill Gregory's office hours are from 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. (Please call to make sure he is in before stopping by)
Open Congregational meeting – 2nd Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome

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Can a Saved Person be Lost?

There are religious people who teach that once a person has been saved, he cannot be lost, no matter what he does or does not do.

Can a Christian be lost?

John 15:1-8 says:

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned, 7 if you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples

Jesus says a Christian will be lost if he does not bear fruit. ~The voice of Truth International, vol 49)

Help Is Just a Prayer Away

While on earth we know we're strangers and as vagabond we roam,
'Tis a pathway filled with dangers that we have to travel home.

Oft it's hard to keep on going in this struggle day by day,
But there's comfort found in knowing help is just a prayer away.

When temptations sure beset us and we're drowning in dismay,
We've a friend who won't forget us and will hear us when we pray.

Though this road that we've been given oft is clouded with despair,
Help divine descends from heaven when we go to God in Prayer.

(Harry Presley)

Keep These Dates in Mind	July Birthdays and Anniversaries	
Since we have entered into this time of uncertainty with those in the government asking us to keep our assemblies to a minimum and to use caution and discretion as we meet, any activities that may be planned will be announced in a timely fashion a week before they are planned to happen and will be put out on the call multiplier.	Debbie Bolt 8/8 Danny Mendoza 8/13 Clarence & Melinda Botts 8/13 Ron & Ila Stephens 8/13 Maddison Reeser 8/18 Bill & Fran Henniger 8/19 Merry Bunker 8/22	Harvey & Lynette Jones 8/25 Sue Minor 8/25 Eddie Petross 8/28 Bonnie Johnson 8/28

Please come and join us in our worship to God. Sunday mornings we are studying in Joshua.

Please be respectful of those who need to wear masks and practice social distancing because of health issues in their family.

Bible Studies

Adult Bible Classes Sunday a - O.T. Sunday p -Colossians Wed p -Thessalonians	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class Cancelled until further notice
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Fran Henniger fell last week and banged her face up. Keep her in your prayers while she heals. She is also looking for a few men to help move Bill to and from the house when he has his appointments. If you can help contact her or see Bill Gregory for details.

Ongoing Health Issues: Panzey Caywood, Shirley Childers, Marilyn Davis Sandy Gray Bill and Fran Henniger Bill and Bonnie Johnson Linda Laferty	Pat Lindsay Karen McBurney Lupe Mendoza Shannon Mendoza Tami Pennington Eunice Petros Helen Pierce
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Ron & Ila Stephens have asked for prayers for themselves and their son Don who has been admitted to hospital for severe vomiting. He has appointments later this week to track down what is causing his symptoms.

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)

Those Bereans and Thessalonians

A very notable verse of Scripture is found in Acts 17. How we find Paul preaching to both Jews and Gentiles in Berea. Luke compliments the Bereans as he says in 17:11: "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." Notice that Luke calls them "noble", or "fair-minded", and he bases his assessment of them on two actions taken by them.

- (1) "they received the Word with all readiness."
- (2) They "searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so."

Now let's go over to 1 Thessalonians. Luke has just told us in Acts 17:11 that the Thessalonians didn't measure up to the Bereans. However, as we read Paul's letter to the Christians of Thessalonica, we must conclude that the comparison in Acts 17 was with the unbelieving Jews of Thessalonica, and not with those who became Christian there. I call your attention particularly to 1 Thessalonians 2:13. Paul makes it very clear just why it is that he esteems them highly – their acceptance of and attitude toward the Word of God, the Bible. Surely it is obvious that the church today needs to emulate those who became Christians in both Berea and Thessalonica by being careful students of God's Word. We owe it, both in ourselves and to the lord, to weigh and measure all that we hear and read by the standard of the Bible.

Sometimes, well-meaning folks may want to see some thing or idea implemented in a congregation and when it is objected to, their defensive response may be, "What's wrong with it?" I want to kindly suggest that is the wrong question. I believe the more proper question would be, "Is it authorized by the Bible?" We must have Biblical support for our beliefs and practices.

Those who preach and teach will certainly be held accountable for what they say (James 3:1). But we as hearers are also responsible for comparing what we hear with what the Bible says on the subject. If the Bible endorses the teaching, we are obligated to accept it. If the teaching is in conflict with the Bible, we must reject it.

Most unfortunately, it continues to be true in the 21st century just as it was in the 1st century, that there are occasionally those who are not so well-meaning who come along with new doctrines and plans in an effort to gain followers for themselves, rather than for Christ. This is not merely a charge that comes from rash and harsh self-righteous judgmentalism – it is a factual reality borne out in Scripture. If we are faithful to the example of the Bereans and Thessalonians, we will already be familiar with the heart-rending warning that the apostle Paul stated regarding not only false teachers in general, but even regarding elders in the church, as he poured out his heart to the elders of the Ephesus congregation in Acts 20:27-31:

In the Old Testament both Isaiah (30:19) and Jeremiah (12:6) told of some folks, who desired "smooth words." We all like to hear those words that are smooth, that are soothing to our ears. We can sometimes ear something that really tastes great when we eat it, but it may cause indigestion for hours afterwards. Smooth words can likewise sound really great when we hear them, but they may cause us untold heartache later. The words of the Lord are truth and are not always smooth.

I'm sure that many of us have heard the saying that "attitude determines altitude," and there's a lot of truth in that. Let me suggest that attitude will also determine our eternal destiny. This begins with our attitude toward God's inspired Word. May Go help us all to be fully committed to letting the Bible be our sole authority in all matters pertaining to Christianity. ~Byron Nichols