

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 Outlet 2018

Bible Bowl & Youth Rally - (June 22-24)

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 – 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome. (See Schedule inside for changes.)

Attendance 04/29: 75

Budget \$2400.33

Contribution 04/29: \$ 3040.00

May 06, 2018

Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

We're So Blessed

- If you own just one Bible, you are abundantly blessed. One third of all the world does not have access to even one.
- If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive the week.
- If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people of the world.
- If you can attend a church meeting without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.
- If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the world.
- If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.
- If your parents are still married and alive, you are very rare, even in the United States.
- If you hold up your head with a little smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but do not.
- If you can hold someone's hand, hug them, or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed.
- If you prayed yesterday and today, you are blessed because you believed in God's willingness to hear and answer prayer.
- If you believe Jesus is the Son of God, and have learned the way of salvation you are part of a small minority in the world.
- If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two million people in the world who cannot read anything at all. (Warner's Chapel Church of Christ Bulletin, October 20, 2013)

Measures of the Spirit

1. **The Unlimited measure:** "For He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God; for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him" (John 3:34). There was no limit to what Christ was able to do through the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. **The baptismal measure:** "but wait for the promise of the father, which saith He, ye have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence" (Acts 1:1-5). The Spirit empowered the Apostles to perform miracles, to speak by inspiration, to give miraculous powers to others.
3. **The Laying-on-of-the-hands measure:** Acts 6: the apostles prayed and laid their hands on them that they might receive the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit.
4. **The indwelling measure, the non-miraculous measure, the indwelling from the time of baptism:** "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38; 5:32; Romans 8:12-28; Ephesians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19).

Keep these Dates in Mind:

- 05/06 First Sunday Potluck
- 05/14 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 05/15 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 05/21 Game Night 5:00p (\$5 donation requested)
- 05/22 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 06/03 First Sunday Potluck
- 06/09 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 06/10 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 06/16 Game Night 6:00p (\$5 donation requested)
- 06/22 Youth Rally
- 06/24 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Spirituality is not the opposite of Christian service and good works. It is the source of it. People who have their minds set on things above will bear fruit and increase.



Health Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Shirley Childers, Amanda McCrickard, Kaleb McCrickard, Savannah and Christian Johnson (friends of the McCrickards, daughter suffering from mitochondrial disease), Christy Hickman, Joshua Hickman, Vern Mast, Sue Aldrich, Lupe Mendoza, Marji Lindholm, Bill and Fran Henniger



Bill Henniger fell last week. Keep him in your prayers as he recovers from his fall and prepares for his surgery on his lung coming up this month.

Lupe Mendoza had a PET scan last week. Results were pending. See Danny for details. Her kidney blood work still didn't show enough improvement to start chemo again. Her case is being referred to the doctors in Seattle.

Doris Pennington has pneumonia which is why she has been absent of late. She also has an abnormality on one of her lungs and will be undergoing a PET scan on Tuesday.

There is a **potluck today** after services. Please stay and enjoy the fellowship and the food.

Bonnie and Bill Johnson's new address is 3614 S Green St., Kennewick WA 99337. New directory page is in your mailbox.

Bob and Shirley Childers are now residents at Canyon Lakes assisted living facility.

New monthly birthday pages will also be added over the next few weeks. Keep an eye out for them in your boxes. If there are additions or changes, please contact Lynette Jones.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for May

- Lynette Jones 5/4
- Gerald Funnell 5/5
- Cathy Heston 5/6
- Jared Bolt 5/7
- Bill Lafferty 5/8
- Barbara Goldsmith 5/16
- Tom Gritzan 5/17

Bible Studies:

Adult Class – Fellowship Hall (S) – Mark (W) – Romans	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class – Fellowship Hall Thursdays - 10:00a
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Lessons Learned

Last week, I attended a coaches' meeting for Dixie Youth Baseball and learned something. If you've never been to one of these rules meetings or times when the coaches "draft" teams, you've really missed out. But it's never a pretty sight.

I walked in late and the temperature was already rising. A decidedly heated discussion was going on. Two of the "grown" men (or at least they were in their forties) were going at it over a rule. One wanted to bypass the rule in the *Official Rules Book for Dixie Youth Baseball* and the other obviously didn't. Finally, one of them stood up (the one wanting to follow the rule book). He held the book up and said something like this: "If we want to play Dixie Youth Baseball, the rule is already decided. If we want to play by our own rules, we can, but it won't be Dixie Youth Baseball, and we can't be in their tournaments. The rule is here. If we don't want to follow it completely, we might as well throw the book away." Well, that ended the discussion.

I quickly switched from coach to Christian and took note. If the world would deal with religion with almost the exact words that this fellow dealt with Dixie Youth Baseball, we'd have religious unity and peace, and it would do away with most of the confusion in the religious world. Re-read his words with some very slight revisions to make it apply to religion. "If we want to be a church, the rules are already decided. If we want to play by our rules, we can, but it won't be the Lord's church and we can't be in His kingdom. The rules are here. If we don't want to follow them completely we might as well just throw the book away. (excerpted from Dan Jenkins)

God's Enduring Word (cont.)

(God's Word Endures Attacks)

In addition to being the most criticized document, the Bible is also the most hated document. Though beloved by many, masses would love to see the Bible destroyed. History reveals countless attacks on the Bible. In 175 BC, Antiochus Epiphanes, a Syrian ruler, tried to destroy all writings of the Old Testament Scriptures. He failed, however, and while his name is unknown by most, the name of Moses is known by nearly all. In AD 1199, Pope Innocence ordered all Bibles to be burned, but God's Word survived. In AD 1637, the Jesuits boasted of burning 60,000 Bibles, but they did not burn enough, for God's Word survived. Voltaire, a French infidel, vowed the Bible would be no more 100 years following his death. He indeed died, but God's Word lived. Just 50 years following his death, his own printing press was used to publish Bibles, and his own house was used by the Geneva Bible Society. Robert Ingersoll, an American agnostic, claimed in 15 years he would have the Bible in the morgue. Fifteen years later, he was the one in the morgue. After Ingersoll's death, Robert Gary sat at his desk and wrote Bible lessons. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

~Brandon Baggett

It is necessary for us to learn, when we are gathering together as a church, that our purpose is to honor and glorify God. We ought, therefore, to practice the greatest reverence possible. Neither you nor I meet with the intention of having a social visit. We want to please God, and He requires that we learn to love and respect Him. Let's remember the words of the writer of the letter to the Hebrews, "For our God is a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29). Therefore, "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil" (Ecclesiastes 5:1). ~Joel Esparza

²³And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

(Luke 9:23-25)