

(15)And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. (16)Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Mark 15:15, 16

Christ's Closet

Free Clothing for anyone in need. Open Wednesdays 9:00 – Noon.

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.

Mountain States Children's Home

Remember to stock up on non-perishable supplies to bring for the children's home collection which takes place near the end of March each year. Keep this work in your prayers.

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

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Open Congregational meeting – 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

July 23, 2017

Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

Gentleness

"The fruit of the Spirit" has many attributes. Just as an orange has attributes like round, orange, and sweet, the fruit of the Spirit has the attributes of love, joy, peace... By inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul gave the fifth attribute of "the fruit of the Spirit" — gentleness. The word gentleness comes from the Greek word "chrestotes" and means goodness of the heart or kindness. It is normally associated with moral goodness. It carries with it the idea of a "kindly disposition" and is more often translated "goodness" and "kindness" in the King James Version. Thus, this attribute is always sweet, kind, and full of graciousness.

Not only is gentleness a characteristic of God, Jesus' life was characterized by it. Certainly, we hear the kind and gentle voice of Jesus when he said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30). And we can see the goodness of the Lord as He received sinners (Luke 7:37-50; John 8:1-11). Because of Christ's example of gentleness, Paul writing to the Christians in Corinth wrote, "Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you" (2 Corinthians 10:1). Paul recognized the example of Jesus. So even though he was accused of being bold while not in their presence, he wrote with all gentleness — the gentleness of Christ. What a tremendous example for us! Even in the face of opposition, Paul acted with gentleness just as the Lord had done.

There are many facets of life in which we need to show gentleness, goodness, and kindness. The tongue is one such area. As we go into the world to evangelize, we need to show kindness. Paul wrote, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man" (Colossians 4:6). Wise Solomon of old wrote, "Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24).

Not only should we show kindness in our words, we ought to show it in our actions. The Good Samaritan is a marvelous example (Luke 10:30-37). Jesus testified that he was a neighbor to the man that fell among the thieves, and then He made this application, "Go, and do thou likewise." Also, what was the difference between the sheep and goats of Matthew 25:31-46? The sheep did acts of kindness! They clothed the naked, visited the sick, and fed the hungry while the goats did nothing. Let us, therefore, be kind one to another (Ephesians 4:32).

Each morning as we get up from bed, one of the first things we do is put on our clothes. Just as we put on clothes, Paul exhorts us to put on some attributes and virtues. Among them is kindness. To the Christians in Colosae he wrote, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:12-13a).
- Chuck Northrop

Attendance 7/16 70

Budget \$2000.00

Contribution 7/16: \$2532.00

Keep these Dates in Minds:

- 7/02 First Sunday Potluck
- 7/08 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 7/09 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 7/23 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 8/06 First Sunday Potluck
- 8/12 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 8/13 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 8/27 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Birthdays and Anniversaries for June

- Kael Botts 7/03
- Bob & Shirley Childers 7/11
- Mailey McCrickard 7/11
- Kaleb McCrickard 7/12
- Marilyn Davis 7/15
- Joshua Hickman 7/15
- Patrick & Kristy Hickman 7/19
- Danny & Shannon Mendoza 7/22
- Alec Minor 7/22
- Holly Preston 7/22
- Jim & Holly Preston 7/22
- Dorothy Bryan 7/27
- Ila Stephens 7/28
- Sarah Mendoza 7/28
- Jeffra Slagle 7/29
- Shaylin Smith 7/29

Bible Studies:

- Adult Class (S) –James
(W) – Romans - Fellowship Hall
- Young Adults (S, W) – Acts - Spanish Room
- Youth Classes – Classroom Wing
- Ladies Class - Discontinued for the Summer

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
 4who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction,
 with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5For as we share abundantly in
 Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. (2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

When you become the conduit for graciousness

You get stronger. truer. freer and more fiercely alive.

-Danielle LaPorte

A few characteristics of graciousness:

1. Someone who is humble and desires to praise others.
2. Someone who would never seek to embarrass another person deliberately.
3. An individual who is quick to say 'thank you' for even the smallest gesture.
4. Listening to the other person more than talking about yourself.
5. Not "one upping" someone or being spiteful.
6. Making a point of paying attention to others.
7. Consciously being mindful to say what is appropriate.
8. Seeking out ways to make others feel comfortable and appreciated.
9. Knowing you are not indispensable and respecting everyone's contribution.
10. Recognizing the good in everyone and every situation as the first option.



Health Issues: Pam Fox's grandson, Canaco & Eli , Abigail Jones, Karen McBurney, Dustin Stecker, Doris Pennington, Betty VanVoorst, Bob Childers, Eddie Petros, Darlena Moon, Jack Pinckert Jr., Amanda McCrickard, Sandy Gray, Bill Henniger, Savannah and Christian Johnson, Marilyn Foster (Gayle Caldwell's mother), Christy Hickman, Joshua Hickman, Gary Bills, Norm Goldsmith, Tom Gritzen

Laverne Engelke as he waits for shoulder surgery

In the Military: Levi Toombs

Youth Rally Coming August 11-13

There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall for help with some of the needs

When is God gracious?

God is gracious all the time, even when we are disobedient to Him. It is His character to be gracious and He "does not change like the shifting shadows" (James 1:17). He extends His mercy to us until the final moment of our lives. He wants none to perish because He created us to live in eternity with Him.

It is by God's grace that we can have eternal life. God had so much compassion on humanity that He sent His only Son to die for the disobedience of all mankind. God is gracious in our times of need, sending provision for us:

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:8-10).

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God" (Romans 5:1-2)

We extend God's grace to those in need by extending our hands on His behalf. Helping our brothers and sisters in this world to find peace, comfort, and strength in times when desperation threatens to overwhelm them. This is the response that God desires us to have for each other.

As we seek God for who He is, we gain understanding and wisdom. He then begins to mold us into a likeness of His son, Jesus. Our character changes and we become more willing to show God's grace and kindness to the world. (AllAboutGod.com)

*To bear defeat with dignity,
 To accept criticism with poise,
 To receive honors with humility
 -These are marks of maturity and graciousness.*

William Arthur Word