

Be Still and Know That I Am God.
 The original Hebrew root of "be still" doesn't mean be quiet, it means "let go."
 That's very different, don't you think?
 Let go and know that I am God.
 Let go of trying to control your spouse!
 Let go of your worry about your finances!
 Let go of your unforgiveness!
 Let go of your past!
 Let go of what you can't control -
 And rest in the knowledge that God is in control.

"Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Ps. 46:10)

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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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Contribution 02/17 NA

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Humanism at Work

Let me ask you: As a nation and a people, are we better off today than we were fifty years ago, when we had strong homes and two-parent families, when divorce was a tragedy, immorality and pregnancy outside of marriage were shameful, when abortion was illegal; when children were disciplined at home and at school and they learned how to behave with manners and respect toward their elders, teachers, and authorities of the land, when decency was required in dress in all ages, when binge-drinking and drugs parties were the rare exception among young people, rather than the "norm"; when neither vulgar language nor sexual activities were verbalized in public? Has Humanism made us better? Has the crime rate dropped? Are we more law-abiding? Whether the world acknowledges Him or not, God does exist, He is the Creator, and He is aware of all that we are doing. In His Word He warns, *"Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people"* (Proverbs 14:34). Concerning the evil that people choose to do, He said, *"...then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out"*. (Numbers 32:2 1)

"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter, for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight! Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, Woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink, Who justify the wicked for a bribe, And take away justice from the righteous man! Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, And the flame consumes the chaff, So their root will be as rottenness, And their blossom will ascend like dust; Because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel" (Isaiah 5:20-24).

The time will come when the Lord Jesus will be *"... revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power"* (2 Thessalonians 1 :7-9).

My friends, we must return to belief in God, acceptance of divine creation and of Christian principles as taught in the Bible. Of course, as a nation, we have gotten so far away from God it is going to be difficult to turn things around. But if we don't, what future do we have? Are we bringing destruction on ourselves?

~J.C. Choate

Hold fast to the Word of Life:

- For the sake of your faith - Romans 10:17
- For the sake of your joy – John 15:11
- For the sake of your freedom – John 8:31-32
- For the sake of your holiness – John 17:17
- For the sake of your life – Matthew 4:4
- For the sake of strength, stability and fruitfulness – Psalm 1:2-3

Keep These Dates in Mind	March Birthdays and Anniversaries		
03/03 First Sunday Potluck 03/09 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 03/10 Open Congregation Meeting 5:00p 03/20 Wed. Night Soup Night 5:00p 03/31 Fifth Sunday Singing 04/07 First Sunday Potluck 04/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 04/14 Open Congregation Meeting 5:00p 04/19 Family Fun Night 6:00p	Sammie Engelke 3/7 Tom & Thelma Gritzen 3/14 Doris Pennington 3/15 Faye Henry 3/17 Pansy Caywood 3/20 Amanda McCrickard 3/22 Lucy Larsen 3/23 Bill Henniger 3/31	<i>Search for peace and you Will not find it. Search for God And you will Find peace</i>	
	Bible Studies		
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. (Mt. 11:28-30)	Adult Bible Classes Sunday am.—Ephesians Wed pm – Shadows of the church from the old testament	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class Thursday 10:00a.m – 11:30a.m.



Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Shirley Childers, Kaleb McCrickard, Vern Mast, Sue Aldrich, Marji Lindholm, The Johnson family, Marilyn Davis, Randy Hargus, Eunice Petros, Shawna Stephens, Tami Pennington

Karen McBurney has been staying at the Motel 6 while her apartment is being repaired. Keep her in your prayers as she is away from home and in strange surroundings.

Larry Moore has been ill and has discovered some new health issues to manage. Please keep him in your prayers.

Remember the Kennewick Church of Christ lectureship, **Humble Beginnings**, May 1 – 5, starting at 6:00pm

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)

Austin and Kennadie McCrickard – Bear Valley Bible Institute

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

They Were Not Willing

Heaven had so much to offer the Jewish nation. The prophets of God were in its midst and delivered the precious words of the Bible to them (Rom. 3:1) for a thousand years. Even more than this was the fact that God longed to dwell among them, but they rejected Him in His holy temple. Finally, Jesus came and vividly illustrated all that God still had to offer them. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing" (Matt. 23:37)! The picture of distressed chicks finding shelter and warmth under the hen's wings is what God wanted so often, but the Jews "were not willing!" If Israel had listened to the Scriptures they would have known what was found under His wings.

There is loving kindness found under His wings. David said, "How precious is Your loving kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings" (Psalm 36:7). There is no doubt *about the fact* that His loving kindness is infinite. There is no doubt *where it is found*—under His wings. The tragedy is that though He longed to give it, they "were not willing!" *There is a place of refuge under His wings.* The heading of Psalm 57 shows that it was written when David was hiding in a cave in order to escape from the armies of angry King Saul. His prayer begins, "Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, Until these calamities have passed by" (Psalm 57:1). Put yourself in David's place and sense his dire circumstances. Instead of being distressed, he saw His only hope was to hide himself under the wings of God and find refuge "until these calamities have passed by." This same place of refuge was so often available for Israel but they "were not willing!"

There is joy found under His wing. "Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice" (Psalm 63:7). It makes no difference what happens outside His wings, those there can rejoice because of the help found there. The joy was available for Israel, but they "were not willing!"

There is a place for YOU under His wings. God's nature has not changed. What He offered Israel He offers to you—and even more! He so often offers the shelter under His wings. Hear His invitation and find His loving kindness, His refuge and His joy. *Make sure YOU are willing!* ~Dan Jenkins

Satisfying the Hungry Soul

For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness" (Psalm 107:9). Do you ever do any daydreaming, wishing for something that you don't have and may never get? I think all of us could agree that we have. Lots of times we wish for things that we really don't need, or would not bring us the happiness we so earnestly desire

.In the Beatitudes Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled" (Matthew 6:6). This is that satisfying the longing of the soul of which David spoke. The beauty of this area of longing is that even today it can be fulfilled. Peter said, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby." The knowledge of this Word will produce faith, and Peter also stated, "Receiving the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls." Friends, develop a longing for God's Word. Study it, obey it, and be saved by it. ~Ernest S. Underwood