

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

Christ's Closet

The Clothing room has been closed until further notice.

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 in August and March each year. Keep this work in your prayers.

Peru Ministry

Support Oscar and Anna Maria in their outreach in Peru.

Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.

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.

Attendance 11/26: 72

Budget \$2000.00

Contribution 11/26: \$2169.35

December 03, 2017

Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

Christ Our Life

Paul referred to Christ as "our life" in Colossians 3:4. For him to live was Christ (Philippians 3:21). Christ lived in Paul (Galatians 2:20). Is the Lord magnified in your life (Philippians 1:20)? Paul often wrote of the importance of Christ being in us (Colossians 1:27; 2 Corinthians 13:5). Let us notice some of the things involved when Christ is our life. These things must be obvious in our lives.

Thinking, Studying, and Meditating on and about the Lord – We are made to ponder things in our hearts. The Christian thinks and meditates on the Lord. The desires of the heart are in the direction of heaven (Colossians 3:1-3). We think on the just, the pure, and the holy (Philippians 4:8). The Psalmist spoke of meditating on the Lord during the night (Psalm 63:6,7). To Timothy, Paul gave the challenge of meditating on the spiritual (1 Timothy 4:15). Time, much time, will be given to a study of the Word of God. Let us do so daily, as did the Bereans (Acts 17:11).

Obeying What the Lord Has Said to Do – The Lord has authority over us (Matthew 28:18; Acts 5:36). His words will judge us at the last day (John 12:48). Loving Him demands that we be obedient to His commands (John 14:15). The Lord is the author of eternal salvation in them that obey Him (Hebrews 5:8-9). Those who do not obey the Lord will be the recipients of His wrath (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). So, with Christ as our Lord, we will be careful to obey God (Acts 5:29).

Praying to God Fervently and Regularly – Adoration for the Lord, and awareness of our sins, our needs, concerns, and gratitude will drive us to the throne room of God. Much of life is spent in prayer. Our Lord rose early before day to pray (Mark 1:35), and he continued all night in prayer at times (Luke 6:12). The threat of death should not keep us from prayer (Daniel 6; Revelation 2:10). Time will be given just to thank God for what He has done for us. Our quest for wisdom is partially fulfilled through prayer (James 1:5). Our sins and weaknesses send us to God in prayer. Let us give ourselves to prayer (Acts 6:3).

Worshipping God Regularly – When Christ is our life we are longing to worship. As we follow the theme of "the Lord's house" through the book of Psalms, we see that so much is said about worship and the desire for worship. Study worship in the book of Revelation. Worship God (John 4:23,24). Such will become an integral part of living. May it never be a chore, a bore, or a wearisome thing. Here we come to give adoration to the Lord and we go away ever so blessed as well. Is Christ your life? Have you turned your back on worship (Hebrews 10:24,25)?

Anticipating Heaven More Each Day – We sing about heaven. We have read about heaven, and a longing builds for that wonderful place (2 Corinthians 5:1). By faith we see the unseen. We look for that city as did Abraham (Hebrews 11:10). All here is temporal, but we are laying up treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19,20). Anticipation mounts as we think of being with the Lord, being with all the righteous of all ages, being in a place where all the burdens of life are removed, and being in a place of such magnificent beauty. We surely do not deserve it (Romans 6:23).

Is Christ in your life? He deserves to be. Your life is not what it could be and should be if He is not in it.

~Vance Hutton

Keep these Dates in Mind:

- 12/03 First Sunday Potluck (Cancelled)
- 12/09 Men's breakfast and Fellowship
- 12/10 Holiday Potluck (See sign-up sheet)
- 12/10 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 12/24 Scheduled Open Cong Meeting 5:00p
(subject to reschedule due to Christmas)
- 01/07 First Sunday Potluck
- 01/13 Men's breakfast and Fellowship
- 01/14 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 01/28 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Birthdays and Anniversaries for December

- Holly Preston 11/29
- Connie Stecker 11/30
- Buzz Heston 12/1
- Mark Minor 12/4
- John & Christina Hopkins 12/12
- Laiken McCrickard 12/15
- Bob & Marlene Blankenship 12/20
- Bill & Linda Lafferty 12/24
- Queca Woods 12/26

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, (Deuteronomy 7:9)

Bible Studies:

Adult Class -
Fellowship Hall
(S) –Epistles of Peter
(W) – Romans

Youth Classes -
Classroom Wing
Ladies Class –
Fellowship Hall
Thursday 10:00a - 11:30a



Health Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Darlena Moon, 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

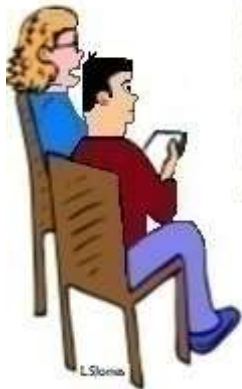
Bill Johnson was moved to rehab until he regains his strength.

Henry Walker is recovering well

Darlena Moon went home to God on November 30, 2017. No details concerning the memorial are available at this time.

Kaleb McCrickard is preparing for a tonsillectomy on December 19. Please keep the family in your prayers as they prepare themselves and Kaleb for the upcoming procedure, made more difficult due to his autism.

The Potluck planned for today was postponed until next week so plans could be coordinated for a holiday themed potluck. There will be a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.



In general,
I think that life
without mirrors is
much easier than
looking into them
each morning.

Komedy Korner

Our faith increases
When we remember
God's faithfulness
In the past

Known, But Forgotten or Ignored

It seems to be a human tendency to obtain a lot of information about life and what serves our best interest, but for some reason not abide by what we have learned. We are plagued by the same weakness when dealing with our spiritual lives. Many of the things that we have learned we know could impact the destiny of our souls, but we become distracted by things of lesser importance and jeopardize our safety and security regarding crucial matters.

God must have known that this would be a tendency of man, so He gave repeated warnings and reminders so we could keep matters of importance first and foremost in our log of priorities and values. The believers to whom James was writing were warned. "...to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:7). Paul advised Timothy to charge his hearers to "...strive not about words to no profit" (2 Tim. 2:14). Just after Peter had recorded a listing of needed spiritual qualities, he stated that "I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth" (2 Pet. 1:12). Jude followed the same line of reasoning in the content of his message aimed at his audience, by saying, "I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not." (Jude 1:5).

There is a huge obligation to all who know and understand the truth. The Ephesian church was accused in John's revelation of having "left your first love" (Rev. 2:4). When we once have an understanding of truth and the opportunity to know it and to live by it, we are without excuse; ignorance cannot be used as a license for not doing (Acts 17:30; Heb. 6:4-6)! Israel's entire history was a maze of forgetfulness and failure brought about largely by their rebellion against God while possessing knowledge of His expectations of them.

"Likewise, when the Lord sent you from Kadesh Barnea, saying, 'Go up and possess the land which I have given you,' then you rebelled against the commandment of the Lord your God, and you did not believe Him nor obey His voice" (Deut. 9:23). As God was directing Moses to educate the children of Israel, prior to their entrance into the Promised Land, their rebellion and forgetfulness were flagged. A very serious charge was made by Moses: "You have been rebellious against the Lord from the day that I knew you" (Deut. 9:24). In this very chapter, and the chapters in context, the word "remember" appears several times, apparently because they were forgetting or ignoring. The writer of the Hebrews letter categorized this as willful sin; he warns, "For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins" (Heb. 10:26). There were some in Rome that had knowledge of God, but "...they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting" (Rom. 1:28). In the same letter, some were referred to as "...having a form of knowledge and truth..." (Rom. 2:20). Paul cautioned Timothy that there would be some who had "a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!" (2 Tim. 3:5). A "form", not the real thing!

God has provided us with conscience-joggers to help keep us alert and remembering necessary things. We have been given the "perfect law of liberty", the Bible, into which we can look, somewhat as a mirror to remember what we saw there for making corrections of the unacceptable (James 1:23ff). The Lord is to be remembered each and every Lord's Day by commemorating the Lord's Supper, lest we forget the extreme price that was paid for the redemption of our souls (Matt. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:24,25; Eph. 5:25; Acts 20:28). Worshipping together with fellow believers is one of the most effective ways of avoiding spiritual forgetfulness, by which we exhort one another (Heb. 10:25) with regularity and consistency (Acts 2:42-47). Want to please God? Let us "...do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Heb. 13:16).

~Michael L. King