

## 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 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:

Dustin McCrickard 509-579-9068

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

Attendance 08/05: 54

Budget \$2400.33

Contribution 08/05: \$2236.00

August 12, 2018

## Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

### STICKS AND STONES

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." Ah, the old childhood adage.

We have said this hundreds of times. Our intentions were good. Perhaps we meant to help someone overcome a name calling incident. Whatever the case, this little rhyme is false. Words do hurt, sometimes much more than sticks and stones ever could. Wounds from sticks and stones will usually heal. Sometimes a heart broken by uncaring words will never heal. Young lives and personalities are shaped by the poor choice of words in the home. What we are talking about here is criticism. The critic, one with a critical nature, is always around. We have all dealt with them. The root word of criticism is critic. This word comes from the Greek word kritikos, meaning "to judge." The critic judges and we most often associate it negatively. To express criticism is to find fault and this is often done with a mean, unloving spirit. The Dorothy Nolte poem begins "If a child lives with criticism, he learns to criticize." A researcher once concluded after many years of study that there are four danger signs in a marriage that could lead to divorce. One of the four is criticism. Be wary of developing a critical nature. Words do hurt. Words can shape. Words are important. I recommend reading the third chapter of James. On the other hand, words are a powerful source of encouragement. The word encourage comes from the Greek word paraklesis. The word para means "by the side of," and klesis comes from the word kaleo meaning "to call." Thus the word paraklesis means "a calling to one's side." Our words can be critical and damaging or they can be encouraging, i.e. giving courage. May I suggest the following seven "let us...." statements and the accompanying verses for meditation.

1. Let us remember that words, like a surgeon's scalpel, can cut sharply. Thus, let us choose our words with loving care in order that we may build up rather than tear down. "There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise promotes health" (Prov.12:18)

2. Let us focus on self evaluation rather than other's faults. "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye?" (Luke 6:41).

3. Let us be slow to ridicule. "He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his peace" (Prov.11:12).

4. Let us remember appearances can be deceiving. "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment" (John 7:24).

5. Let us be careful not to assume the worst. "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" (John 7:51).

6. Let us be known as a people with a positive disposition. "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers" (Eph.4:29).

7. Let us be merciful in our speech as well as our actions. "So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment" (James 2:12-13).

With our words we have the power to destroy or build. We have the power to criticize or encourage. Our words reveal the thoughts and intents of our heart. They reveal who we are. Let us be mindful of the impact our words have on those around us. ~Glenn Taylor

**Keep these Dates in Mind:**

08/12 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p  
 08/26 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p  
 09/05 First Sunday Potluck  
 09/11 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship  
 09/12 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p  
 09/24 Game night 6:00p  
 09/26 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

***Birthdays and Anniversaries for August***

Christina Hopkins 8/2	Bill & Fran Henniger 8/19
Debbie Bolt 8/8	Merry Bunker 8/22
Danny Mendoza 8/13	Harvey & Lynette Jones 8/25
Clarence & Melinda Botts 8/13	Sue Minor 8/25
Ron & Ila Stephens 8/13	Eddie Petross 8/28
Maddison Reeser 8/18	Bonnie Johnson 8/28
Eric Calzadillas 8/19	Barbara Oldham 8/31

**I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live. (Psalm 116:1-2)**

***Bible Studies***

<b>Adult Class –</b> Fellowship Hall (S) – Mark (W) – Acts	<b>Youth Classes</b> Classroom Wing <b>Teen Class -</b> Teen Room	<b>Ladies Class –</b> Suspended until September
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**Issues (ongoing):** Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Shirley Childers, Amanda McCrickard, Kaleb McCrickard, Joshua Hickman, Vern Mast, Sue Aldrich, Lupe Mendoza, Marji Lindholm, Bill and Fran Henniger, The Johnson family, The Mendoza family, Helen Pierce, Sandi Gray, Norm Goldsmith, Brent Bryant

**Amanda McCrickard** has been struggling with her health this week and went to the ER where it was determined she had an infection in her intestines. They gave her medicine and sent her home. Thanks to all who helped out this week with food and babysitting.

**Sandi Gray** has moved to Richland Rehabilitation Center (Prestige) Room 201 For at least two weeks.

**Helen Pierce** has a new phone number it is 509-537-9159. She needs a couch in “decent” condition. If you know of someone who wants to get rid of theirs, let her know.

**Mountain States Childrens' Home** pickup t is August 19<sup>th</sup>. Bring your items and place them in the teacher's Room at the end of the classroom aisle. A list of useful items is still on the bulletin board.

The congregation will be assisting **Austin and Kenadie McCrickard** pick up the 250.00 a month that they were lacking in their funding while Austin is attending the Bear Mountain Bible Institute. Please include their success in this endeavor in your prayers.

Money was sent to **Oscar Castro** for transportation and living expenses while he attended a brotherhood lecturership of South American Preachers. Pray that he will be encouraged and fed by participating in this spiritual feast.

Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven. (Lamentations 3:41)

**BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD**

We are often so busy that we forget who is really in control of this amazing world in which we live. We are going here and going there with hardly a minute to spare. We seem to have so many things to deal with. We have our hands full rearing our children, husband and wife both are often holding down jobs in this hectic life style of ours, maybe even a second job seems required just to make ends meet. After all we have so many things we simply must have in order to survive. Bible study and prayer will just have to wait. Maybe this sounds a lot like the conditions at your house. What are we supposed to do? God actually does have the answer to this question: “Be still, and know that I am God” (Psa.46:9). Having lived in the gulf coast region of Louisiana for the past ten years, I had the experience of going through Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005. It seemed life was going along just fine—the congregation where I preach was growing, my wife had a good job at the local hospital, my job at Nunez Community College was working out so well, our children were progressing at their schools—but it all changed in a single day. The greatest natural disaster to ever hit this country took place. Life was now so different. Instead of living in my own house, my family was now living with my mother back in Tennessee. Where would we find the needed money to survive? How could we possibly replace all those things? “Be still, and know that I am God” was still the answer. Even though we could not see how things would work out at that time, God could. My brothers and sisters in Christ came to the rescue. A Christian family had an empty house they let us stay in. Brethren from several congregations supplied us with food and money to buy clothes. You see when God said through his word: “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:10), God’s people responded. God never did leave us. He never stopped taking care of every need. We now have our house completed. The church building is finished thanks to so many caring Christians across the country. Even brethren in China sent to help with our needs. My wife is once again working at a hospital. My children went back to school. I am once again at the community college. Yes! God had a plan to take care of us the entire time. Why should I dare doubt Him; He is always true to His word: “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters” (Psa. 23:1-2). What is it that you are going through? No doubt there is some trial you are going through even as you read these words. Have you been trying to bear your burden alone? The apostle Paul wrote: “Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ” (Gal. 6:2). God sees everything and He wants to help. Why not turn to Him and let God be God? In the days of Elijah, the great prophet showed the true power of God over the powerless gods of Baal: “ And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God” (1 Kings 18:39). The same God that gave the victory to His prophet Elijah is the same God we serve today. He is no less powerful. Will you not turn your life over to Him this very day? Do just exactly what Peter told those gathered together on the day of Pentecost: “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38). It still works today. “Be still, and know that I am God.” ~Mark Lance