

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

September 3, 2017

## **Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ**

### **God Does Not Always Prevent Evil From Happening To Us**

Though God does provide care for the sparrows, the fact that "not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will" (Matt. 10:29) means that sometimes bad things can happen. Although He watches over the sparrows, this does not prevent them being hunted by predators. Although He watches over every one of us, this does not mean that our lives will be free from care.

God had placed a "hedge" around Job (Job 1:8-11), but allowed Satan to tempt Job (Job 1:12). In the midst of his trials he did not lose his trust in God (Job 1:21). In one of the most beautiful passages in the book of Job, we hear Job say of God, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him" (Job 13:15).

We can be assured that with every temptation there will also be a way of escape. "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13). My brethren, there are no special cases! When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on!

We may not esteem the tiny sparrow, but Jesus used it to illustrate our heavenly Father's watchful care: "you are of more value than many sparrows" (Matt. 10:31). If God is concerned about the tiny sparrow, how much greater must His concern be for man, who is immeasurably greater in value than the sparrow!

There is no place for worry in the life of a sparrow, and no attempt to stockpile supplies for the future -- yet their lives go on. The point Jesus is making is not that the birds do not work; it has been said that no one works harder than a sparrow to make a living; the point He is making is that they do not worry. Sparrows do not strain to see into a future, which they cannot see, and do not seek to find security in the things they have accumulated for the future.

Worry is needless, useless and even injurious (Matt. 6:25-32). Worry, which wears out the mind also, wears out the body. Worry affects our judgment, lessens our powers of decision, and renders us progressively incapable of dealing with life. Worry is a manifestation of our lack of faith in God (Matt. 6:30). We need to learn to be content (Phil. 4:4-13).

In the midst of turbulent times Habakkuk said, "Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; though the flock be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls -- Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation" (Hab. 3:17-18).

God's continued care for us should bring contentment in our lives. "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content." (1 Tim. 6:6-10).  
-David Padfield

*25Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?  
(Matthew 6:25-26)*

Attendance 8/27: 79

Budget \$2000.00

Contribution 8/27: \$1723.80

**Keep these Dates in Minds:**

- 09/03 First Sunday Potluck
- 09/09 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 09/10 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 09/24 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 10/08 First Sunday Potluck
- 10/14 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 10/15 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 10/29 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

**Birthdays and Anniversaries for September**

- Julia Jespersen - 8/27
- Eddie Petross - 8/28
- Bonnie Simons - 8/28
- Barbara Oldham - 8/31
- Craig & Debbie Bolt -- 9/1
- Dylan Kuhns -- 9/10
- Anna Hopkins -- 9/14
- Kristy Hickman -- 9/16
- Natasha Lathim -- 9/17
- Jack Danley -- 9/18
- Norm & Barbara Goldsmith -- 9/21
- Marie Frolin -- 9/22
- Eric Slagle -- 9/22
- Laveda Brumfield -- 9/22
- Jerret Hyndshaw -- 9/26
- Dylan Lathim -- 9/30

**Bible Studies:**

- Adult Class (S) –Epistles of John  
(W) – Romans - Fellowship Hall
- Youth Classes – Classroom Wing
- Ladies Class – Begins 9/7 10:00a - 11:30a



**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  
(In the Military) Levi Toombs

**Gary Bills** knee surgery went well and he is home recuperating  
**Faye Henry** as she recovers from eye surgery

**All those affected by Hurricane Harvey.** If you would like the contact information on some organizations helping with relief in Texas affiliated with the Church of Christ, please see Lynette Jones for information.



I know that God feeds the birds of the air and that he'll take care of me. I just hope he doesn't give me bird food.

Whenever you do not understand what's happening in your life, just close your eyes, take a deep breath and say, "God I know it is your plan. Just help me through it.

-Alberto Casing

**Sometimes God calms the storm**  
**Sometimes he lets the storm rage and**  
**Calms His child**

**God's Grace**

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

After these forty-two years of ministry, I have learned two important things. First, God's servants are totally dependent upon the grace of God. God's grace or favor provides far more than forgiveness. God shapes and molds us into the kind of people that He wishes us to be.

In Philippians 1:6 Paul wrote, "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Yes, God expects us to use the talents and abilities He gives us, but we should never forget that every good gift comes from Him (James 1:17). Paul urges us, "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." (Philippians 2:12-13).

Second, we are wholly dependent upon the kindness of God to provide for our needs and the needs of this ministry. God does not send us into His vineyard empty-handed and ill-equipped. God's grace abounds so that we have all sufficiency in all things at all times for every good deed. When faithful Christians ask, God answers; when they seek, He helps them find; and when they knock, the Lord opens the door. God truly answers prayer (Matthew 7:7-9).

—Phil Sanders

Author of *A Faith Built on Sand and Adrift*  
Speaker for "In Search of the Lord's Way"

**The Purpose of Life...**

Life is a precious gift from God. It is God who "forms the spirit of man within him" (Zechariah 12:1), and it is to God that our spirits return after death (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Consequently, it would seem that men ought to use their lives to please God. But rather than striving to "seek the Lord" (Acts 17:27), men often expend their energies in other ventures.

Some, for example, act as if their purpose in life is to gain physical wealth. And to that end they focus all of their efforts. Those who struggle in this area should be reminded of several basic Biblical truths: 1) "One's life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses" (Luke 12:15); 2) Christians ought to "lay up for [themselves] treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Matthew 6:20); and 3) "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10). Life's purpose is not to amass earthly wealth.

Others act as if their purpose in life is to maintain their physical health. While it should be granted that our bodies are important to God (1 Corinthians 6:19), and that "bodily exercise profits a little" (1 Timothy 4:8), it must be remembered that at the longest, our lives are but brief (James 4:14). For this reason, we must make sure that we do not become so consumed with caring for our bodies that we lose focus upon God.

Still others act as if the purpose of life is to experience pleasure. This, too, misses the point of our existence. Our purpose is to "Fear God and keep His commandments. For this is man's all" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

—Chad Ramsey

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