

January 11, 2026

KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



I Wish I Could Start Over

With the coming of a new year, my mind is taken back to a poem I memorized when I was twelve years old. I have searched and cannot find who wrote it in one of its several versions, but it is one which has had a profound impact on my life. I hope it will have the same impact on yours!

There are two verses, very similar, and this makes it easier to recall.

“I came to my teacher with quivering lips, my task undone.
Teacher, hast thou another sheet for me; I have soiled this one?
He took the old sheet, stained and blotted, and gave me a new one clean and unspotted;
And smiled and said, Do better this time, my child.”

The name of the teacher in my life doesn't matter (it was A. J. Rollins at Athens Bible School), but his life was devoted to helping every child grow. I can never forget him, for he lived this poem in the way he dealt with me.

There is a new year lying before us, and what a great time to reflect about taking the past year, in which we made so many mistakes and blunders, and letting them be buried as we turn to a new year with a determination to do better this time, my child.

If that first verse was a blessing to you because of an unnamed teacher in your life, the second verse will help you.

“I came to my Father with quivering lips, my life undone.
Father, hast thou another life for me; I have soiled this one?
He took my old life, stained and blotted, and gave me a new one, clean and unspotted;
And smiled and said, Do better with this one, my child.”

Far too many Christians limit God's grace and live a life characterized by depression. They will not forgive themselves for the past and conclude that they “are not worthy to receive grace.” They are so ashamed of how little good they have done and feel like God should reject them. “Father, I have soiled my life, and I wish that I had not made such a mess.” God waits, ready to take us and our past. He waits, ready to gladly take us with our stained and blotted past and give us a new one.

The rabbis may have set the limit of forgiveness at three, but Peter took that number, doubled it and added one for good measure. Peter's number was seven. Jesus said not just seven, but seven times in one day (Luke 17:4). Jesus then multiplied that number by seventy!

It's a new year. It's time for a new life! Come humbly before Him! He has a new, unspotted life ready for you!

~Dan Jenkins

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
01/04 Monthly Potluck 01/10 Men's Business Meeting 01/13 Hand and Foot get together	Linda Lafferty 1/8 Norm Hubbard 1/17 Larry Moore 1/19 Michelle Staples 125 Hannah Mendoza 1/29	
Today's News	Bible Studies	
	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – 1st Timothy Wed pm (7:00p) – Minor Prophets	Ladies Class Ladies class - Thursday 11:00 -12:30. Survey of the O.T.

For us to remember:

- **Annie Phom, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Tami Pennington, Jim Preston, Sandi Gray, Shannon Mendoza, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Lyn Gigar, Queca Woods, Paul Mays, Shauna** (Ila Stevens granddaughter), **Jonni Marcotte, Joe Marcotte, Freddie Garza** (Danny's cousin), **Terry Brown, Lupe Mendoza, Jackson Ward** (Josh Mendoza's friend), **Tamara Zog, Pam Fox**
- **Doreen Martinez** stomach cancer
- **Sandi Gray** as she is preparing to fix the valve in her heart. Tomorrow Jan 12.
- **Jonni Marcotte** is in Richland Rehab. She would enjoy visits. She is in room 109.
- **Joe Marcotte** as he slowly recovers from his brain embolisms
- **Carlos Soto and Chris Romero** (Boys in car crash) as they continue to heal
- **Lupe Mendoza** – Congestive Heart Failure

Date	Opening Prayer	Song Leader	Communion Thought	Lord's Supper	Closing Prayer
This week	G. Keever	J. Mendoza	J. Wilson	K. Winstead L. Moore	B. Lafferty
Next Week	H. Jones	L. Moore	D. Mendoza	J. Mendoza J. Wilson	G. Keever

Showing Reverence

Let's discuss reverence towards God. Throughout the writing of the Old Testament, we see this mentioned multiple times. Deuteronomy 5 describes God instructing the Israelites on how to show proper reverence. This begins with the Ten Commandments and includes laws regarding purity, holiness, and worship. One of the purposes of these strict laws was to define holiness and impress upon them the necessity for reverence in the presence of God. What were the consequences of those who refrained from showing reverence? Let's look at Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu. They were consumed by fire for using unauthorized fire. This incident shows the importance of approaching God with proper reverence and respect for His commands, especially when it involves worship.

While we may no longer be under the old law, we are under the new Law of Liberty (James 2:12). So I ask, are we still obligated to give reverence to the Lord in worship and in our everyday lives? The answer would be YES. One way to show reverence for God is by learning how to truly worship Him. "God is spirit and those who worship him must worship in spirit and Truth" (John 4:24). We worship in spirit when our hearts are aligned with His will and in truth when our minds are engaged and filled with His words.

The last question I want to pose is this: What do our actions during worship say about our reverence for God? Say a brother or sister comes to Sunday worship and is playing a game on their phone, looking up items on Facebook Marketplace, or talking the entire time in the lobby. Are they giving reverence to God as they should? While sometimes these situations may be uncomfortable, we are taught to correct and train in the ways of righteousness so that we can be equipped as servants of God (2 Timothy 3:15-16).

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body" (2 Corinthians 5:10). Please remember, God is always watching, and we will always be an influence on those around us, good or bad. Let your influence be an instrument in positively changing the way someone holds reverence for God. "Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death" (James 5:20). ~Jeff Snyder

A People That Got Carried Away

In the genealogy of Jesus recorded in Matthew, there are not a lot of historical markers, but he does insert this one regarding Josiah's children: "Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon" (Matt. 1:11). This was that transitional generation, who raised their children in the far country of Babylon, rather than at home in Judah.

Can you imagine raising children in an era where God's name was not as revered as it once was? Can imagine raising your children in a land where it would take much more effort to train them in the unique ways of the God of heaven than it did in years gone by? Oh wait! You can imagine that, can't you! You are trying to raise and influence a generation of youth in a land where there is shrinking faith and respect for the God of heaven. What can you do?

Purpose in your heart every day to walk diligently with the Lord (1 Kgs. 8:57-61), teach diligently His ways (Deut. 6:4-9), and not defile yourself or your family (Dan. 1:8). ~David Sproule

Wednesday Night Devotional

	song leader	Devotional		song leader	Devotional
01/07	L. Moore	J. Mendoza	02/04	L. Moore	G. Keever
01/14	J. Mendoza	B. Lafferty	02/11	J. Mendoza	D. McLaughlin
01/21	D. Mendoza	L. Moore	02/18	D. Mendoza	H. Jones
01/28	D. Mendoza	J. Wilson			



BIBLE FOR KIDS!



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WORD LIST

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Meeting Times:

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:00 pm

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

Minister: Chase Sullins

Attendance 01/04 42 Contribution 01/04 \$2200.00