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KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



God Is Not a “Heavenly Riddler”

Sometimes I stand in awe of how clearly and simply God reveals truth to us and how often we fail to see it. God loves us so much that He gave His Son to save us, and He is not trying to make the path to heaven hidden in some mystical way. He gives us deep, profound truth about so many things, but He reveals the truth about salvation in words that everyman can understand it.

How could Adam and Eve not understand what God wanted them to do to maintain the amazing relationship with Him inside the Garden of Eden? He told them that they could eat of every tree in that garden except one. The consequences of not doing what He said would be death. He did not hide truth from them. It was so plainly stated.

The same is true of His instructions to Noah. He described the ark, giving simple truths about its material, its dimensions, its interior design and the specific number and nature of the animals to be taken into the ark. He is not trying to hide truth, but to reveal it.

If you had been Abraham, would you have been able to understand God when He told him to offer his son as a sacrifice? Take your son, Isaac, to a specific mountain and there burn him as an offering. There may be thoughts we have about this when we first hear the story, but never overlook the fact that God gave simple commands to reveal to Abraham words so simple that even a child can understand them. God is not trying to trick us by hiding truth.

This most important question that we all must face was asked by the prophet Micah in his message to the Jews. “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the High God” (Mic. 6:6). He suggests possible answers which might be given. Should he bring burnt offerings like a young calf? Should he bring thousands of rams? Should he bring ten thousand rivers of oil? Should he bring his son, like Abraham did, to offer him to God as a sacrifice for his sins? His answer to these questions shows what the Jews had left out of their service to God. If you want to know God’s answer, read the rest of that paragraph. God was not trying to hide the answer in a mystical, theologically perceived way. God is not a “Heavenly Riddler” who hides truth. He gives simple answers in simple words that all can understand.

God alone reveals the path to Him. Do you know what He wants you to do? Does He reveal you must believe? What about repentance? What about confessing Jesus? What about baptism? Read His simple answers in Hebrews 11:6; Acts 17:30; Romans 10:9; Acts 2:38; 22:16. What you hear on TV may not be the way. God never gave the sinner’s prayer as the way! ~Dan Jenkins

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
03/01 Monthly Potluck 03/10 Hand and Foot get together 03/14 Men's Business Meeting 03/29 5 th Sunday Singing	Addison McCown 3/3 Shirley McLaughlin 3/4 Sammie Engelke 3/7 Doris Pennington 3/15 Raylee Woodward 3/21	
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:

Jim Preston, Sandi Gray, Shannon Mendoza, Lyn Gigar, Queca Woods, Shauna (Ila Steven's granddaughter) , Jonni Marcotte, Joe Marcotte, Freddie Garza (Danny's cousin), Terry Brown, Lupe Mendoza, Tamara Zog, Doreen Martiinez, Carlos Soto, Chris Romero, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Tami Pennington, Nate Perkins, Granny Perkins, John Dawson

Judy Ward was still in the hospital this week, she is anemic and had a blood transfusion. She also had a biopsy done on a mass they found in her stomach. She was supposed to leave the hospital this week.

Lupe Mendoza is in the hospital waiting on surgery on early this week. She has a large mass in her mouth that proved to be cancerous and they are going to remove it and then discuss treatment options

Karen McBurney has been having trouble with her medication. This was resolved this week, so hopefully she will start to fill better soon.

Remember the 5th Sunday Singing on the 29th. Location will be announced.

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

I Have Been Looking For Someone

I have been looking for someone for nearly the entirety of my forty-two years of preaching. Yet, he remains elusive. I have never met him. I heard of him when I lived in West Virginia, and when we moved to Kentucky, the church there knew of him as well. Then, of all things, when we moved to Karns, to my surprise, he's known of around these parts as well.

After forty-two years, I have just about given up on the prospects of ever meeting him. But if I do get the chance, I want to shake his hand. From what I have heard others say, he is an amazing Christian who has the heart of a servant. I believe it! He has to be one of the busiest Christians I have ever heard of. He's "Johnny-on-the-spot!" People say...

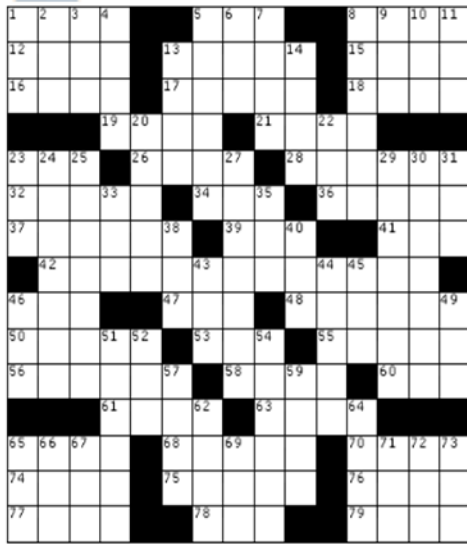
- ... "Someone" needs to take care of the church property (e.g., mow, weed eat, wash windows, and pick up trash). Sure enough, "Someone" took it upon himself to do it.
- ... "Someone" needs to greet visitors, speak to them, invite them to sit with them, give them directions, and take them to lunch. Yet again, "Someone" volunteered.
- ... "Someone" needs to teach a Bible class for a quarter, and of course, "Someone" enlisted to teach.
- ... "Someone" needs to encourage the weak, visit the lonely, and pray for the sick, and "Someone" always comes through.
- ... "Someone" needs to grade Bible correspondence courses, and "Someone" jumps in and does it without complaint.

And the list could go on and on. Friends, if you happen to know "Someone," would you please thank him? I don't know where the church would be if it weren't for "Someone." And, just in case "Someone" is reading this article, let me personally say, "Thank you for having the heart of a servant, and for stepping forward and doing all the things you do, both great and small, to advance the cause of Christ. I pray you never grow weary in your well-doing!"

Don't wait for things to get easier, simpler or better.
Life will always be complicated.
Learn to be happy right now.
Otherwise, you'll run out of time.

Wednesday Night Devotional

Date	Song leader	Devotional	Date	Song leader	Devotional
03/04	D. Mendoza	J. Mendoza	04/01	J. Mendoza	H. Jones
03/11	J. Mendoza	B. Lafferty	04/08	L. Moore	D. Mendoza
03/18	D. Mendoza	L. Moore	04/15	D. Mendoza	J. Mendoza
03/25	L. Moore	J. Wilson	04/22	J. Mendoza	B. Lafferty



ACROSS

- 1 Eve's son
- 5 Silent
- 8 Cheer
- 12 Fly alone
- 13 Fertile desert area
- 15 Ceases
- 16 Secret of Samson's strength
- 17 Hymn of praise
- 18 Thought-provoking
- 19 Fees
- 21 Lemons
- 23 Representative
- 26 Nip
- 28 Visitors
- 32 Similar
- 34 Farming club (abr.)
- 36 Country house
- 37 Brain
- 39 Pride
- 41 Spoil
- 42 Our wish for you! (4 wds.)

46 North northeast

- 47 Old Testament city
- 48 Holiday for Jesus' resurrection
- 50 Brag
- 53 Hole
- 55 Summary
- 56 Passionate
- 58 Instrument to guide oxen
- 60 Sing
- 61 Particle
- 63 Soviet Union
- 65 Popular American desserts
- 68 Percolate
- 70 Secondhand
- 74 Tropical edible root
- 75 Slow down
- 76 KJV pronoun
- 77 Last word of a prayer
- 78 Cousin
- 79 Place for the wicked

DOWN

- 1 Fire remains
- 2 Constrictor
- 3 Samuel's mentor
- 4 The ___ is my shepherd
- 5 Geological formation
- 6 North American nation
- 7 Meek
- 8 Body of water parted by God
- 9 Single
- 10 Lyric poem
- 11 Cooking measurement
- 13 Overt
- 14 Priggish
- 20 Expend (2 wds.)
- 22 Failure
- 23 Scrap
- 24 ___ Roosevelt
- 25 Dunce
- 27 100 ___ = 1 DM
- 29 Scrape
- 30 Henry David ___

31 Stood opposite

- 33 Car brand
- 35 Ripen
- 38 Resort hotel
- 40 IOU part
- 43 Shriek bark
- 44 Lawns
- 45 Compass point
- 46 BB association
- 49 Revolutions per minute
- 51 To every thing there is a ___
- 52 Explosive
- 54 Fruit Loops bird
- 57 Said
- 59 Colorless
- 62 Blessed are the ___
- 64 Great-grandmother of David
- 65 School group
- 66 A name of God
- 67 Bard's before
- 69 Boxer Muhammad
- 71 That girl
- 72 Conger
- 73 Delaware

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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