

June 14, 2026

KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



Fishers of men

In Matthew 4:19, Jesus tells his disciples to follow him and become fishers among men. As fishermen, they were used to spending many hours at sea catching large quantities of fish with nets or using a line to catch fish one at a time. Sometimes they were successful, but sometimes they caught nothing. In John 21:3-6, Peter and some other disciples went fishing and caught nothing, but with Jesus' help, they caught more than their nets could hold. In Matthew 17:27, Jesus instructs Peter to cast a line to catch a single fish. There are examples of being fishers of men, such as when Paul taught in synagogues in various cities, and Philip, who shared the Gospel with the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8).

As followers of Jesus, we read, study, and attend church services and Bible classes. Now, as children of God, we are also expected to become fishers of men. Sometimes, we can throw out single lines to co-workers, friends, and family and see who will nibble or bite. Other times, we can use social media as a net to reach a large audience, as well as individuals with sermon shares, invitations to church events, or even just a heartfelt post of the blessings that God provides.

Be on your guard, for Satan has also learned through the ages how to catch people. He uses the lure of "choice" as a net to catch more souls than we can fathom. For example, does this sound familiar? "Attend the church of your choice." He uses personalized and focused temptations as well. How about the phone that's in your hand? As we scroll through the internet, how many times does something shiny or pleasing to the eye pop up?! Or anything that takes our attention away from God?

How do we, followers of Christ, combat this? Consider that someone is always looking over your shoulder and sees what has your attention. For temptations with the phone or computer, ask yourself, when God sees your choices, would he approve or be disappointed? "For a man's ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his paths" (Proverbs 5:21). Are you able, at any point, to allow a parent or spouse to see your browser history or text conversations? Reflect on this and make changes accordingly. ~Jeff Snyder

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
06/07 Monthly Potluck 06/09 Hand & Foot Get Together 06/13 Men's Business Mtg.	Fran Henniger 6/7 Phyllis Hubbard 6/10 Craig Bolt 6/15 Jack & Wanda Danley 6/15 Debbie Sewell 6/17 Ken & Sallie Winstead 6/17	Trinity Sullins 6/20 David & Ethel Nelson 6/27 Zoe Woodward 6/28 Karen McBurney 6/30 Shannon Mendoza 6/30
5th Sunday Singings	Bible Studies	
May 31 – Pendleton Aug 30 – Hermiston Nov 29 - Kennewick	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – 2nd Timothy Wed pm (7:00p) - Amos	Ladies Class Ladies class - Classes begin again in September

For us to remember:

- **Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Tami Pennington, Sandi Gray, Shannon Mendoza, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Queca Woods, Paul Mays, Jonni Marcotte, Joe Marcotte, Freddie Garza** (Danny's cousin), **Lupe Mendoza, Jackson Ward** (Josh Mendoza's friend),
- **Jim Preston** has a lung infection that requires antibiotic infusions. The side effects are worse than expected. Keep Jim and Holly in your prayers.
- **Doreen Martinez** A spot was found on her spine. Keep her in your prayers as she continues to be treated for cancer
- **Jonnie Marcotte** – having left hip replaced on June 25 – keep her and family in your prayers
- **Linda Bills** – Having right hip replaced soon please keep her and family in your prayers
- **Rod Gillespie** – recovering from covid and pneumonia keep him in your prayers
- Teens if you are interested in going to camp this year, see Shannon Mendoza or Delina Woodward
- Next Congregational meeting is June 14th keep that date in mind

Date	Opening Prayer	Song Leader	Communion Thought (Devotional)	Lord's Supper	Closing Prayer
This week	H. Jones	D. Mendoza	J. Wilson	J. Danley L. Moore	D. McLaughlin
Next Week	J. Danley	C. Sullins	D. Mendoza	L. Moore G. Bills	B. Lafferty

Spiritual Growth: Add Godliness

As we grow in faith, discipline and endurance, Peter next instructs us to “add...to perseverance godliness” (2 Pet. 1:6). Godliness refers to a life that is centered on God—a reverent, devoted way of living that seeks to please Him in all things. The word carries the idea of a “God-ward attitude,” where one’s conduct flows from a deep respect for and devotion to the Lord. What a beautiful thought!

This is more than outward religious behavior. It is possible to appear godly while lacking true devotion. Scripture warns about those who have “a form of godliness but deny its power” (2 Tim. 3:5). Jesus also cautioned against practicing righteousness merely to be seen by others (Matt. 6:1; 23:5). True godliness is different. It is not about impressing people—it is about pleasing God.

Jesus perfectly demonstrated this attitude. He said, “I always do those things that please Him” (John 8:29). If we are to follow Christ, we must adopt that same desire. Godliness shapes not just what we do, but why we do it.

This quality is essential for several reasons. First, it is necessary to truly be a disciple of Christ. We cannot follow Christ while living for ourselves or seeking the approval of others (Gal. 1:10). Our aim must be to please God.

Second, godliness is profitable in every way. Paul wrote that it holds promise for both the present life and the life to come (1 Tim. 4:7-8). It affects how we live now and prepares us for eternity. This demands vigilant attention.

Third, godliness is a source of spiritual strength. When we live to please God, He works in us and strengthens us (Phil. 2:12-13; Eph. 3:16). There is power in a life devoted to Him.

So how do we develop godliness? It requires intentional effort. As physical health requires exercise, spiritual growth requires discipline (1 Tim. 4:7-8). We must give attention to reading God’s Word, applying it and using our abilities in His service.

It also requires removing distractions. Paul urges believers to flee things like materialism, pride and empty disputes, and instead pursue righteousness and godliness (1 Tim. 6:6-11). We cannot grow in godliness while clinging to worldly priorities.

Most importantly, godliness requires proper motivation. Our goal must always be to glorify God—not to gain recognition, advantage or approval from others. When our motive is right, our actions will follow.

Godliness is demonstrated in a life that consistently seeks to honor God—in attitude, conduct and purpose. It ensures that our faithfulness is directed toward the right goal: pleasing God in all things.

~David Sproule

Wednesday Night Devotional

Date	Song leader	Devotional	Date	Song leader	Devotional
05/27	J. Mendoza	D. McLaughlin	06/24	D. Mendoza	L. Moore
06/03	D. Mendoza	B. Lafferty	07/01	C. Sullins	J. Wilson
06/10	L. Moore	C. Sullins	07/08	D. Mendoza	H. Jones
06/17	C. Sullins	J. Danley	07/15	L. Moore	D. Mendoza

