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KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



The Good, The Bad, the Ugly in the Church – Then What?

The expression “The good, the bad, the ugly” is widely used in our culture. It originated from a movie by this title released in 1966. There were three characters starring in it with each having one of the distinct personality traits found in the title. Over the next few weeks, we will use this approach to look at churches in the first century.

The church at Ephesus: the good. It was established by Paul on his third missionary journey and became the center of the evangelizing of the Roman province of Asia.

Paul preached in this city longer than in any other place he lived and during that time all of Asia heard the gospel (Acts 19:10). Later Timothy came to the city to continue the work as it grew. In the book of Acts, we read Paul’s conversation with the elders of this great church. There is so much good in those early years of this congregation.

In the book of Revelation, more good can be found, when John writes to them from the island of Patmos. Paul had told those elders that after he left false teachers, some from within the congregation and others from without, would enter the church to destroy it. When John writes to them, it was obvious how seriously that eldership had taken Paul’s words. There were some who were claiming they were apostles, and the elders and the church realized this and did not allow these false teachers to harm the church. John said that their labors to stand for the truth in this way continued and they had not become weary in doing this (Rev. 2:3). Then there were other false teachers who brought in the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, and both the church and the Lord hated this doctrine (2:6).

Ephesus: the bad. Things were not all good in this church because a serious problem had developed. It is a problem that often develops in both preachers and churches. Their focus had been so centered on dealing with error that the love they once had for the Lord was not what it once was. John said they had left their first love, but this does not mean they had turned against Jesus who they loved. Leaving your first love simply means that they had forgotten how much they loved Jesus at first. That had greatly diminished.

Ephesus: the ugly. How serious is that when it happens to a church? The answer to this is the “ugly” of this church. Tongues minus love, prophecies minus love and knowledge minus love are often just noise like a clanging cymbal (1 Cor. 13). So is standing for the truth minus taking seriously what Jesus said lay in this church’s future: “I will come and remove your candlestick” (3:5). Keeping this love will lead to eating from the tree of life. Another church next week. ~Dan Jenkins

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
07/05 Monthly Potluck 07/11 Men's Business Mtg. 9:00a 07/13 Hand & Foot Get Together	Delina Woodward 7/5 Charlee-Jo Thomas 7/22 Danny & Shannon Mendoza 7/22 Jim & Holly Preston 7/22 Nana Sinicrope 7/23 David Nelson 7/23	Ila Stephens 7/28 Rick Woodward 7/31
5th Sunday Singings	Bible Studies	
May 31 – Pendleton Aug 30 – Hermiston Nov 29 - Kennewick	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – Titus Wed pm (7:00p) - Amos	Ladies Class Ladies class - Classes begin again in September

For us to remember:

- **Pat Lindsay, Tami Pennington, Sandi Gray, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Paul Mays, Joe Marcotte, Lupe Mendoza**
- **Jim Preston** has a lung infection that requires antibiotic infusions. 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** – Had her hip replacement surgery on Last Friday. She has been moved to Canyon Lakes rehab
- **Rod Gillespie** – recovering from covid and pneumonia keep him in your prayers
- **Karen McBurney** fell and broke her shoulder. Keep her in your prayers as she heals
- It's good to have the teens back from camp. Thank-you Delinia and Rick for bringing them home.

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

What Do You Miss On Sunday Nights?

For a long time, it has been obvious to anyone that attendance on Sunday nights is significantly lower than Sunday mornings. There are certainly many legitimate reasons why someone might not be able to come back for a second worship service. For example, some members are elderly and are not able to drive at night. Others might have to work evening shifts on Sundays. However, the decision is often made simply because a member doesn't feel an obligation to attend a second service.

We likely are familiar with the Scriptural reasons for attending all gatherings of the saints. When the Hebrews writer wrote, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Heb. 10:24-25), he did not specify a number of times a week. The implication is that faithful Christians should prioritize every meeting of the saints when feasible. So, why then would a Christian choose to miss time with their brethren? Perhaps they just don't know what they're missing. Here are just a few things Christians miss out on when they skip Sunday evening service.

First, they miss out on deeper Biblical study. In our congregation, our elders have noticed that Sunday evenings are an opportunity to dig into more complex Bible subjects. So, if you miss a Sunday night sermon, you are likely missing out on a truly intriguing and uplifting message from the Scriptures you wouldn't get in a morning sermon.

Second, they also miss out on sharing the Lord's Supper with those who can't attend morning services. In our day, it is impractical for many to keep their job and attend morning and evening worship. This is one of the main reasons our congregation has two services to begin with. Attending in the evening allows us to commune with these members in the remembrance of our Lord's death in accordance with 1 Corinthians 11:18-22. No one is left hungry.

Third, they miss out on more congregational prayer and singing. In Romans 15:5-6, Paul exhorted the church, saying, "Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Prayer and song unites us in purpose, doctrine and supplications. Is once or twice a week enough time for us to spend praising God together? On the contrary. We need as much as we can get!

If you haven't been to a Sunday evening service in a while, I assure you—you don't know what you are missing!

~Robert Lupo

Wednesday Night Devotional

Date	Song leader	Devotional
07/01	C. Sullins	J. Wilson
07/08	D. Mendoza	H. Jones
07/15	L. Moore	D. Mendoza
07/22	H. Jones	L. Moore

Date	Song leader	Devotional
07/29	D. Mendoza	C. Sullins
08/05	L. Moore	J. Wilson
08/12	C. Sullins	H. Jones
08/19	L. Moore	D. Mendoza

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Azariah, Baasha, Daniel,
 David, Elah, Elijah, Elisha,
 Ezekiel, Habakkuk, Haggai,
 Hezekiah, Hosea, Hoshea,
 Isaiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiachin,
 Jehoiakim, Jehoram,
 Jeroboam, Joel, Joram, Josiah,
 Jotham, Malachi, Manasseh,
 Menahem, Micah, Nadab,
 Nahum, Obadiah, Omri,
 Rehoboam, Saul, Solomon,
 Zechariah, Zedekiah,
 Zephaniah, Zimri

Door Access

May	Joe Wilson	Sep	Darrell Mc Laughlin
Jun	Gary Keever	Oct	Danny Mendoza
Jul	Chase Sullins	Nov	Harvey Jones
Aug	Larry Moore	Dec	Vern Engelke

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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 07/05 43 Contribution 07/05 2015