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KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



The Good -Not The Bad, and Not the Ugly in One Church

Last week we began a brief series of articles based on the character of three main characters. The movie was entitled “The Good, the Bad, the Ugly.” We have taken this phrase to use to describe the condition, both the good and the bad, of the churches we study. We use the last part of the phrase, the ugly, to describe the future for most of these churches.

The church at Smyrna and its beginning. We know very little about the beginning of this church. It is highly likely that it began during the three years Paul was at Ephesus, the largest city in Asia and not far from Smyrna. This being true Paul could have been part of this church near its beginning.

The city of Smyrna, one of the most beautiful in that area. It was blessed by having a safe harbor which could provide protection from hostile ships by placing a chain across its entrance. There were many temples with Greek/Roman gods, but in 196 B.C., it erected a temple to the goddess Roma, when Rome was far removed from being a powerful nation. There were many Jews there with their synagogue and they were very hostile toward the early church.

The city of Smyrna, home of Polycarp, a very well-known martyr. There are many details of the death of this man who was faithful to the very end. There was an uproar in the city, and they demanded that Polycarp be publicly executed. Given the choice of cursing the name of the Christ and making a sacrifice to Caesar, He replied, “Eighty and six years have I served Him and he has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?” Then he added, “You threaten me with the fire that burns for a time, and is quickly quenched, for you do not know the fire which awaits the wicked in the judgment to come and in everlasting punishment. Why are you waiting? Come, do what you will.”

The church and the good about it. There is no “bad or ugly” about this church. John, in his letter to the seven churches, mentions tribulations, poverty and blasphemy from the Jewish synagogue. He mentioned another coming that was about to try their faith. They were faithful and Jesus said, “Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10). Jesus realized there were two distinct groups who claimed to serve God. One was a “synagogue of Satan” and the other was the church.

As you read about these churches in Asia, keep in mind that only two of them have nothing bad said about them. The difference? They were serving God amidst great trials, but only two were truly faithful. We need to be faithful to death!~ 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, Doreen Martinez, Rod Gillespie**
- **Jonnie Marcotte** – Had her hip replacement surgery . She has been moved to Canyon Lakes rehab Room 129
- **Karen McBurney** fell and broke her shoulder. Keep her in your prayers as she heals
- **George Bills** (Gary and Linda Bill's son) who has heart issues since he was young, had several trips to ER and it was determined he needs a heart transplant. Keep them in your prayers as they work through all that is involved in this
- **Maddison Reeser** as she recovers from an abscess in her tailbone
- **Tony and Queca Woods** are going to Peru on a mission the last two weeks of August. Keep them in your prayers as they spread God's word in Peru.
- **Preteens** as they travel to camp Ivydale this week for camp
- **Seth Hass** (Friend of Chase) – had a stroke in his brain stem. Keep him in your prayers as he recovers
- **Wanda Danley** – As she recovers from a broken foot. Please pray for her recovery.
- **Donny Mendoza** (Danny's brother) – found a growth that turned out to be benign. Thank you for your prayers.

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

Are YOU a Tychicus?

One of the things that makes Bible study so enjoyable is reading about faithful brothers or sisters in Christ for whom there is very little information given. Why is that enjoyable? First, it rejoices the heart that God saw fit to introduce them to us, even if they were not “a big name in the church” (from our perspective). Second, it refreshes the soul to try to relate to them today, knowing that even if there is not much known about me, I can still be useful to the Lord. Third, it revives a longing to be in heaven to meet these brethren and to learn of their devoted service to the Lord.

One such brother in Christ was Tychicus. His name is found five times in the New Testament. He is first found in a list of some of Paul’s travel companions on his third missionary journey (Acts 20:4). Paul told the church in Ephesus that he was sending Tychicus to them from Rome, so that they would know how Paul was doing (Eph. 6:21). Paul told Titus that he may send Tychicus to relieve him in Crete (Tit. 3:12), and near the end of Paul’s life, he sent Tychicus to Ephesus (2 Tim. 4:12).

The verse that tells us the most about Tychicus is a single verse in Colossians, where we learn three things about him. However, the three things we learn are the kind of Christian character for which we must strive today, nearly 2,000 years later. Think about each description from Colossians 4:7.

Tychicus was “a beloved brother.” First, he was a brother in Christ. Paul was a Jew, and Tychicus was a Gentile. But, in Christ, those distinctions made no difference (Rom. 1:16; Gal. 3:28). Second, he was beloved—a word that means “one who is dearly loved, prized, valued.” Do you have any beloved brothers? Have you told them such? Are you a beloved brother to any brethren in Christ?

Tychicus was a “faithful minister.” First, he was a “minister,” which is from the Greek *diakonos*—a word that emphasizes “one who renders service to another; a servant.” Second, he was faithful, which not only shows that he was trustworthy and dependable, but he was dutiful and devoted in those efforts. Do you know any faithful servants in the church? Are you a faithful servant in the church?

Tychicus was a “fellow servant in the Lord.” First, the word “servant” is from the Greek for “slave,” which denoted one who gave himself up to the will of another. Second, he did not do this on his own, but “fellow” emphasizes a unity and fellowship of many slaves. Third, note carefully that his service was focused “in the Lord.” Do you know any fellow servants in the Lord? Are you a fellow servant in the Lord?

Are YOU a Tychicus? What a great example for us! ~David Sproule

Wednesday Night Devotional

Date	Song leader	Devotional	Date	Song leader	Devotional
07/01	C. Sullins	J. Wilson	07/29	D. Mendoza	C. Sullins
07/08	D. Mendoza	H. Jones	08/05	L. Moore	J. Wilson
07/15	L. Moore	D. Mendoza	08/12	C. Sullins	H. Jones
07/22	H. Jones	L. Moore	08/19	L. Moore	D. Mendoza

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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 07/12 45 Contribution 07/12 \$3333.00