

August 9, 2026

KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



Some Quick Reminders From Paul

Over the last few years, I've been learning the value of setting reminders on my phone for all sorts of things. I set reminders for everything now, and I have been much more consistent with meeting all my responsibilities.

We can always use a good reminder. In 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22, when closing his letter, Paul left several reminders for the church to follow.

"Warn those who are unruly" (v. 14). Our goal is to get to heaven with as many of our brethren as possible. When one of us is walking disorderly, we have a duty to warn them (cf. Ezek. 3:18-21). Let's make sure we all get home to our Lord.

"Comfort the fainthearted" (v. 14). It is easy to get discouraged. Whether we are talking about the work of evangelism or simply the day-to-day struggles of life, we can quickly become overwhelmed. We must always look to lift one another up when we are feeling low.

"Uphold the weak" (v. 14). There are many instances when a brother may become weak. It could be physical or it may be spiritual (cf. 1 Cor. 8:9-13). In any case, those of us who are strong must step up to help bear the load.

"Be patient with all" (v. 14). Let's face it, there are times when we can get frustrated with each other. But we must never lose our patience. "Love bears all things..." (1 Cor. 13:7).

"See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all" (v. 15). When Jesus said, "Turn the other cheek," He meant it!

"Rejoice always" (v. 16). Sometimes I see Christians act like they haven't had all their sins forgiven, and it is sad. We have every reason to rejoice. Let's show the world the immeasurable joy that Christ offers.

"Pray without ceasing" (v. 17). Do you have something to be joyful about? Pray! Do you have something you are worried about? Pray! It is always a good time to talk with your Father in heaven.

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (v. 18). Gratitude is far more valuable than we realize. Whether it is directed toward the Lord or to the brethren, it always goes a long way.

"Test all things" (v. 21). Don't believe every wind of doctrine (cf. Eph 4:14). Let the Scriptures guide you.

"Hold fast what is good" (v. 21). Study the goodness of God and show it in every area of your life.

"Abstain from every form of evil" (v. 22). Don't try to find loopholes around sin. Avoid every shape they come in.

Let this be a reminder to add these words to your daily life, and you will be a much more consistent Christian. ~Robert Lupo

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
08/02 Monthly Potluck 08/08 Men's Business Mtg. 9:00a 08/10 Hand & Foot Get Together 08/30 5 th Sunday Singing	Debra Bolt 8/8 Doreen Martinez 8/12 Danny Mendoza 8/13 Darrell McLaughlin 8/14 Kyle & Naomi McCown 8/16	Ellie Woodward 8/21 Julianna Woodward 8/24 Harvey & Lynette Jones 8/25 Bonnie Johnson 8/28
5th Sunday Singings	Bible Studies	
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:

- **Tami Pennington, Sandi Gray, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Paul Mays, Joe Marcotte, Lupe Mendoza, Jim Preston, Doreen Martinez, Rod Gillespie, Pat Lindsay, George Bills**
- **Jonnie Marcotte** – is in rehab as she recovers from hip surgery. She is in Richland Rehab room 314 bed 1
- **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.
- **Linda Bills** – had hip replacement surgery this week. Last update was all went well and she is recovering. Keep them in your prayers as they deal with her hip and George's heart issues.
- **Doris Pennington** – in addition to her breathing issues is experiencing a great deal of hip pain. Please keep her in your prayers as she struggles with her health.
- Welcome back to all our teens returning from camp. Thank you Delina and Rick Woodward for taking them to the camps this year. Thank you to all of those who donated to ensure all the teens who wanted to go could go to the camps to be inspired and strengthened in God's word.

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

The Secret to Church Growth

Does your church want to grow? I believe most churches want more baptisms, numerical growth, and to see their pews filled with eager listeners. We don't want to grow for the wrong reasons (think Joel Osteen), but we don't always know why we aren't growing or how to fix it. So we try to solve the wrong problem the wrong way. Some assume that their worship or doctrine is not appealing to outsiders, so they change their worship practices, soften the preaching, and even become more flexible in doctrine. Others keep doing the same thing over and over, expecting different results and hoping people will come like they used to. Even if it does result in some growth, these things won't solve the true crisis and may make the problem worse.

Assuming we are dealing with a relatively stable church with no major conflict, doctrinal error, or external factors like community decline, how do we solve a growth crisis? The growth problem is ultimately a culture problem, and for a church to truly begin growing again they need to implement an evangelistic culture that prioritizes the fulfillment of the Great Commission and the equipping of Christians to do the same. This is nothing other than what we are called to do as Christians in the church, but like the church in Ephesus, sometimes we abandon our first love (Rev 2:4).

So how do we go about implementing an evangelistic culture? First, an evangelistic culture has to begin with the example set by its leaders including the elders, preacher, ministers, teachers, deacons, and other people of influence (1 Tim 4:12; 2 Tim 4:2). We love to talk about evangelism, preach about evangelism, but don't always like to do it ("Here I am, send Aaron!"). Leaders who are not doing evangelism themselves cannot effectively train members to reach the lost. They must lay out a vision for evangelism from the pulpit and encourage Christians in their work in evangelism. This is especially true for preachers. While we don't have to do all the evangelism, we need to take a hard look at ourselves and ask: when was the last time I was personally involved in an evangelistic study?

Second, an evangelistic church will require changes to existing ministries, processes, and habits. This won't always be received well and can be threatening and uncomfortable to many members. Leaders will be challenged to do things they didn't sign up for and not everyone will want to participate in evangelism. But to transform the culture of the church, existing ministries must become more evangelistic, and old routines must die (see Rev 2-3). We must never compromise on doctrine, but we should be ready to break free of our unproductive habits and restore biblical ones.

At its core, true church growth is evangelistic. It's not about having the best song leader, fun-filled family bonanza, rockstar preacher, or multi-million dollar amenities. It's not only about restoring the New Testament church but also restoring the New Testament evangelistic culture of Jesus, his disciples, and the early church. By doing this, we too can plant, water, and rely upon God to provide the increase (1 Cor 3:6). ~Spenser Clark

Wednesday Night Devotional

Date	Song leader	Devotional	Date	Song leader	Devotional
08/05	L. Moore	J. Wilson	09/02	C. Sullins	J. Wilson
08/12	C. Sullins	H. Jones	09/09	D. Mendoza	H. Jones
08/19	L. Moore	D. Mendoza	09/16	L. Moore	D. Mendoza
08/26	D. Mendoza	D. McLaughlin	09/23	H. Jones	L. Moore

E W I G E N C O U R A G E C D	Apostles, Body of Christ,
C I M S R E H T O E V O L O E	Common union, Community,
I T P I H S W O L L E F G M R	Cover, Don't neglect, Easier,
F H O W F O S S E N E N O M E	Encourage, Faith, Fellowship,
I S R T S I R H C F O Y D O B	First church, God's plan, Habit,
R T T E C H R T A O S E S N M	Heavy books, Important,
C A A L O E A S C B D M P U E	Lifestyle, Love others, Many
A N N Y M A L R T O I I L N M	membered, Oneness, Pillar,
S D T T M V P G E C M T A I Y	Prayer, Sacrifice, Same spirit,
T C P S U Y I O E H H I N O N	Shareholder, Shortcomings, Stir
I O R E N B L H S N O U N N A	up, Time, Withstand
R V A F I O L O T T T L R G M	-----
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T I R I P S E M A S O F S D R	

Door Access			
Sep	Darrell Mc Laughlin	Jan	Joe Wilson
Oct	Danny Mendoza	Feb	Gary Keever
Nov	Harvey Jones	Mar	Chase Sullins
Dec	Vern Engelke	Apr	Larry Moore

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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 08/02 39 Contribution 08/02 \$2175.00