

August 16, 2026

KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



Faithfulness First Demands Faith

The Bible shows in many ways the truth affirmed by Paul when he said, “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scripture might have hope” (Rom. 15:4). He uses the word “before” to call our attention to the Old Testament scriptures, for it was almost three decades before there were New Testament scriptures.

Look carefully at this verse and focus on each word. The word “whatever” emphasizes that no part of that old law should be overlooked. The word “learning” affirms that we can understand it and heaven’s expectation for us to know it. You would be wise to meditate on how those scriptures are related to patience, comfort and hope.

The Jews of Jesus’ day failed to see one vital truth, and this resulted in the religion of the Pharisees. That truth was simply stated by Habakkuk. “The just shall live by his faith” (Hab. 2:4). If you want overwhelming proof of this read Hebrews chapter 11—it is a summation of the place of faith in the lives of the Old Testament saints.

The Pharisees developed a religion that did not involve faith in the heart. Instead, they focused on another verse and ignored their need for the blood of Jesus. Paul said, “The law is not of faith, but the man who does them shall live by them” (Gal. 3:12). They turned their attention away from faith and turned to the external laws of the Old Testament. They counted them and decided there were 613 commandments, and their religion centered around these commandments. They even added their own interpretation and added more external laws like the sabbath day journey, washing hands before eating and so many “truths” created in their hearts.

God never intended for the Old Testament to be a system of the knowledge of external rules and perfectly keeping them. When Moses gave the law to the Jews, He plainly said, “These words which I command you today shall be in your heart” (Deut. 6:6). It was not His plan for them to remain on the tablets of stone, or even to just memorize or number them and make a list to be used to see if one is righteous. The commands were to become part of the soul of His people who first engraved them in their hearts.

Remove faith from the commandments and you develop a religion like the Jews. You find no joy in Christianity because you will never be good enough to enter heaven. When you make Christianity only external you live in guilt because you are not keeping every commandment you have numbered to be in your life. When you love Him, you will obey Him and you will find the joy of living faith! ~Dan Jenkins

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	Maddison Reeser 8/18 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
- **Linda Bills** - hip replacement surgery. 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.
- **Pat Lindsay** – is back in the hospital getting a blood transfusion and looking for reason she is losing blood. She went in Friday and remained overnight. Not sure if she will be released on Sat or held over another night.

Congregational Meetings Sep 13 Dec 13 Mar 14 Jun 13			Prayer Meetings Nov 04 Feb 03 May 05 Aug 04		
Date	Opening Prayer	Song Leader	Communion Thought (Devotional)	Lord's Supper	Closing Prayer
This week	H. Jones	C. Sullins	D. Mendoza	J. Wilson L. Moore	D. McLaughlin
Next Week	J. Danley	D. Mendoza	G. Keever	J. Wilson L. Moore	B. Lafferty

Fine Print

Promotional offers, sweepstakes, new internet and wireless services, car and home purchases, and contracts in general all have one thing in common – the “fine print”. Many individuals take a “30,000 foot elevation” view of such documents and either skim or look beyond the “fine print”, as it can be filled with legal terms and language. While it can be burdensome to review the “fine print”, it likely contains very important, revealing, and valuable information.

As Christians, we must avoid viewing God’s Word at “30,000 feet” and equating the Bible to “fine print” that only a biblical scholar can understand. The Bible holds very valuable instruction and a promise to those who follow through. God’s commandments are not burdensome (I John 5:3), and the gospel of Christ is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes (Romans 1:16) and is baptized (Mark 16:16) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

God’s Word instructs us in faithful living (2 Peter 1:5-11) and encourages us to remain steadfast in our faith (I Corinthians 15:58). In Paul’s letter to Timothy, he tells Timothy to continue in the things he has learned and been assured of through the Holy Scriptures, knowing that all Scripture is able to make man complete and thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

While the world may perceive God’s Word as “fine print”, the Holy Scriptures are not so complex that one cannot know the truth about salvation and how to live a Christian life. The Father has “given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him...” (2 Peter 1:3).

~Terry Clark

His Own Special People

When God brought Israel out of the bondage of Egypt, they were not just one nation among many. They were, to God.

“a special treasure...above all people” (Ex. 19:5).

Forty years later, He said it again:

“...the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth” (Deut. 7:6; 14:2; 26:18).

Interestingly, that was conditional, if they would “obey” Him and “keep” His commandments” (Ex. 19:5).

When God brought you out of the bondage of sin, you were not just some randomly saved person. You were, to God, a part of His blood-bought church (Acts 20:28), for whom Christ “gave Himself,” that He might “purify for Himself His own special people” (Tit. 2:14). The church of the Bible (i.e., “the Israel of God” today, Gal. 6:16) is “a people for God’s own possession” (1 Pet. 2:9, NASB). Being special to God today is conditional, “teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age” (Tit. 2:12).

Are you one of God’s special people? What a thought—to be special to God! ~David Sproule

Wednesday Night Devotional

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

Date	Song leader	Devotional
09/02	C. Sullins	J. Wilson
09/09	D. Mendoza	H. Jones
09/16	L. Moore	D. Mendoza
09/23	H. Jones	L. Moore

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Alpha and omega, Bread of life,
 Consolation, Cornerstone,
 Counselor, Deliverer, Door,
 Eternal life, First and last,
 Forerunner, Foundation, Grace,
 Head, Heaven, Hope, King of
 kings, Lion of Judah, Lord of
 Lords, Love, Mediator, Messiah,
 Prince of peace, Resurrection,
 Rock, Salvation, Servant king,
 Son of God

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 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:00 pm Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm Minister: Chase Sullins	

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