

August 23, 2026

KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



Build a Hedge Around Our Families

One of our elders often includes in his prayers a request to God to “build a hedge around our families.” What a great, heart-felt petition to make of our God on behalf of our precious families! Do our families need the protective hand of God around them today? Perhaps more than ever! Does the God of heaven love our families enough to answer that request and encompass them with His divine protection? Of course, He does!

We know, when it comes to the planting business of God’s people, that we are in this work with the Lord Himself. Truly, “we are God’s fellow workers” (1 Cor. 3:9). As He plants, we plant. As we plant, He plants. Christian homes belong to God, and God belongs to Christian homes. With His help, how can families work beside Him to plant a hedge of protection around our homes and around our children?

God plants a hedge of protection around our families with our help when we fill our homes with prayer. Prayer is a direct line of communication with our Father in heaven, in which He is invited into our homes and into any and every part of our lives. Our homes should be filled with “praying always with all prayer and supplication” (Eph. 6:18), pleading with Him to “deliver [our families] from the evil one” (Matt. 6:13). Do our children understand the power available to them in prayer? Do we surround our children with prayer—in their presence (so that they can hear us praying for them by name) and out of their presence? The One to whom we pray, asking Him into and all around our homes, “is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us” (Eph. 3:20). What a hedge that is!

God plants a hedge of protection around our families with our help when we fill our homes with Scripture. If God’s Word, hidden in the heart of one of His children, can help that individual to “not sin against” Him (Psa. 119:11), then what about having God’s Word hidden in the hearts of an entire family? Do you remember what God told the Israelites to do with His Word, in addition to putting them “in your heart” (Deut. 6:6)? “Teach them diligently to your children” all the time, and “bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates” (Deut. 6:7-9). Do we have Bible verses being heard (through teaching or audio readings) and seen (in printed form and living form) in our homes? What a hedge that provides!

When you think of a hedge around your family, do not think of a small shrub. Think of a massive protective barrier that reaches to heaven—because that’s where it originates.

~Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ

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, Seth Haas, Donny Mendoza**
- **Jonnie Marcotte** – is in rehab as she recovers from hip surgery. She is in Richland Rehab room 314 bed 1
- **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 and should be here today. Thank you for all the prayers and support. Keep her in your prayers as she struggles with ongoing health issues.
- **Richard and Laurie Sutton's** daughter
- **Salvador Sanchez**
- **Jer and Justin Henshaw**

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	J. Danley	D. Mendoza	G. Keever	J. Wilson L. Moore	B. Lafferty
Next Week	H. Jones	L. Moore	C. Sullins	D. Mendoza J. Wilson	D. McLaughlin

The Bad, The “More Badder” & the “Most Baddest” - Laodicea

We conclude this series of looking at the seven churches of Asia, which were presented using a phrase from a movie several years ago. This phrase, “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” seems to fit most of these churches. However, when we come to the church in Laodicea, we changed the title and created new “words” to describe it. There was nothing good to be found in this church.

The city of Laodicea. It was not a well-fortified city, but when Rome brought peace to the city, it became a rich city and a center of the financial area around it. It was a center where garments were manufactured that were worn in much of the Roman Empire. It was also a city famous for eye salve which brought healing. Needless to say, it was a city that reflected its grandeur and glory.

The church in Laodicea, neither “hot nor cold.” In His opening words Jesus describes this church and its lukewarm service to Him. There was no major false doctrine which flourished there. There were no major false teachers. It was a church which still assembled, but assembling was the extent of its spirituality. Tragically this describes many churches today and far too many members of the church. Read His words carefully.

“I could wish that you were cold or hot. So that because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth” (Rev. 3:16). Read them again. The Lord would rather a Christian be cold—one who has totally left the Lord—than one who comes to worship or serves Him when it is convenient to come.

The Lord’s response to such level of devotion is that Christians like this make Him so sick that He is ready to vomit them out of His mouth. Read His words again and soberly apply them to your devotion to Him.

The church in Laodicea did not see themselves as He saw them. They were satisfied and foolishly thought they were rich, well-clothed, and had no need to find ointments for their eyes. Jesus said that they said, “I am rich, I have become wealthy and have need of nothing.” Jesus said, “You are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked” (3:17). He then offered them true riches, white heavenly garments to cover their nakedness and salve for their spiritual blindness.

The letter to this church closes with a picture of Jesus standing and knocking at the door of this church that had everything except Jesus. Today He stands at the door of the entrance to the heart of every lukewarm Christian, knocking and wanting to gain entrance. Never lose sight of the fact that the handle to open the door is on the inside of your heart!

~Dan Jenkins

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

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Bitter, Blessings, Bottomless,
 Breastplates, Brimstone, Burning,
 Creatures, Destroyed,
 Earthquake, Euphrates,
 Followed, Fountains, Furnace,
 Inhabiters, Issachar, Joseph,
 Lamp, Lightnings, Nephtalim, Pit,
 Prayers, Robes, Scorpions,
 Seven angels, Seventh seal,
 Thunderings, Tribulation,
 Trumpets, Woe woe woe

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 08/16 NA Contribution 08/16 \$2214.00