

August 30, 2026

KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



Build a Hedge Around Our Families (Part 2 of 2)

One of our elders often includes in his prayers a request to God to “build a hedge around our families.” When we pray for God to build a hedge around our families, does the Bible tell us anything about God’s activity in that regard? Jesus told a parable about a “certain landowner” (representing God) who “planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it” (Matt. 21:33) for protection. God protects His people like a hedge (cf. Job 1:10)—which is the point at that detail in the parable about the church. Back in the Old Testament, David recognized in his prayer to God, “You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me” (Psa. 139:5). There is no one better in the hedge-building business than our God.

In addition to filling our homes with prayer and with Scripture, what are other ways that families today can work beside our God 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 right-living. When God’s people were getting ready to enter the Promised Land, He told them, “You shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord” (Deut. 6:18). Immediately after that, He said this: “When your son asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the Lord our God has commanded you?’” (6:20). The son would only ask such a question if the son was not only being taught the right way to live in the eyes of God but if he was seeing it lived out in front of him. There is something uniquely distinct about holy living! If it can have an impact on people outside our home who see it (Matt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:11-12), it most certainly has a lasting impact on those inside our homes (cf. 1 Pet. 3:1). We need to teach our kids to love what’s right and to love doing what’s right. That’s a heavenly hedge of great strength!

God plants a hedge of protection around our families with our help when we fill our homes with the church. When our home is church-first-centered (Matt. 6:33), there are innumerable blessings that will both permeate and surround our families. This is not just about assembling with the church (Heb. 10:24-25) but about building real, deep, meaningful relationships with our church family, so that our children have a host of “grandpas, grandmas, uncles and aunts” in the church, who care for them, encourage them, watch out for them, and provide a very personal hedge all around them. This is what it means for the church to be “members of one another” (Rom. 12:5). We are a hedge!

“Holy Father, please build a hedge of protection around our families! And please use us as your hands to make that hedge as tall, wide and strong as You alone can make it.” ~Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
09/06 Monthly Potluck 09/12 Men's Business Mtg. 9:00a 09/08 Hand & Foot Get Together	Craig & Debra Bolt 9/1 Janette Petty 9/13 Darrell & Shirley McLaughlin 9/16 Virgil & Jonni Marcotte 9/17 Jack Danley 9/18	Rick & Delina Woodward 9/26 Lonna Rau 8/18
5th Sunday Singings	Bible Studies	
Aug 30 – Hermiston Nov 29 - Kennewick	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – Wed pm (7:00p) - Amos	Ladies Class Ladies class - Thursdays (11:00-12:30) Classes begin Sept 10 – Study in James

For us to remember:

- **Tami Pennington, Sandi Gray, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Paul Mays, Joe Marcotte, Lupe Mendoza, Jim Preston, Doreen Martinez, Pat Lindsay, George Bills, Seth Haas, Donny Mendoza, Jonni Marcotte, Linda Bills, Doris Pennington**
- **Richard and Laurie Sutton's daughter**
- **Salvador Sanchez** (father of Karen's caregiver) as he recovers from surgery
- **Rita** Broken Collarbone
- **Jer Henshaw**
- **Justin Henshaw** broken bones in scapula
- **Rod Gillespie** – heart issues
- Upcoming Lectureship in Linder Road Oct 17-20 Grace Factor

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

When Chosen of the Chosen Chooses

The sovereignty of God empowered Him to choose individuals, groups or nations to accomplish His plan. When the Jews left Egypt, God said to them, "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; 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). Read the rest of this paragraph to see that they were not chosen because they were better than others, but He chose them because of His sovereign right.

There were twelve tribes, and God, as His sovereign right, selected one tribe above all the rest to serve in Him at the temple. No other individual from any tribe had a right to enter the Holy Place or serve Him at His altars. The Lord said this about the place of the Levites, "For the Lord your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to minister in the name of the Lord, him and his sons forever" (Deut. 18:5).

Not all Levites were priests. They had to be males of a particular age and have no physical blemishes. Moses and David divided those qualified into twenty-four separate groups who came to the temple to serve for one week, about twice each year. There was one other vital stipulation, but before looking at it, take time to see the application of these truths. Christianity is vastly different for every child of God is a priest in the Lord's church. Peter says, "You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 2:5). Hebrews chapter thirteen adds this to these truths, "Therefore by Him, let us continually offer the sacrifices of praises to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name...to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (vs. 15-16).

Now take another look at how God gave one more requirement for priests. "If a Levite comes... with all the desire of his mind to place which the Lord chooses, then he may serve in the name of the Lord his God" (Deut. 18:5-6). It was not enough for one to meet the tribal or physical qualifications in order to serve Him. These were external in their nature. He could meet every one of them but there was something more important. Look at the "if/then" nature of what is said. IF a Levite comes with all the desire of his mind, THEN he may serve in the name of the Lord. He could not serve acceptably unless such serve was all the desire of his mind!

We must never view those times when we come together to offer the fruit of our lips in worship without bringing all the desire of our hearts and souls as part of worship. Think soberly about it as you worship this week! ~Dan Jenkins

Wednesday Night Devotional

Date	Song leader	Devotional	Date	Song leader	Devotional
09/02	C. Sullins	J. Wilson	09/30	C. Sullins	J. Wilson
09/09	D. Mendoza	H. Jones	10/07	D. Mendoza	H. Jones
09/16	L. Moore	D. Mendoza	10/14	L. Moore	D. Mendoza
09/23	H. Jones	L. Moore	10/21	H. Jones	D. McLaughlin

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 Common union, Community,
 Cover, Don't neglect, Easier,
 Encourage, Faith, Fellowship,
 First church, God's plan, Habit,
 Heavy books, Important,
 Lifestyle, Love others, Many
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 Prayer, Sacrifice, Same spirit,
 Shareholder, Shortcomings, Stir
 up, Time, Withstand

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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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	

