

Mountain States Children's Home

Remember to stock up on supplies to bring for the children's home collection *which takes place on March 25, 2018*. Keep this work in your prayers.

What to Bring (Some Suggestions – See bulletin board for complete list):

- Picante Sauce
- Soy Sauce
- Olive Oil
- Granola Bars
- Individual Bags of Chips
- Graham Crackers
- Basil, Oregano, Garlic, Italian
- Jasmine Rice
- 2 lb Flour
- Decaf Coffee
- 100% Fruit Juices
- Spaghetti Sauce (Glass containers only)
- Instant Oatmeal
- Refried Beans
- Ranch Dressing
- Disposable Razors
- Tampons
- Mouthwash
- Gal & Qt. Ziploc bags
- Dish Washer Detergent
- Disposable Cups, Plates & Bowls
- Clorox Bleach
- Plastic Cutlery

Peru Ministry

Support Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru.

Kennewick Spring Lectureship April 11 – 15
Harvesting the Scriptures

Food Pantry

The pantry is located in the room left of the library. There are sacks in the pantry room if you or someone you know is in need of any of these items. Feel free to take what you need. If you have a donation for the pantry please put it on the table in the pantry room.

Kennewick Church of Christ

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Meeting times:

Sunday:

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday:

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Open Congregational meeting – 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

Attendance 02/25: 64 | Budget \$2400.33 | Contribution 02/25: \$2750.72

March 04, 2018

Welcome to the
Kennewick Church of Christ

Christian Character Means Being With Jesus

Just before His arrest, and knowing that it was coming, Jesus prayed, "Father if thou be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Lk. 22:42). Can you imagine the courage that took? And can you duplicate that courage in your life? The apostle Paul encourages us, "Be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might" (Eph. 6:10). This man who had before persecuted Christians became a Christian and suffered persecution for the rest of his life. But he wrote, "I have learned in whatever state I am, therein to be content...I can do all things through Christ that strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:11-13). He lived for Jesus. He lived with Jesus. Courage to do the right thing depends on "being with Jesus."

We seek to be noticed and get credit for what we do. But Jesus said, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister" (Matt. 20:28). That goes against our 'nature.' But if we would follow Jesus, we must learn from Him. "Let this mind be in you, which was in Christ Jesus...[He] emptied himself, taking the form of a servant" (Phil. 2:5-7). If we spend some time with Jesus, seeing His example and hearing His teaching, we will realize that "the meek shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5). Jesus lived a life of humble service, seeking no earthly honor or payment for what He did. If we have really "been with Jesus," we will live the same kind of life. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord" (Jas. 4:10).

The Lord Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8). He had trials and disappointments, false friends, insults and injuries. He was "tempted in all points like as we are" (Heb 4:15), but through it all, He "knew no sin" (2 Cor. 5:21). If we are "with Jesus" in our lives today, that purity of life will be ours. The power to resist temptation and live courageously a life of righteousness comes only from Jesus Christ. We cannot do it ourselves. But if we have "been with Jesus," our lives will show it: "If Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit is life because of righteousness...For if ye live after the flesh, ye must die; but if by the Spirit ye put to death the deeds of the flesh, ye live" (Rom. 8:10-12). That life results from "being with Jesus."
~Clem Thurman

Courage to be Faithful

Writing to believers who were being persecuted because of their faith, Peter encouraged them not to be afraid but to remain faithful and to "revere Christ as Lord" (1 Peter 3:14-15). Peter was speaking from his own painful experiences. After Jesus was arrested, onlookers accused Peter of being Christ's disciple, but out of fear he denied knowing Christ (Luke 22:54-62).

The coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, however, changed and empowered Peter to be a fearless witness (Acts 2:14). When Peter was imprisoned for preaching in the temple courts (4:3), he was "filled with the Holy Spirit" and boldly preached Christ to them (vv. 8-12). Seeing the courage of Peter, his persecutors concluded he "had been with Jesus" (v. 13). Refusing to be intimidated by threats of punishment (v. 18), the believers resolved to honor Christ and were empowered to speak the Word boldly (v. 31).

Keep these Dates in Mind:

02/25 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
03/04 First Sunday Potluck
03/10 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
03/11 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
03/23 Game Night 6:00p (\$5 donation for pizza)
03/25 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
04/08 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
04/11 Spring Lectureship in Kennewick 6:00p
04/22 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Birthdays and Anniversaries for March

Josh Mendoza 2/27
Jackson Hickman 3/4
Sammie Engelke 3/7
Gloria Moore 3/9
Tom & Thelma Gritzen 3/14
Doris Pennington 3/15
Faye Henry 3/17
Pansy Caywood 3/20
Lucy Larsen 3/23
Amanda McCrickard 3/22
Bill Henniger 3/31

Bible Studies:

Adult Class - Fellowship Hall
(S) –Epistles of Peter
(W) – Romans

Youth Classes -Classroom Wing
Teen Classes – Teen Room

Ladies Class – Fellowship Hall
Thursdays 10:00a



Health Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Shirley Childers, Amanda McCrickard, Kaleb McCrickard, Savannah and Christian Johnson (friends of the McCrickards, daughter suffering from mitochondrial disease), Christy Hickman, Joshua Hickman, Vern Mast, Sue Aldrich, Lupe Mendoza, Margie Lindholm

Bill and Fran Henniger as they deal with health issues

¹³For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm

Speakers at our Lectureship: Morne Stephanus; Dustin Campbell; Richard Sutton; Terrance Brownlow Dindy Jr.

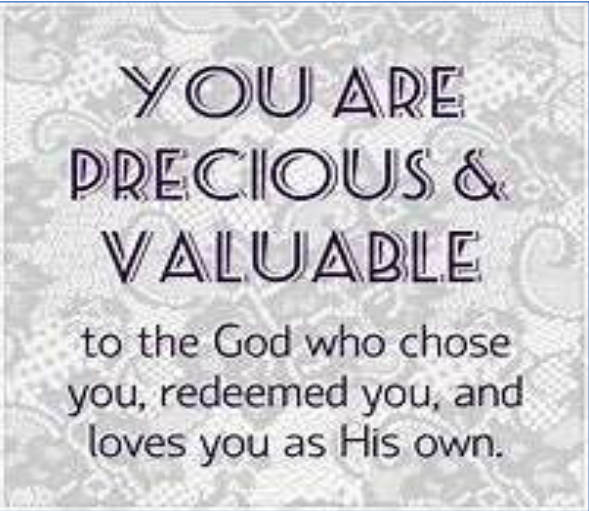


Terrance Brownlow Dindy Jr.

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They have four children: Destyni, Terrance Jr., Gabriel and KeVontre. He received his BA in Graphic Design from the University of Oklahoma in 1995.

He is a graduate of the Brown Trail School of Preaching (2000) and obtained his Master of Biblical Studies from Bear Valley Bible Institute International (2016). He has served as the local minister in Missouri, Louisiana and Florida.



The Christian Sabbath

The Christian Sabbath is a nickname men have given to the first day of the week. It is not a Bible expression and it does not express a Bible idea.

The seventh day sabbath was a sign of the covenant between God and Israel (Exodus 31:13-17). It signified that God had set the nation of Israel apart from all other nations for the purpose of fulfilling his promise to Abraham, that through his seed all the nations of the earth would be blessed. The sabbath signified that Israel was "sanctified," thus it was limited to the children under the covenant. If the sabbath had been for all the world it would have signified nothing for Israel. In Genesis 2:3, Moses tells us that "God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it," but he does not say in Genesis that he wanted the world to "keep" it. The patriarchs in Genesis did not keep it. They did not even know about it. The sabbath was unknown until God made it known on Sinai (Deut. 5:1-3; Neh. 9:13-14; Ezek. 20:10-12). Its observance came with the giving of the Old Law. No one living today has ever been commanded to keep the seventh day holy unto the Lord.

Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week (Mark 16:1-9; Luke 24). Jesus met with his disciples repeatedly on the first day of the week between resurrection and ascension (John 20:1, 19,26). The following Pentecost came on the first day of the week and on that day the apostles were baptized of the Holy Spirit, the Gospel of the resurrection was first preached, the plan of salvation was revealed, three thousand were baptized for the remission of their sins and became the firstfruits of the Gospel, and the church of Christ was established (Acts 2). Under the teaching of the apostles, the church assembled for worship on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2). Since the observance of the Lord's Supper was to continue until Christ returns (1 Cor. 11:26), the church continues to assemble on the first day "until he come." Because the first day of the week is associated with the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:17-34) and the Lord's table (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21) it is believed that John called the first day of the week "the Lord's day" (Rev. 1:10).

"Sabbath" means "rest" and under the Old Law the Jews were commanded to cease from their labors on that day and to put to death those who would not do so (Exodus 31:13-17). Many today "rest" on the first day of the week. They do so out of custom. There is no commandment to do so and there is no death penalty for those who do not. That is why it is not Biblical to call the first day of the week the "Christian Sabbath." However, there is a Biblical pattern of the church assembling on the first day of the week in Troas (Acts 20:7), in Corinth (1 Cor. 16:2), in Galatia (1 Cor. 16:1) and by implication "in every place in every church" (1 Cor. 4:17). ~Bill Boyd

Precious to God

His name was David, but most just called him "the street fiddler." David was a dishevelled, older man who was a regular fixture in popular places in our city, serenading passers-by with unusual skill at his violin. In exchange for his music, listeners would sometimes place a dollar in the open instrument case before them on the sidewalk. David would smile and nod his head in thanks as he continued to play.

When David died recently and his obituary appeared in a local paper, it was revealed that he spoke several languages, was the graduate of a prestigious university, and had even run for the state senate years ago. Some expressed surprise at the extent of his accomplishments, having assessed him on the basis of appearance alone.

Scripture tells us that "God created mankind in his own image" (Genesis 1:27). This reveals an inherent worth within each of us, regardless of how we look, what we have achieved, or what others may think of us. Even when we chose to turn from God in our sinfulness, God valued us so much that He sent His only Son to show us the way to salvation and eternity with Him.

We are loved by God, and all around us are those who are precious to Him. May we express our love for Him in return by sharing His love with others. ~James Banks