

**(15)And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. (16)Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Mark 15:15, 16**

*Christ's Closet*

Free Clothing for anyone in need. Open Wednesdays 9:00 – Noon.

*Mountain States Children's Home*

Remember to stock up on non-perishable supplies to bring for the children's home collection which takes place near the end of March each year. Keep this work in your prayers.

*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.

*Peru Ministry*

Support Oscar, Anna Maria, Queca and Tony Woods in their outreach in Peru.

**Kennewick Church of Christ**

3926 W. Kennewick Ave. Kennewick, WA 99336  
509-783-4013

Website: [www.kennewickcoc.com](http://www.kennewickcoc.com)

Facebook page: Kennewick Church of Christ  
Church Email: [kencoc@gmail.com](mailto:kencoc@gmail.com)

**Meeting times:**

Sunday:

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

**Elders:**

Clarence Botts: 509-521-3344; [ccbotts@hotmail.com](mailto:ccbotts@hotmail.com)  
LaVern Engelke: 509-783-6479; [vern.engelke@gmail.com](mailto:vern.engelke@gmail.com)

**Minister:**

Dustin McCrickard 509-579-9068

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

August 13, 2017

**Welcome to the  
Kennewick Church of Christ**

**Where the Bible Speaks We Speak**

The truth in this statement is seen in a number of passages of Scripture:

*"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen"* (I Peter 4:11).

This passage refers to the use of gifts mentioned in I Peter 4:10. The gifts may be of the miraculous nature, as the special gifts of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12) or the ordinary or natural abilities, as the gifts, talents, considered in the parable of the talents. Whichever gift is received, miraculous or natural and whether it has to do with speech or doing, the possessor of it is to be a good steward of the grace of God. (I Peter 4:10) Paul said, *"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful"* (I Corinthians 4:2). The term "oracle" refers to divine utterances or revelation (Acts 7:38; Romans 3:2; Hebrews 5:12). Thus, the passage teaches that those who speak about the Lord or the things of God are to be governed by what God said, the Word of God. He is to limit his speech to what the Word of God states. There is to be no speculation or teaching one's own ideas independent of the revelation from God. That is, he is to speak where the Bible, God's Word, speaks.

*"Now these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes: that in us ye might learn not to go beyond the things which are written; that no one of you be puffed up for the one against the other"* (I Corinthians 4:6).

It seems that the statement *"learn not to go beyond that which is written"* is a well-known saying or slogan which should bring to mind the limits in which man must abide, that is, the authority of the Scriptures. Thus far in this epistle to the Corinthians Paul had quoted three Old Testament passages in I Corinthians 1:19; 1:31; 3:19-20. Each was a strong protest against the conceit that could and would lead them to go off after their own wisdom. Paul was urging them to stay within the revealed Word of God. As examples, Paul and Apollos were not originators but humble servants of God subject, as everyone else, to the things that were written. No one should say or do anything in service to God which goes beyond that which is written.

*"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."* (Galatians 1:1-9).

By these words Paul warns against perverting the gospel. But some may say, "I can't see anything wrong with a little change (addition, subtraction, substitution, etc.)." How many sermons have you heard on not going beyond that which is written? How many sermons on the text, "Is it from Heaven or from Men?" What did you learn from them? Is it alright to make a small change in baptism so that instead of immersion we just pour a little water on the individual's head? It's just a small change, doesn't take but a minute to do it. If you can make one change why not two and if two why not whatever number you want? Where is the stopping place?

(Continued on Inside Page)

Keep these Dates in Minds:

- 8/06 First Sunday Potluck
- 8/11 Youth Rally
- 8/12 Men's Breakfast -Cancelled
- 8/13 Open Congregational Meeting -Cancelled
- 8/27 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 9/03 First Sunday Potluck
- 9/09 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 9/10 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 9/24 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Bible Studies:

Adult Class (S) –Jude  
(W) – Romans - Fellowship Hall  
Youth Classes – Classroom Wing  
Ladies Class – Begins 9/7 10:00a - 11:30a

Birthdays and Anniversaries for August

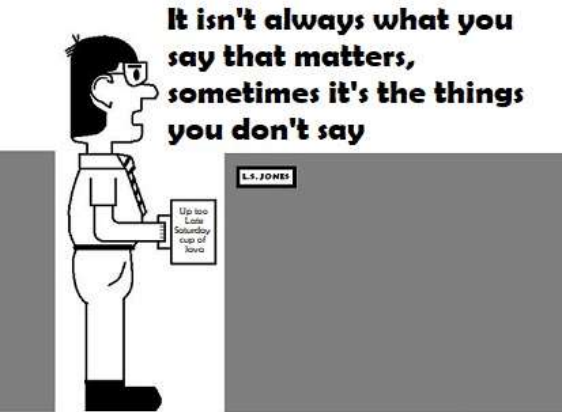
- Christina Hopkins - 8/2
- Darlena Moon - 8/5
- Debbie Bolt - 8/8
- Clarence & Melinda Botts - 8/13
- Danny Mendoza - 8/13
- Ron & Ila Stephens - 8/13
- Maddison Reeser - 8/18
- Eric Calzadillas - 8/19
- Merry Hyndshaw - 8/22
- Harvey & Lynette Jones - 8/25
- Sue Minor - 8/25
- Julia Jespersen - 8/27
- Eddie Petross - 8/28
- Bonnie Simons - 8/28
- Barbara Oldham - 8/31



**Health Issues:** Pam Fox's grandson, Canaco & Eli , Abigail Jones, Karen McBurney, Dustin Stecker, Doris Pennington, Betty VanVoorst, Bob Childers, Eddie Petros, Darlena Moon, Jack Pinckert Jr., Amanda McCrickard, Sandy Gray, Bill Henniger, Savannah and Christian Johnson, Marilyn Foster (Gayle Caldwell's mother), Christy Hickman, Joshua Hickman, Gary Bills, Norm Goldsmith, Tom Gritzen, (In the Military) Levi Toombs

**Bill Lafferty's** procedure was completed satisfactorily

Thanks to all those who have come to be part of our youth rally, the participants and the chaperones. A special thanks goes to Clint Davison from Meridian, ID, who was the speaker for the weekend. Thanks to all those in the congregation before and behind the scenes who worked diligently to make the rally a success. The **WINNERS** of the Bible Belt are: The Teens from **MOSES LAKE**. Well done. They will be the keepers of the belt until next year. Who will win it from them then? Plan now to attend.



God has spoken to us in His Word. The Lord promised that the Holy Spirit would guide the apostles into all the truth (John 16:13) "All the truth" means the New Testament teaches us everything God wants us to know to have eternal life and to live the Christian life. Nothing is missing, and we shouldn't imagine that God has forgotten something.

When God revealed the truth, He intentionally stopped. He didn't need to say any more. To add more or to pursue additional practices says to God that His teaching is not sufficient.

– Phil Sanders

(Where the Bible Speaks we Speak , Continued from First Page)

"For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

The religion of the Bible is a religion of Faith. All service, which we render to God must be of faith. No proposition is more clearly established in the Bible than that. Not only is it plainly declared that "we walk by faith," but in Hebrews 11:6, is the explicit statement that "without faith it is impossible to please God." Any act of religious worship or service, however great or small, must be of faith. In Romans 10:17, Paul declares: "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" This forever settles how faith comes; it comes by hearing the word of God. Accordingly, where the word of God is, there can be faith, where there is no word of God, there can be no faith, and if no faith, then no walking by faith. Jesus applied this truth when he said to the Pharisee's, "But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:9). They were not walking by faith. Notice that the heroes of the Old Testament recorded in Hebrews 11 walked by faith. They believed and acted upon what God said, not on what He did not say. Thus, it follows, that when we speak where the Bible speaks we are walking by faith. When we speak where the Bible is silent we are not walking by faith, nor are we pleasing God.

The Bible warns of adding to the word of God, "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you" (Deut. 4:2). When Micaiah, the prophet, was asked not to speak the full word of God, he said, "As the Lord lives, whatever the Lord says to me, that I will speak" (I Kings 22:14). Balaam was told by God, "Only the word which I speak to you - that you shall do" (Numbers 22:20). Paul charged Timothy to "Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (I Timothy 4:1-2). Only where the Bible speaks are men to speak today.

–Danny Brown

11For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. Any why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. 13Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. 14We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. 15Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth (1John 3:11-18).

In 1 John 3:11-18 John uses the word love six times. He begins his teaching on love by stating the disastrous consequences of not loving each other. It is interesting that John correlates death with hate. His argument seems to go like this: If you don't love, you hate (and here John means continuing to hate, not just an angry response); If you hate, you're a murderer, no murderers have eternal life, therefore,. If you love you have life.

What does love look like? Verse 16 says, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us." But it's the practical examples that drive the point home. If we don't take care of those in need, love is not in us.

People around us have many needs – whether physical, emotional or spiritual. How can you show Christ's love by serving someone today?

– J.R. Hudberg

Careless words that take only moments to speak can cause a lifetime of pain