

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

Christ's Closet

Free Clothing for anyone in need. Open Wednesdays 9:00 – Noon.
We are requesting coats, all sizes, for the clothing room. Any other winter apparel would be appreciated.

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.

Mountain States Children's Home

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

Peru Ministry

Support Oscar and Anna Maria in their outreach in Peru.

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.

November 05, 2017



**Welcome to the
Kennewick Church of Christ**

We Are Priests

Christians are disciples. Christians are sheep. Christians are epistles. Christians are workers. According to the New Testament, Christians are many things. These descriptions provide insight into our relationships and roles. In this study, we want to explore the fact that Christians are priests.

Consider these thoughts:

First, we are "**a holy priesthood**". Peter wrote, "**...you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ**" (1 Peter 2:5). As God's priests, we are "**holy**". Thayer says that this word (hagios) means "set apart for God, to be, as it were, exclusively His."

Second, we are "**a royal priesthood**." Peter wrote, "**But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light**" (1 Peter 2:9). "Royal" (basileios) suggests that which pertains to a king. We are priests of "**the King of kings**."

Third, these passages identify what we do as priests. We "**offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ**" (verse 5). Your role as God's priest is to "**proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light**" (verse 9).

Fourth, we do not become priests and we are not priests by our own merit. Christ "**loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father**" (Revelation 1:5,6). John then added, "**to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever**." We praise Him because He "**made us kings and priests to our God**" (Revelation 5:10).

Those who exalt some men above others, i.e. the clergy-laity system, have failed to realize that every Christian is a priest! Those who do not "**offer up spiritual sacrifices**" and who do not "**proclaim the praises**" of God are failing to fulfill their role as priests!

~Dwight Fuqua

For the Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your trudging through this great wilderness. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you, you have lacked nothing.

(Deuteronomy 2:7)

Attendance 10/29: 67 | Budget \$2000.00 | Contribution 10/29: \$1960.75

Keep these Dates in Mind:

- 11/05 First Sunday Potluck
- 11/11 Men's breakfast and Fellowship
- 11/12 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 11/26 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 12/03 First Sunday Potluck
- 12/09 Men's breakfast and Fellowship
- 12/10 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Birthdays and Anniversaries for November

- Pat Lindsay 11/01
- Sallie Winstead 11/07
- Norm Goldsmith 11/08
- Dustin & Amanda McCrickard 11/10
- Patrick Hickman 11/21
- Holly Preston 11/29
- Connie Stecker 11/30

A family of Addicts

There are a host of little known characters in the Bible, yet sometimes they are great examples. One such example is Stephanas, found only in two passages (1 Corinthians 1:16; 16:15-17). The second biblical citation reads, "I urge you, brethren –you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints." Notice that Paul said that the household of Stephanas had "devoted" themselves to the ministry. Stephanas was enthusiastically dedicated to God and His work. It could also be said that he was addicted, not just him, but his whole household. We often think that any addiction is bad. Multitudes of people today are addicted to various harmful or even evil things, such as drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, etc. Many would also think that an overcommitment to religion is likewise bad. The term "religious fanatic" carries a bad connotation. However, when we are truly committed to God and His ministry, addiction is good.

Stephanas did not look for an excuse not to be involved in the work of the Lord, nor did he expect others to do the work. He could not sit idly by while either the work was undone or others labored. Sometimes one may say in jest, "Work doesn't bother me a bit. I can sit and look at it all day." When it comes to religion, that humorous statement is true far too often. It seems that the majority of church members can sit and look at the work of the church all day, yet never try to do much. The old preacher joke is that 10% of the church does 90% of the work, and it seems that the joke is not far from the truth. Stephanas was undoubtedly part of the 10%.

Stephanas was one of the few who was personally baptized by Paul (1 Corinthians 1:16), and his house is said to be the "firstfruits" of Paul's labors in Achaia. His family understood that faith without works is dead (James 2:20). They understood about priorities. Many intend to do things for God, but other things keep getting in the way. However, when a person is addicted or devoted to something, nothing gets in the way. A drug addict will do virtually anything to get his drug. Stephanas was part of the church in Corinth, a church with many problems. The congregation did not have enough concern for Paul, but Stephanas and two others did the work, the entire church should be doing (1 Corinthians 16:17). Their desire to help Paul and his ministry was their number one priority. Where is the church in your list of priorities? []

The work of the church is for every member. []The unsaved always need to be taught. The sick, the mournful and the aged always need help and encouragement. []We can rest assured that God will reward our labors. "For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward his name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister" (Hebrews 6:10).

~Jerry Bates

What is An Idol?
An **idol** is **anything** that takes:
All your **time**
All your **money**
All your **thoughts**
All your **effort**
No man can serve two masters!

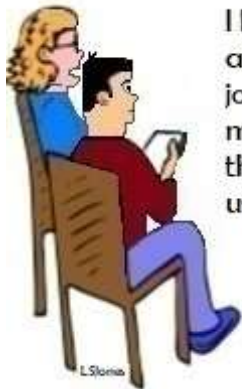
Bible Studies:
Adult Class - Fellowship Hall
(S) –Epistles of Peter
(W) – Romans
Youth Classes - Classroom Wing
Ladies Class – (1 Corinthians) Fellowship Hall
Thursday 10:00a - 11:30a



Health Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Darlena Moon, 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
Bob Blankenship went home to God on Saturday 11/04/2017 shortly after midnight. Keep Marlene and the family in your prayers. Details for the memorial will follow.

Today is first Sunday potluck. Plan to stay!
Our Spring Lectureship is planned for April 11-15. Put it on your schedule and plan to invite a friend.

14Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world. (Philippians 2:14-15)



I hope God appreciates the joyful noise I'm making more than that man in front of us with the earplugs.

Komedy Korner

To the work! To the work!
We are servants of God,
Let us follow the path that our Master has trod;
With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew,
Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

Fanny Crosby

How Do You Measure Up?

Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!
Serve the Lord with Gladness;
Come before his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord, He is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, And bless his name.
For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations.