

(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. A list of needed items is on the box

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

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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

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

April 2, 2017

Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

Finding Grace to Help

The love and care of our Lord does not stop when one obeys the Gospel. A whole new world opens up for the child of God. We now live in a community of brethren that literally extends around the world. Peter wrote "...to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Pet 1:1). He said, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath call us to glory and virtue" (2 Pet. 1:2-3).

As Christians, we have the shoulders of brethren to lean on. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." What a tremendous help it is to have others upon whom we can depend – brethren who sincerely care for us and are willing to help us bear our load. Certain burdens can be made so much easier when we share them with others. What a blessing!

On the other hand, some burdens are ours and ours alone. They cannot be shared with others. Galatians 6:5 says, "For every man shall bear his own burden." We cannot always shift responsibility and put our troubles and fears off on someone else. There comes a time we must step up to the plate, so to speak, and deal with it in a proper and scriptural way. We will be stronger as a result of it. We are the benefactor when we weather the storms of life. One of the purposes of living in this world is to prove ourselves. We are commanded to take responsibility for our actions. Things are not always pleasant to deal with, but we're better for it when we handle it ourselves.

But then, there is another type of burden that we can neither bear it ourselves nor share it with brethren. Regarding such hardships we are told, "Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved" (Psa 55:22). One of the greatest blessings we have that others in the world do not have, is a loving caring heavenly Father upon whom we can depend. As Psalm 55:22 says, "he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

How often we don't understand the twists and turns of life, the difficulties we face, the monsters that hound us. But, the Lord will see us through if we will place our trust and confidence in Him. We too will find grace to help in the time of need.
–Garland M. Robinson

As a Reminder: There are some little ones who like to sneak out the open doors when we are going out to our cars. Please be aware of who might be following you and make sure they get back inside the building safely. Let's look out for one another.

Attendance 03/26 A.M. Worship: 76 / Budget: \$2000.00 / Contribution 03/26: \$3410.25

Keep these Dates in Minds:

- 4/02 First Sunday Potluck
- 4/08 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 4/09 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 4/19 Soup Night 6:00p before Wed Bible Study
- 4/28 Game Night 6:00p
- 4/30 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 4/30 Fifth Sunday Singing in Walla Walla
- 5/07 First Sunday Potluck
- 5/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 5/14 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 5/17 Soup Night 6:00p before Wed Bible Study
- 5/27 Game Night 6:00p
- 5/28 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

And the rains fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock (Mt. 7:25)

My hope is build on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

Sinking Sand

The earth was collapsing underneath the apartment complex and the building was quickly disappearing into the sinkhole. All we could do was watch in dread and amazement at the sheer power of nature and God.

It didn't take long for the building to tilt, begin to crumble and then fall into the hole opening around it. The water from the recent rains had eroded the earth beneath the building and the house that once seemed so safe and secure was gone. The earth that had seemed so solid was now sinking sand.

The people who lived in those apartments were devastated. They stood and watched as their homes and possessions were disappearing into the darkness of the earth that was consuming them. Soon, there was nothing left but the pit and people staring in disbelief into its depths.

Often in this life, we are reminded that our possessions and our lives are gifts from God. They can be given and they can be taken away. If we place our hope on things of this earth, we are placing our hope on sinking sand. As Paul said in Philippians 4:12-13, "I know how to be brought low and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Jesus Christ is the only solid rock. Our hope, our faith and our lives should be firmly grounded on him.

-Author Unknown

Bible Studies:

- Adult Class (S) – Ending Hebrews, starting James next week; (W) – Romans - Fellowship Hall
- Young Adults (S, W) – Acts - Spanish Room
- Youth Classes – Classroom Wing
- Ladies Class (Thurs. 10am) - Acts

Birthdays and Anniversaries for April

- Bill Henniger 3/31
- Avi Botts 4/3
- John Hopkins 4/8
- Al & Pat Lindsay 4/12
- Laverne & Sammie Engelke 4/18
- Kirsten Merrick 4/18
- Eunice Petross 4/25



Health Issues: Pam Fox's grandson, Canaco & Eli , Abigail Jones, Karen McBurney, Dustin Stecker, Doris Pennington, Betty VanVoorst, Bob Childers, Eddie Petros, Darlena Moon, Jackson Hickman , Jack Pinckert Jr.

In the Military: Levi Toombs

This Week:

Amanda McCrickard first tests came back as normal but the doctor wanted her to consult the specialist. Please keep her in your prayers as they continue to search for answers.

Pat & Al Lindsay, Harvey & Lynette Jones Pat's brother Dale Morrison went home to God on Friday March 31, 2017. Please keep the families in your prayers.

Vern Engelke lent a couple of picture books, with pictures of the Tri-Cities over the years, to someone and has lost track of them. If you have them or know who has them could you please return them to Vern or inform him where they are presently.

Why Jesus Taught in Parables

Why did the Master teach in parables? We are not the first to wonder about that. His disciples once asked Him, "Why speakest thou unto them in parables?" (Matt. 13:10).

Jesus used parables to answer questions. For instance, one man who tried to justify himself asked the Christ, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). In response to that inquiry, Jesus told him a story that we call the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37). Jesus used that story to open the man's eyes to the need to love and show compassion to all people.

Jesus spoke in parables to reveal the truth, to make the truth plan to those who really sought to find and follow it. As part of Jesus' answer to the disciples' question about why He taught in parables, He told them, "But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them" (Matt. 13: 16.17)

Jesus used parables in order to conceal the truth from the hard-hearted or those who would abuse it. When Isaiah proclaimed God's word, he faced people with a prejudiced/dishonest heart. The same thing happened with the Christ when He taught: "And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing you shall see and not perceive.(Matt. 13:14)

Jesus used parables to help His listeners remember the lessons taught. If they could remember the story, they ought to be able to remember the truth that was taught in it.

He spoke parables to cause His listeners to understand and admit a truth or principle before they realized how it applied to them. Parables caused people to admit the truth first, and then they had to consider what it had to do with them personally.

Jesus' parables were amazing. Rather than fear them, let us see their great value in helping us understand the will of God for mankind. Those who study them with an open mind and desire to learn the truth will be blessed immensely.

- Roger D. Campbell