

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children's Home

There is a list of supplies that the children's home would like to receive on the bulletin board at the top of the ramp. Some of the personal/ non-perishable items could be collected early and stored in the room next to the teachers' room. Next collection is in August.

Peru Ministry - Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru.

Food Pantry

Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library. Please bring your donations and leave them in this room. If you need help or know of anyone who is in need, ask one of the members to assist you. Feel free to take what you need.

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 07/21: 72 | Budget \$2400.33 | Contribution 07/15: \$ 2033.00

July 29, 2018

Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

Solving Problems among Brethren

Prayer is a vital part in solving problems. When the seven men had been chosen in Acts 6:6 to take care of the task of serving tables, they were "...set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them." when brethren pray together, great things can be accomplished. Prayer can soothe the tensions and strain of relationships. We petition god's help through his Word. We must not underestimate the power of prayer. Jesus prayed often (Luke 3:21; Matt. 14:23; 26:36; Mark 1:35). He tells us to always pray and never be weary (Luke 18:1). We find the apostles doing just that in Acts 6:1-7. They must continue preaching and praying. So should we.

The brethren accepted the proposal set forth by the apostles to solve this threat to their unity. No record exists that the brethren continued to murmur and complain. They all hastened to comply with the solution. The result was that the Word of God increased (6:7). Faith was strengthened. Hurt feelings subsided. Brotherly love continued (cf. Heb. 13:1). People obeyed the Gospel and continued in their walk with the Master. There is no way of knowing the number of those who obeyed the Gospel. The text simply says, "And the word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith' (v7). Such a condition prevails when unity and peace reigns in our hearts.

Division generates strife and wastes great amounts of energy that could otherwise be spent on advancing the Cause of the Lord. Every moment spent in quarreling, backbiting and devouring one another (cf. Gal. 5:15), multiplies many fold in wasted time that could be used to build, strengthen and support. However, we must still handle problems as they arise.

The seven chosen had to be spiritually minded men to work with those involved. Their task was to solve the problem among the brethren. McGarvey points out that the seven listed in verse five were Greek names and suggests "the men were selected from the very party whence the murmuring had proceeded. "There was no selfishness shown or partyism exhibited. Both sides trusted these men could and would handle the complaints, which they did in fine fashion. This should serve as a splendid example for us today when problems arise among us.

It is also interesting to note that two of these men, Philip and Ste are mentioned later as preachers of the gospel (Acts 6:9, 8:40). Preachers can and should help brethren work through trying times and difficult situations. Each must have a willingness to help and be helped.

As a result of their solving the problem that arose among them and the subsequent unity enjoyed, we read "and the word of God increased" (Acts 6:7). This is simply another way of saying that the preaching of the Gospel continued. More and more people had opportunity to bear the unsearchable riches of Christ. The Gospel had its intended effects on the hearts and lives of those who obeyed it. The preaching of the Word was successful.

~Garland M. Robinson

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted. (Psalm 89:15,16)

Keep these Dates in Mind:

08/05 First Sunday Potluck
 08/12 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
 08/26 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
 09/05 First Sunday Potluck
 09/11 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
 09/12 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
 09/24 Game night 6:00p
 09/26 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Birthdays and Anniversaries for July

Christina Hopkins 8/2	Eric Calzadillas 8/19
Darlana Moon 8/5	Bill & Fran Henniger 8/19
Debbie Bolt 8/8	Merry Bunker 8/22
Danny Mendoza 8/13	Harvey & Lynette Jones 8/25
Clarence & Melinda Botts 8/13	Sue Minor 8/25
Ron & Ila Stephens 8/13	Eddie Petross 8/28
Maddison Reeser 8/18	Bonnie Simons 8/28
	Barbara Oldham 8/31

²⁹Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly. ³⁰A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot. Proverbs 14:29-30

Bible Studies

Adult Class – Fellowship Hall (S) – Mark (W) – Acts	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class – Suspended until September
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Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Shirley Childers, Amanda McCrickard, Kaleb McCrickard, Joshua Hickman, Vern Mast, Sue Aldrich, Lupe Mendoza, Marji Lindholm, Bill and Fran Henniger, Pansy Caywood, The Johnson family, The Mendoza family, Helen Pierce

Sandi Gray has had a rough week, but says things are looking up. She had a trip to the ER where they determined that her stomach flu was upsetting her blood clotting medicine and they had to adjust that. She was there most of the day but came home that day. She says she is slowly getting stronger.

Norm Goldsmith is in Eagle for recovery and doing well. Keep the Goldsmiths in your prayers as they deal with the recovery process.

Bill Henniger is not doing better now that he is off the antibiotics. Keep the family in your prayers as they deal with health issues.

Those who are traveling.

I Attend the Sunday Evening Assemblies Because:

- I want to go and I am wanted
- I need to go and I am needed
- I had rather be there than anywhere else
- My children are watching me and will follow my example
- My soul is strengthened by the teaching
- My heart is warmed by the spiritual songs as I praise him above
- I am better prepared to meet in discussion those who do not understand the truth
- I hunger and thirst after righteousness

Exclusiveness in the Lord's Church

"You think you and your little bunch are the only ones . . ."

The above expression says much, but is what it says good or bad? Nobody likes to be excluded. We do not admire the Pharisee and "his setting all others at naught." We do not admire Jews who count non-Jews as "dogs and outcasts." We did not admire Hitler's Aryan philosophy, nor can we feel kindly toward the "election" theology of Calvinists. So it is quite understandable why non-members of the Church of Christ do not appreciate our teaching of only one church.

Exclusiveness is justifiable in some cases. In Old Testament days, God required the Jews to be separate. The early Christians were required to be quite exclusive. They refused to worship the emperor or pagan gods. Young people today who refuse to walk in the paths of sin with worldly friends are exclusive. A belief in monotheism is highly exclusive as it condemns all the world's present great religions except that of Jews and Muslims. To believe that Jesus Christ is Savior automatically condemns Jews and those who make a religion out of their lodge or groups which depend only on human merit. Yes, exclusiveness is both justifiable and necessary. If you take a stand for anything, you can't keep from excluding somebody.

When is exclusiveness justifiable? The answer to this is: "When the idea which is believed and which leads to this attitude is the truth." The Jews of the Old Testament were required by God to be exclusive; likewise, the early Christians. Their beliefs were true. People today who refuse to join their associates in sin must so refuse in order to be well pleasing to God. We must believe in monotheism and in the person of Jesus Christ, even though these doctrines automatically exclude many people from the realm of salvation. Exclusiveness is not justifiable, however, if the doctrines that lead to it are not true. The real need, therefore, is to examine beliefs for their truthfulness. If the Bible teaches "many churches," then we are wrong in arguing for only one; but if it teaches only one Church as acceptable, then we must face reality and we should do so without any animosity toward the one who teaches us the truth.

A good reply to those who argue, "You and your little bunch . . ." is simply to say that we believe that if we and our brethren believe and obey will, we will be saved; and that if anybody else believes and obeys God, he will be saved, too. However, if any God's of us do not do our best to believe and obey, we run a risk of losing our souls. God will surely save all obedient believers everywhere, but He has left no promise for the unbeliever or those who are disobedient to His will. ~J.D. Thomas

The Commander of the LORD's Army

In Joshua 5:13-15 we read a remarkable story:

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?" 14 So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?" 15 Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

It is obvious that "the Commander of the LORD's army" was one of the Godhead, since the worship of created angels has never been permitted by God. The command concerning the removal of Joshua's shoes was the same as was spoken to Moses at the site of the burning bush, and Jesus identified that representative of the Godhead as Himself.