

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

Elders:

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

October 29, 2017

**Welcome to the
Kennewick Church of Christ**

A Memorial Before God

We cherish the record of Cornelius' conversion since he was the first Gentile to become a Christian. Luke recorded this great event for us in Acts chapter 10.

Luke gives us an interesting picture of this Roman even before his conversion. He describes him as "a devout man who feared God with all his household, (who) gave alms liberally to the people and prayed constantly to God" (verse 2). Then, when the angel appeared to him from God, he said, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God" (verse 4).

This is an interesting statement. It means that he was remembered by God. His prayers and alms were like a memorial, such as a marker, that stood in the presence of God and reminded Him of Cornelius each day. Our Washington Monument reminds us of the Father of our Country; the Lincoln Memorial brings to our minds the greatness of our sixteenth president.

But think of the excellence of a memorial in the presence of God that would cause Him to think of us and bless us each day. The truth is, we have our Lord Jesus in God's presence interceding for us each day. I am, however, focusing our attention on the two things in the life of Cornelius with which God was pleased and liked to remember – prayers and alms.

I have heard many Christians confess that they do not pray daily, and all of us know that one of the great areas of failure among the Lord's people is generous giving to the Lord and His work.

This is amazing! Most of our prayers contain requests for help from God, and yet, He likes to hear that. Jesus gave a parable stating that we should keep coming time and time again to the presence of God with our requests. We all know that we benefit more from prayer than the Father does. Of course, our prayers ought to contain thanksgiving and praise for God, as well as requests. But it should be a great comfort and incentive to us that God wants us to talk to Him all of the time. "Pray without ceasing." There is a closeness in prayer, an intimacy that Heaven enjoys. God likes to remember us, our needs, and our gratitude just as we like to remember loved ones and good times we have enjoyed with them. God likes to hear from His children, and He remembers.

The Father also likes to see how His children use what He gives them. He remembered Cornelius for his "alms". The Greek word is *eleemosuna*, "alms or charitable giving". It had the idea of showing mercy with the gift. Jesus said of God that He knows how to give good gifts (Matthew 7:11). The Father delights in His children who also know how to give good gifts. This kind of giving stands before the Father like a memorial.
~Harvey Porter

¹²Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer [*stone of help*], for he said, "Till now the Lord has helped us." ¹³So the Philistines were subdued and did not again enter the territory of Israel. And the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. (1 Samuel 7:12, 13)

Attendance 10/22: 70 | Budget \$2000.00 | Contribution 10/22: \$2145.86

Keep these Dates in Mind:

- 10/01 First Sunday Potluck
- 10/06 Game Night 6:00p (\$5.00 toward pizza requested)
- 10/07 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 10/15 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 10/29 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 11/03 Game Night 6:00p (\$5.00 toward pizza requested)
- 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

¹⁵Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (1 Timothy 2:15)

Birthdays and Anniversaries for October

- Ken Winstead -- 10/06
- LaVern Engelke -- 10/08
- Marlene Blankenship -- 10/09
- Mark & Sue Minor -- 10/09
- Bob Childers -- 10/15
- Bill Johnson -- 10/18
- Clarence Botts -- 10/22
- Melinda Botts -- 10/25
- Genevieve Hickman -- 10/25
- Harvey Jones -- 10/25

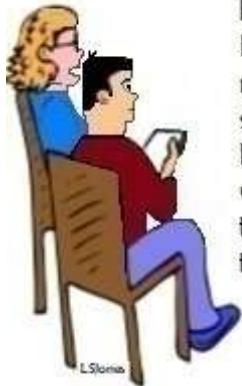
Bible Studies: Youth Classes - Classroom Wing
 Adult Class - Fellowship Hall
 (S) –Epistles of John Fellowship Hall
 (W) – Romans Thursday 10:00a - 11:30a



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
Remember **Gary and Linda Bills** as they travel to Arizona this week for the winter months.

Fifth Sunday singing is Today at 3:00pm. It is in Pendleton, Oregon. See Dustin for details.
Nov. 5 is First Sunday Potluck and is also the end of Daylight Savings Time. Fall back an hour to be on time.
Our Spring Lectureship is planned for April 11-15. Put it on your schedule and plan to invite a friend.

On that day, Jesus died on the cross in your place. He took your judgment, your sin, your death.
The life you now live, belongs to him.



I would raise an Ebenezer, but the man at the nursery said he didn't know what that was and he didn't think they stocked them.

Komedy Korner

He paid a debt he did not owe,
I owed a debt I could not pay,
I needed someone to wash my sins away.
And now I sing a brand new song,
Amazing Grace,
Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay.

Ellis J. Crum

Scripture Search

At least twice in the New Testament religious groups were cited for searching the Scriptures, once in commendation and once in condemnation. Concerning Jew to whom Paul preached in Berea, it is said, "Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scripture daily to see whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). To the Jews who opposed Jesus, He said, "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life" (John 5:39-40).

Not all forays into the Word of Life are commendable or even profitable. Satan quoted Scripture in his attempt to destroy the mission of Jesus, and enemies of Paul were known to distort his writings and other Scripture (2 Peter 3:16). In God's Word there is to be found that which He would have man to know. So certain is that message that God intends for it to be understood. The contemporaries of Jesus were condemned for missing it, and those contemporary to Paul were commended for their honest and diligent search for it. It was (and is) a knowable, discernible, definable, and defensible message.

Too often, misnamed Bible study classes amount to nothing more than sharing impressions of God's word. Postmodern literary studies suggest that the only validity of literature is the encounter of the reader. Never mind any thought or idea of the author's intent or purpose. Instead, what was the experience of the reader's encounter with the text? Jesus obviously was no postmodern thinker. Those Jew had missed what God wanted them to see. The ones in Berea found what God wanted them to see.

Not only must our concern be to spend time in God's Word, but also to resolve that our time and effort will be spent in coming to know the message God has placed there and insists that we come to know. By all means, search the Scriptures!
~David Deffenbaugh

Spiritual Bargain Hunting

How many times have we asked the question, "What do I owe?" How many times will we ask it in the years ahead? When a service is rendered, we rightfully expect to pay a price. Usually, we measure the amount of the debt owed by the value of the service rendered. Most often we are willing to pay a reasonable debt.

The question of what we owe is an initial consideration in reference to the spiritual blessings found in Him is very aware that there is a debt involved.

Well, that may not be altogether true. I can remember hearing and reading that we really owe nothing because Christ paid everything for us. Not very many occupy this position, I'm happy to report, but the fact that there are even a few testifies to the spiritual bargain-hunting that is going on in the Christ/man relations. Beginning with the few who feel that there is no debt, we advance to such a widely varied value assessment of what we owe Christ that we couldn't list them all here.

It is a little strange, because Christ has made it very clear. The debt we owe is equal to the sacrifice He made. He gave Himself, and that is what we are to do. Because we were dead in our trespasses and sins, we had lost everything in our relationship with God. When Christ made us alive again in Him, He did something that we could not do for ourselves. If it had not been for Christ, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins. We had lost *everything*, and thus had a rightful claim on *nothing* – we owe everything. Our Savior died to make us alive. Now He wants us to totally dedicate the life that we could not have had without His sacrifice. It's really that simple.

Holding anything back is to place a limited value on what Jesus accomplished for us by His sacrificial death. This is why He said, "You must surrender everything to me if you want to be My disciple." There is no biblical provision for bargain-hunting or any kind of negotiation.

~ Jack W. Carter