

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. Next collection date to be announced

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 Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

Attendance 11/11: 51 | Budget \$2400.33 | Contribution 11/11: \$2009.00

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Welcome to the Kennewick Church of Christ

God: Loving and Consuming Fire

The love of God is the central theme of the gospel, for it is the reason His Son came and died for us. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3:16). John, the beloved disciple, wrote, "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. Herein was the love of god manifested in us, that God hath sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him" (1 John 4:8-9). The kind of love God has is graphically portrayed by Paul. "While we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly. . . God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were just sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:6, 8). We maybe could die for a friend, a brother or someone else to whom we felt particularly close. But, who can understand the love of God. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Far too many, as they contemplate the love of God, completely reject what God says further about his character. "Our God is a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:29). If one depends upon the love of God, ignoring what God tells him to do, he will find, "For we know him that said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:30-31). When the Lord comes back, ti will not be just to claim His people to take them to heaven. "At the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus" (2 Thess. 1:7-8). Punishment in "the fire [that] is not quenched" (Mark 9:48) is a promise of God for those who will not live for Him. And, He keeps His promises!

God is love. But, God also is a consuming fire, and He doesn't give us the right to make Him in our own image! He demands that we accept Him as He is and as He reveals Himself to us. That means accepting ALL of the characteristics of God. God is both good and severe. He is both merciful and also just. He is loving and He is also a consuming fire. He helps us while He also makes demands of us. He rewards, but He also punishes. God does not have just one positive characteristic, but all of these things which we have seen are in the nature of God. Let us learn to accept God as he reveals Himself in His word, lest we be guilty of making God in our own image! ~Clem Thurman



*Sometimes it's easier to focus on what we don't have,
rather than what we do have. It's important to take time
out and remember all of the things to be thankful for that
many of us take for granted.*



<p>Keep these Dates in Mind:</p> <p>11/07 First Sunday Potluck 11/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 12/02 Holiday Potluck Open Congregational meeting will not be held in December Game night has been suspended until January Soup night has been suspended until January</p>	<p>November Birthdays/Anniversaries</p>		
	<p>Clarence Botts 10/22 Genevieve Hickman 10/25 Melinda Botts 10/25 Harvey Jones 10/25 Pat Lindsay 11/1 Sallie Winstead 11/7 Norm Goldsmith 11/8 Gary & Linda Bills 11/10</p>	<p>Dustin & Amanda McCrickard 11/10 Patrick Hickman 11/21 Holly Preston 11/29</p>	
<p>Give thanks unto the Lord for all things!</p>	<p>Bible Studies</p>		
	<p>Fellowship Hall (S) – Galatians (W) – Acts</p>	<p>Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room</p>	<p>Ladies Class – Ladies Class 10:00a-11:30a</p>



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, The Johnson family, The Mendoza family, Helen Pierce, Sandi Gray, Norm Goldsmith, Brent Bryant, Marilyn Davis, Randy Hargus, Tami Pennington, Pansy Caywood

Melinda Botts and **Bob Childers** as they continue to recover
Bill Henniger as he prepares for surgery

Thanks for Who God is

Among the thousands of sentiments printed on greeting cards, perhaps one of the most touching is this simple statement: "Thanks for being you." If you receive that card, you know that someone cares for you not because you did something spectacular for that person but because you're appreciated for your essence.

I wonder if this kind of sentiment might indicate for us one of the best ways to say "thank you" to God. Sure, there are times when God intervenes in our lives in a tangible way, and we say something like, "Thank You, Lord, for allowing me to get that job." But most often, we can simply say, "Thank You, God, for being who You are."

That's what's behind verses like 1 Chronicles 16:34: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Thank You, God, for who You are—good and loving. And Psalm 7:17: "I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness." Thank You, God, for who You are—the holy One. And "Let us come before him with thanksgiving . . . for the Lord is the great God" (Psalm 95:2-3). Thank You, God, for who You are—the Almighty God of the universe.

Who God is. That's reason enough for us to stop what we're doing and praise and thank Him. Thank You, God, for just being You! ~Dave Branon

Christ-Centeredness

Christ is at the very heart of Christianity. Even the church gets its importance because of its relationship to Christ. He is the builder of the church (Matthew 16:18). He purchased it with His own blood (Acts 20:28). The church is His body and "the fullness of him who fills all in all" (Ephesians 1:22,23). In Colossians 1:18 we read, "He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He might have the preeminence." The only other time the word "preeminence" is found in Scripture is in the book of

John, when the reference is made to Diotrephes loving to have the preeminence among the brethren, and there that spirit is condemned. Every aspect of the church's life is to place Christ at the very center. When we worship, we take the communion supper to remember His death, burial, and resurrection. When we sing, it is praise to God for the marvelous grace He showed in giving Christ as the atonement for our sins. When we pray, it is through the name and authority of Jesus, the Christ. The preaching should be centered in Christ, who is the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). Even the organization of the church puts Christ as the head over all things to the church. If we, as the body of Christ, keep the focus on Christ, the Lord and Savior, it will have a unifying effect on the entire church. It is when we take Christ from the spotlight and place one another under the light of examination that real troubles begin. Christ's life is perfect. All of ours have mistakes, and many of them are very obvious. But, understand, Christ-centeredness does not mean a failure to emphasize what Christ has taught in His Word. He is the one with all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28: 18). It is by the words of the Lord we will be judged in the last day (John 12:48). Respect for Christ must lead to submission to His will for our lives.

"Do you not know, to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, His servants you are, whom you obey, whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness?"(Romans 6: 16).It is true, we need to shine the light on the Christ instead of on the church. It is true, He is to be the focus, rather than ourselves. But, it is not true that such a focus will do away with, or even lessen, the importance of either the church or the Scriptures. It certainly does not lessen the need for complete obedience to God. What it will do is change our means of evangelism from "My church is better than yours" to "Come see a man who told me all things I ever did. -Could this be the Christ?" The more those who come are led to focus on the greatness of our God and the marvel of His grace, the less the danger that they will be disappointed to learn that we, as the church, are not everything they thought we would be. We truly serve a perfect Lord, but we are not a perfect church, and we never have been. ~Leon Barnes

How Do You Measure Up?

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with his holy angels.)Mark 8:34-38)

Happy Thanksgiving