

(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.

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

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.

June 18, 2017

**Welcome to the
Kennewick Church of Christ**

The Joy of Serving God

Those who have obeyed the Gospel have a lot to be thankful for because we have been cleansed by the blood of Christ, and we are no longer a slave to sin. We can know that we have been saved and have the hope of eternal life in heaven. This is why we see the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8:39 and the jailor in Acts 16:34 rejoicing after they had been baptized into Christ for the remission of their sins.

If knowing what Christianity is all about and how God has made it possible for us to have salvation does not bring joy to your heart and cause you to want to serve God, then nothing will. Unfortunately, sometimes Christians lose their joy of serving God and start viewing everything they do in and out of the church as a chore instead of seeing it as another opportunity to use their talent for the Lord.

When Christians get to the point in their life where it is no longer joyful to serve God, then something is wrong. As Billy Sunday said: "If you have no joy in your religion, there's a leak in your Christianity somewhere." A man by the name of William Gurnall gives a valid reason why some Christians stop finding joy in serving God: "The reason why many poor souls have so little heat of joy in their hearts, is that they have so little light of Gospel knowledge in their mind."

The further we distance ourselves from God and His Word, the less joy we will have in serving Him. If we do not make God's Word part of our life and use it to remind us of His great love for us and how He has given His all for us, then it easy for us to take the blessing He has given us for granted.

If you ever find yourself feeling like serving God is more of obligation than joyful, then you need take a serious look at your life because you are in a bad place in your relationship with God. Serving God in or out of the church should always bring you joy even if you are suffering persecution for the cause of Christ. We can see this happening early on in the church in Acts 5 when the apostles were arrested by the Jewish council and they wanted to put them to death. but notice what our text says starting in Acts 5:40: "and when they had called for the apostles and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. ⁴² And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Even though the apostles lives were on the line, they did not worry about themselves. Instead, they rejoiced about serving the cause of God, and they continued to preach the Good News daily wherever they could. This is the same attitude that we should have as Christians because there is nothing that should bring us greater joy than serving God in anyway that we can.

Keep these Dates in Minds:

5/28 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
6/04 First Sunday Potluck
6/10 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
6/18 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
6/25 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
7/02 First Sunday Potluck
7/08 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
7/09 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
7/23 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Bible Studies:

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries for June

Dustin McCrickard 5/30
Leland Davis 6/01
Henry & Mary Beth Walker 6/02
Don Powell 6/03
Curtis & Nadine Mohr 6/05
Fran Henniger 6/07
Ken & Gwen Merrick 6/12
Darrin Ceriale 6/14
Bob Blankenship 6/15
Craig Bolt 6/15
Maurice Bunker 6/15
Jack & Wanda Danley 6/15
Ken & Sallie Winstead 6/17
Tera Berry 6/18
Thelma Gritzan 6/19
Shannon Mendoza 6/30

You're Not Alone

You are on your own pilgrimage of life. It may seem like forever since you began far below crying for the Lord to hear your distress (Psalm 120). Now the tears are gone. Your stamina has returned. You're breathing easier. You can laugh again. The end lies in view, the steep ascent behind. Just two more small rises, short and quick (Psalms 133 and 134), and your journey of recovery is complete. You will finish after all.

In your darkest night, you may have been unaware of anyone except yourself. You may have even retreated from others for long seasons. You felt you were hurt too many times so you remained oblivious to the companionship of others.

But take a second look. People who love you are alongside. I suspect that the persons who have come closest to you are the ones whom you have given access to your spiritual needs, emotional pain, and relational hunger. They've been on their own climb, and they've made it too. Now is the time for celebrating with them: "How good and pleasant it is when brothers [sisters, family, friends] live together in unity!" (v. 1).

—Dr. George O. Wood

*Some people strengthen others
Just by being the kind of people
They are
John M. Gardner*



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., Amanda McCrickard, Sandy Gray, Bill Henniger, Savannah and Christian Johnson, Marilyn Foster (Gayle Caldwell's mother), Linda Lafferty, Christy Hickman, Gary Bills

Norm Goldsmith, Tom Gritzen as they continue to heal.

Barbara Oldham and Darlena Moon would like to receive visits, phone calls and cards from the church family. Barbara lives with her daughter, Marsha, who warmly invites us to visit her Mother. Its always good to call ahead to make sure it's a good day to visit. Darlena is in Avalon Health & Rehab Center, 2004 N. 22nd Ave., Pasco WA 99301, Rm 4

In the Military: Levi Toombs



SAVE THE DATE
July 19-22, 2017
More information
coming soon!

God Desires Unity Among Believers

When Paul wrote his New Testament letter to followers of Christ in Ephesus, he wrote out of his own experience. When he urged his readers to work through their disagreements with humility, gentleness, and patience, he knew that it takes more than personal resolve. He had once lived with a head full of knowledge and a heart running on empty. As Paul wrote to men and women who had hurt one another with anger, lies, and bitterness (Eph. 4:25-32), he helped them see beyond their own blind spots. He wanted them to know that learning to love one another isn't something we can do through our own ability. He asked the Spirit of God to reach deep into their hearts and open their eyes to God's immeasurable love for them (3:14-19) and reminded them that even when we can't see the way forward—and back to one another—there is a Spirit who can do far more for us than we could ever ask or think (v. 20).

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1I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in there bond of peace. 4There is one body and one Spirit —just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call- 5one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1-5