

# KENNEWICK CHRISTIAN

Monthly Newsletter



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## Contemplating God's Call

Surely these are days of basking in the warm afterglow of a beautiful celebration of Easter. We shared deeply moving moments on Maundy Thursday, led by meditations from our Elders. We shared the joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday, led by an uplifting and exciting musical presentation from our choir.

These have been wonderful days. I am grateful for them. I am grateful to those who have helped to prepare and to lead each special event that touched our lives within them.

I am thankful as well for all your diligent work and the diligent work of our Elders that prepared for the presentation I gave on May 1. Did you know that the small group sessions we shared had more people than our regular Sunday attendance? That's GREAT!!! Did you know that more than 75% of our Participating Membership participated? Again, that's GREAT!!!

We've had some very important conversations together about God's work within our congregation in the past and God's call upon our congregation in the future.

I'm grateful to those of you who participated in those small group visits and to those who were present on Sunday, May 1. You worked very hard over some long hours. I believe it was good work, though, and worthy of your efforts.

In recent days I've heard from many of you who are thinking about God's call in new ways, both in our church and in your lives. I'm hearing from folks who have a new sense of excitement and vision about our church. I'm hearing from folks who have new ideas for sharing the Good News of Jesus within our community.

Let's keep working together as we contemplate God's call. Surely this is a conversation that needs to go further than a single Sunday. I believe with all my heart that God has an amazing future planned for Kennewick First Christian Church. I believe as well that as we all listen to the Holy Spirit, speaking to and through each of us, we can come to know those Godly plans and can join in pursuing them together.

I hope to see you in worship this Sunday as we talk more about the work of the Holy Spirit.

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## 2011 SUMMER CAMP DATES ANNOUNCED

Mark your calendar and make plans for your youth to attend a Summer Camp this year at Zephyr, Liberty Lake, WA.

Kids ó Entering Grades 2 & 3: August 1-4  
Junior- Entering Grades 4, 5, 6: August 1-6  
Chi Rho ó Entering Grades 7, 8, 9: July 25 ó 30  
CYF ó Entering Grades 10, 11, 12 and New Grads: July 25 -30

## MONTHLY ATTENDANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

Average Sunday School Attendance in April	19.8
Average Worship Attendance in April	133.3
Average Worship Attendance Year to Date	118.4
Offerings Received in April	\$12,012.65
Offerings Received Year-To-Date	\$41,246.80
Monthly Budget Goal	\$15,510.92
Budget Goal Year-To-Date	\$60,850.48
Annual Budget 2011	\$186,131.00



Craft day, a time for fellowship and fun. Bring your own craft and join us. For more information contact Laurie Beauchene at 378-0133.

**Saturday, May 14th**  
**9:30-3:00**  
**In the Annex**

(DONØT FORGET TO BRING YOUR LUNCH)

# SCHOLARSHIP DINNER & AUCTION

## *Going, Going...Yours!*

### SCHOLARSHIP DINNER AND AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 21ST

5:00PM AUCTION

6:00PM DINNER

**BUY YOUR  
TICKETS  
EARLY TO  
SAVE \$!**

Entertainment provided by:

*The Cockroaches*

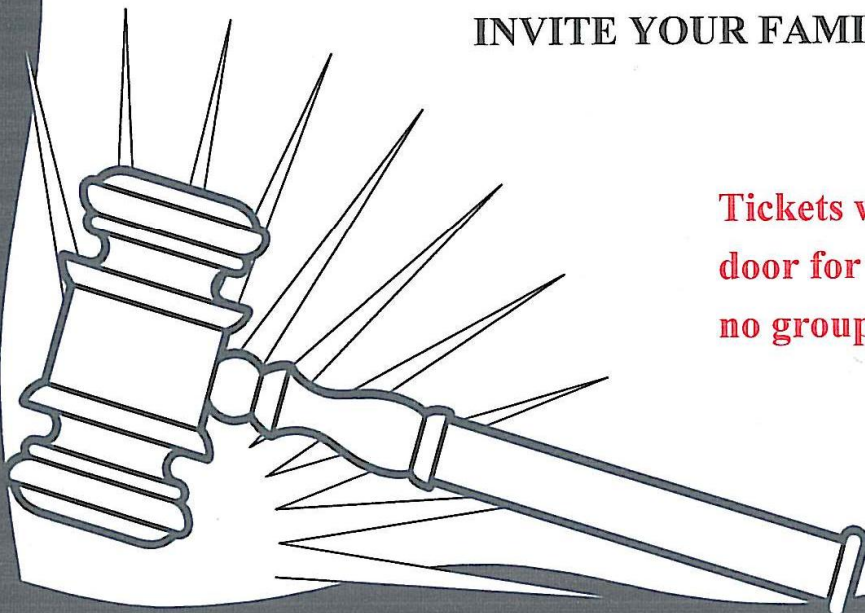
**ALL  
PROCEEDS  
FROM THE  
DINNER &  
AUCTION  
BENEFIT OUR  
COLLEGE  
STUDENTS!**

*Ticket Sales before and after church on May 8th and 15th*

**\$10/person    OR    \$30/groups of 3 or more**

**INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!**

**Tickets will be sold at the  
door for \$15/person with  
no group rates.**



## SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Watch for our usual summertime changes in children's programs:

ÉThe Wednesday night G.I.F.T. program will end May 11 and restart in September (date to be announced).

ÉThere will be no Children's Church during the regular family worship service for June, July and August.

ÉThe Elementary Summer Sunday School will be combined for grades K-5 and held in the Annex classroom.

ÉThe Children's Moment during our regular service will continue as usual.



## SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISER



Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, we will enjoy a special fellowship following services to help fund the church's share of our Summer Camp Program at Zephyr. We will have pie slices for \$2, and whole pies for \$10 plus there will be special homemade pies to be auctioned. At this year's youth auction, we'll be auctioning specific services, rather than individual youth.

ÉYour lawn mowed

ÉYour car washed and waxed

ÉYour house vacuumed

Éand many more ideas...

Come and enjoy. We'll have a good time and you'll know that the money supports a great cause!

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

### Recovering from recent surgery and/or hospitalization:

Wayne Cook, Barbara Keith (Matthew Keith's mother recovering from recent surgery), Karlene Keyes (broken arm), April Lippicott (Jim Kienholz's aunt, terminal cancer), Connie Schlosser, Martha Cox, Dorothy Reavis, Scott Thompson, Marcy (friend of Carolyn Lawson), Caleb Darling (grandson of Joyce Schroeder and great grandson of Lenore Green), Andy Larson (cousin of Judy Graff).

### Those with other continuing concerns:

Judy Graff, Judy Wheeler, Doug Carlson, Cynthia (Carolyn Lawson's sister), Shirley Garrison (friend of Vicki Eddy), Mari Cobb, (cousin of Judy Graff), Geri Lage, Abel Madrigal (friend of Jacob Krueger), Nita and son, Ted (sister-in-law of Vicki Eddy), Jim Kienholz (grandmother passed away), Nico McClellan from Zephyr (brother passed away).

# VBS IS COMING SOON!



AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup>

Summer is approaching and that means it's time to gear up for Vacation Bible School! Our theme this year is "SonSurf Beach Bash", based on John 14:6, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Kids will catch the wave of Jesus' love through music, bible story, crafts, games and mission projects during the week of August 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. Right now, everyone is encouraged to sign up to help and there is something for everyone:

Before VBS: Donations of food items, craft items, publicity help, making decorations and ordering of the daily and weekly prizes/awards.

During VBS: Prayer team, kitchen crew, registration, decorating, selling raffle tickets and many more!

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex. Please consider finding a way to help this year with one of our biggest outreach programs, either with time, money or prayer. It takes a TEAM effort: Together Everyone Accomplishes More! Please see Ann Green or call her at [735-7141](tel:735-7141) if you have any questions.

Thanks,

*Ann Green*



## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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### BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Bill Erbe, Doris O' Neil
- 9 Ron Leavell
- 12 Myel Nundahl
- 14 Betty Garrett
- 17 Wally Krueger
- 25 Darwin Roberts, Rodolfo Mellage
- 27 James Lipscomb, Daniel Mellage,  
Margaret Gallinger
- 29 Lexie Kienholz

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Jim & Elly Kienholz (1997)
- 5 Everett & Ellen McCoy (1977)
- 7 Kathy Brinson & Patricia Kabage
- 17 Matthew & Lisa Keith (1980)
- 29 Mike & Kathy Spears (2004)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>Fellowship Hour:</b>  <b>Elders/Education</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  6:00 YDS 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Kid's G.I.F.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> YDS  9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  10:00 CWF 7:00 Elders Meeting 7:00 Evening Star	<b>11</b>  6:00 YDS 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Kid's G.I.F.T	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  9:30-3:00 Craft Day in The Annex  
<b>15</b>  Last Sunday for Choir  9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  5:30 Snack & Meet 6:00 Committees 7:00 Board	<b>18</b>  6:00 YDS 7:00 End of Season Choir Party	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>Scholarship            Dinner</b> 5:00 Auction 6:00 Dinner
<b>22</b> Pure Joy  9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship	<b>23</b>  <u>*Articles            Due            for June            KC</u>  7:00 Stephen Ministry	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  6:00 YDS	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				