

MINNEHAHA CHURCH OF CHRIST

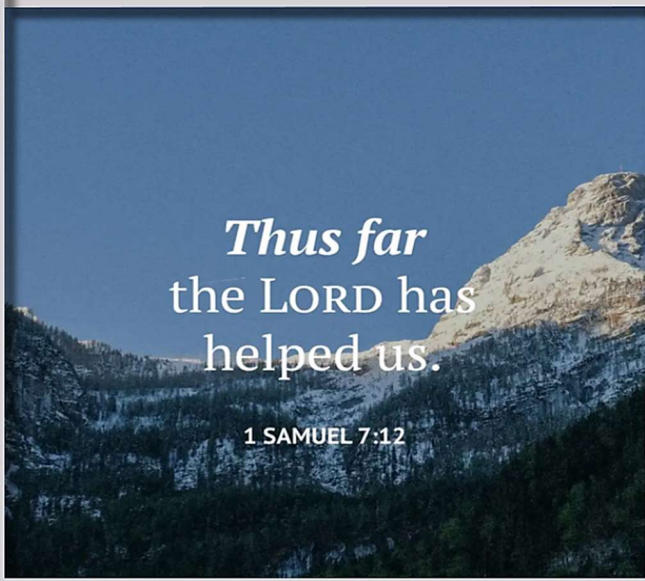
SERVING WITH LOVE

Sermon Today:

"Samuel: A Character Study"

Mike Kennedy

1 Samuel 7



Thus far
the LORD has
helped us.

1 SAMUEL 7:12

LORD'S DAY OCTOBER 4TH 2026

MINNEHAHA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Date: October 4, 2026

9:30 BIBLE STUDY TEAM



TODAY:

2 Cor. 9-10

Mark Williams



Next Week:

2 Cor. 11

Dave Kubow

10:45 MAIN ASSEMBLY SINGING LEADERS



Jimmy Kennedy



Lauren Priest



Stephanie Kennedy



Ken Smithline

Lord's Supper Time – Each week we prioritize the Lord's Supper.



Today – Mike Kennedy

"Samuel: A Character Study" – 1 Samuel 7

Next Week: Mike Kennedy

"The Rejected Deity" – 1 Samuel 8

The mission of the Minnehaha Church of Christ is to worship God, equipping every member to serve and build up one another and to lead people into a saving and enriching relationship with Jesus Christ.

PRAYER LIST ITEMS:

-- **Ken Bowcutt** – Please keep Ken in your prayers.

-- **Gary & Carolyn Strong, Joyce Ryan, Marlo Chapman** – Please be in prayer for these fellow saints and their various struggles.

-- **Matt Shively** – Please keep Matt in your prayers as he deals with the passing of Cynthia.

-- **Stormie Priest** – Be in prayer for our dear sister as she struggles with cancer issues.

-- **Carl Fich** – Be in prayer for our brother as he deals with cancer throughout his body.

BIRTHDAYS

NONE THIS WEEK.

Useful Numbers

(Data as of: 10/1/26 4:19 PM)

Facebook Viewers	Class	54
	Sermon	88
	Hispanic	65
YouTube Viewers	Class	43
	Sermon	40
	Hispanic	24
Rumble Viewers	Class	20
	Sermon	46
	Hispanic	32

Weekly also on our own app.

Last Sunday Attendance:	
English	30
Hispanic	6

2026 Weekly Budget:	\$ 1,843
Last week	\$ 550
13-week average:	\$ 1,331
26-week average:	\$ 1,505

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Word of God, speak! – Turn Your Hearts to the LORD!

³“Then Samuel said to all the people of Israel, “If you want to return to the LORD with all your hearts, get rid of your foreign gods and your images of Ashtoreth. Turn your hearts to the LORD and obey him alone; then he will rescue you from the Philistines.” – 1 Samuel 7:3 [NLT]

THIS MONTH AND LATER

Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm - Evening Prayer Meeting

Every Tuesday, Noon – Senior Saints Bible Study

Every Thursday, 6:30 pm – Adult Bible Study

Oct. 10, Saturday, 8:30 am – Staff Meeting

Oct. 10, Saturday, 9:00 am – Women’s Bible Study

Oct. 17, Saturday, 7:30 am – Iron Man – Men’s Breakfast

Oct. 17, Saturday, 9:30 am – Elders’ Meeting

The Great Heart Reset

In **1 Samuel 7:3**, after years of running on spiritual empty, Samuel gives Israel a roadmap to get back on track after years of spiritual drift. Reconnecting with God requires a total heart reset. Here is how Samuel breaks down the reboot:

1. Cancel the Noise

"If you are returning to the Lord with all your hearts, get rid of your foreign gods and your images of Ashtoreth." — **1 Samuel 7:3a (NLT)**

Repentance requires a lifestyle detox. We cannot expect God to fill our lives if we crowd Him out with modern idols like status, comfort, or endless digital distractions.

2. Lock Your Focus

"Turn your hearts to the Lord and obey him alone." — **1 Samuel 7:3b (NLT)**

Alignment is a conscious, daily decision to pivot. True restoration means actively choosing to unfriend our distractions and subscribe entirely to God's direction.

3. Let Him Handle the Battles

"...and he will rescue you from the Philistines." — **1 Samuel 7:3c (NLT)**

Breakthrough follows obedience. Israel didn't hustle their way out of oppression; they surrendered. When you align your heart with God, He takes over the battles you can't win alone.

Memory Verse: *"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."* — **Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)**

Prayer: Lord, show me the modern idols taking Your place. Give me the courage to drop the distractions, lock my focus on You, and trust You to fight my battles. Amen.