

MINNEHAHA CHURCH OF CHRIST

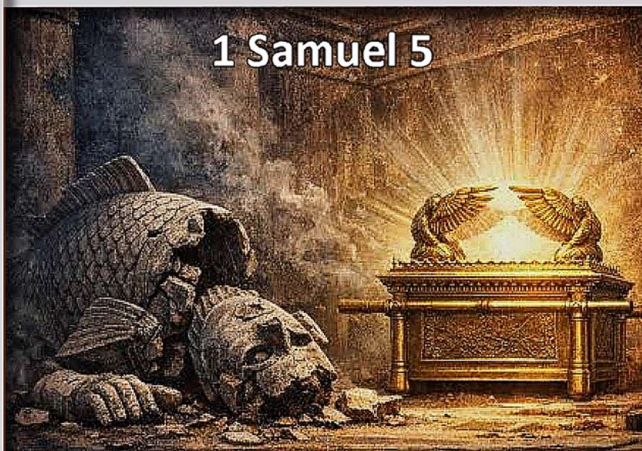
SERVING WITH LOVE

Sermon Today:

"Confronting an Evil World"

Mike Kennedy

1 Samuel 5



THE GOD OF ISRAEL UNDEFEATED!

**"I AM THE LORD; THAT IS MY NAME! I WILL NOT GIVE
MY GLORY TO ANYONE ELSE, NOR SHARE MY PRAISE
WITH CARVED IDOLS." - ISAIAH 42:8**

LORD'S DAY SEPTEMBER 20TH 2026

MINNEHAHA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ASIA'S CHILDREN: Laine & Christy Johnson

Date: September 20, 2026

9:30 BIBLE STUDY TEAM



TODAY:

2 Cor. 5-6

Mark Williams



Next Week:

2 Cor. 7-8

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

"Confronting an Evil World" – 1 Samuel 5

Next Week: Mike Kennedy

"The Ark of the Covenant" – 1 Samuel 6

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. Please Note *The Memorial Service for Cynthia, is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 26 at 3pm here at MCC.*

-- **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.

-- **People in Nepal** – *Be in prayer for the people in Nepal. To donate, send to IDES -*<https://www.ides.org/donation-portal>

Word of God, speak! – Doing Good Instead.

"²¹ Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good."
– **Romans 12:21** [NLT]

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

TODAY – **RANDY & TRACIE HERRINGTON**

WEDNESDAY – **MADYSON DEVENA**

FRIDAY – **JESSICA JUDD**

Useful Numbers

(Data as of: 9/18/26 10:59 AM)

Facebook Viewers	Class	122
	Sermon	82
	Hispanic	74
YouTube Viewers	Class	16
	Sermon	33
	Hispanic	61
Rumble Viewers	Class	26
	Sermon	34
	Hispanic	19

Weekly also on our own app.

Last Sunday Attendance:	English	44
	Hispanic	6

2026 Weekly Budget:	\$ 1,843
Last week	\$ 335
13-week average:	\$ 1,566
26-week average:	\$1,541

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THIS MONTH AND LATER

Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm - Evening Prayer Meeting

Sep. 26, Saturday, 10:00 am – Leaders' Meeting at 35th Ave Church

Sep. 26, Saturday, 3:00 pm – **Cynthia Shively Memorial Service**

Sep. 29, Tuesday, Noon – Senior Saints Bible Study

Oct. 1, Thursday, 6:30 pm – Men's Bible Study

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

Flip the Script

Romans 12:21 tells us, *“Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.”* - [NLT]. Let’s be honest: our world can feel incredibly toxic. When someone does us wrong, our default setting is to hit back, log off, or burn a bridge. But the Apostle Paul gives us a radical game plan to flip the script on negativity:

- 1. Don't take the bait:** Clapping back or holding a grudge seems satisfying, but it's a trap. When we meet hostility with bitterness, we let evil win a quiet victory over our own hearts. Instead, remember: *“Never pay back evil with more evil”* - **Romans 12:17a** – [NLT].
- 2. Let God handle the receipts:** Confronting bad behavior doesn't mean we have to play judge and jury. Real strength is knowing when to step back and trust God's timing. The Bible is clear: *“Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God”* - **Romans 12:19a** – [NLT].
- 3. Drown out the noise with good:** We don’t defeat darkness by just ignoring it; we disarm it by turning up the light. We fight hatred with radical kindness. As Paul notes: *“If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.”* - **Romans 12:20** – [NLT].

This week, don't let a toxic culture dictate your character. Guard your heart, choose grace, and trust God's goodness to crowd out the shadows of evil.

Your Action Step This Week: Identify one person or situation causing you frustration. Instead of venting or avoiding them, intentionally do one unexpected, kind thing for them or pray for their well-being.