

MINNEHAHA CHURCH OF CHRIST

SERVING WITH LOVE

Sermon Today:
"The Rejected Diety"
Mike Kennedy
1 Samuel 8

AND THE LORD SAID TO SAMUEL,
"OBEY THE VOICE OF
THE PEOPLE IN ALL
THAT THEY SAY TO YOU,
FOR THEY HAVE NOT
REJECTED YOU,
BUT THEY HAVE REJECTED ME
FROM BEING KING OVER THEM.
-1 SAMUEL 8:7

LORD'S DAY OCTOBER 11TH 2026

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Date: October 11, 2026

9:30 BIBLE STUDY TEAM



Next Week:
2 Cor. 12-13
Mark Williams



TODAY:
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
"The Rejected Deity" – 1 Samuel 8

Next Week: Mike Kennedy
"Saul: A Character Study – Part 1" – 1 Samuel 9

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

SATURDAY – CORNETTA SMITH

Useful Numbers

(Data as of: 10/9/26 9:09 AM)

Facebook Viewers	Class	61
	Sermon	103
	Hispanic	53
YouTube Viewers	Class	21
	Sermon	50
	Hispanic	25
Rumble Viewers	Class	47
	Sermon	64
	Hispanic	40

Weekly also on our own app.

Last Sunday Attendance:	
English	31
Hispanic	6

2026 Weekly Budget:	\$ 1,843
Last week	\$ 1,650
13-week average:	\$ 1,304
26-week average:	\$ 1,530

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Word of God, speak! – The People Refused to Listen!

19 “But the people refused to listen to Samuel’s warning. “Even so, we still want a king,” they said. 20 “We want to be like the nations around us.” – 1 Samuel 8:19-20a [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. 17, Saturday, 7:30 am – Iron Man – Men’s Breakfast

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

Listening to the Rejection

In **1 Samuel 8:22 (NLT)**, the LORD tells Samuel, *“Do as they say, and give them a king.”* This shocking reply marks a pivotal turning point in Israel's history. God grants a request that explicitly rejects His direct leadership, offering two profound, timeless truths for our lives today:

The Weight of Free Will:

God respects our choices, even when they break His heart. Israel wanted to be like all the other nations, trading unique divine protection for a flawed human ruler. As **1 Samuel 8:7 (NLT)** notes, the Lord said, *“They are rejecting me, not you. They don’t want me to be their king any longer.”* Sometimes, God’s judgment looks like stepping back and letting us have exactly what we stubbornly insist on. When we push for our own agenda, we must be prepared to carry the weight of its consequences.

The Blueprint of Grace:

Even when we choose a broken path, God does not abandon the journey. God used Israel’s demand for an earthly king to establish the lineage of David—the very line that would eventually bring Jesus Christ, our true King. As **Matthew 1:1 (NLT)** confirms, Jesus is *“a descendant of David.”* God beautifully *“causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God”* (**Romans 8:28 NLT**), weaving our poor choices into His perfect, redeeming plan.

The Takeaway:

Be careful what you demand in prayer. When we insist on our own way, God may grant our request just to let us learn the hard way. Yet, His grace remains infinitely larger than our bad decisions. Trust His sovereignty over worldly systems, and surrender your timeline to His perfect will.