Hi friends,

Just a few things to keep you up to date with while I am taking a few days off to get my house packed up in Spokane and get my family moved here to Kennewick with me.

A couple weeks ago a friend of mine, Bryan White, who is pastor of Hillspring Church in Richland, asked me to be part of a panel discussion on religion and race. Here is a link to that event that took place on Wednesday. If you would like to take a look, there are some great pieces of information and wisdom shared by the panel - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4-ZbRiUEwk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4-ZbRiUEwk</a>.

I received word from Starlite Buchholz that donations for the school supplies we are including in our VBS/Back to School backpacks are going great. THANK YOU!!! Specifically, we still need single subject wide ruled spiral notebooks, crayons/markers and pencil sharpeners for the backpacks. If you would like to donate these items feel free to drop them off at our next school supplies drop off at the church on Thursday, August 9th from 3-4 pm.

Finally, just a reminder that this week's worship service will be posted over on our YouTube channel at 10:30 am this Sunday Morning. (Here is a link - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia">https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia</a>). This is the first Sunday of the month so we will be sharing communion together towards the end of the service, so if you would like to participate have some bread and juice available.

I hope it's a great week my friends.

Go wash your hands!

Pastor Mark