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From the Pulpit

I first met Tom while working camp in 2000. Tom was the founder of a group called Disciplemakers. The force behind their ministry was to seek out local (indigenous) people, train them and then help them start and lead churches in various regions of our world. Tom shared about a new ministry developing in the Himalayas. It was a bigger project than he had done before. Rather than a “one by one” disciple making, a class of 20 to 25 disciples would be trained over the course of a year. When the schooling was done, they would go back to their home areas and begin their work.

While in my freshman year of Ozark Bible College, I heard a missionary speak of ministry in the Himalayas. I asked God then if I could go someday. It was one of those meager requests that you make never really expecting it to develop. Then, almost 25 years later, God made it a reality. In 2001, I made my first trip to the Himalayas. For five days I taught anywhere from six to eight hours a day the various skills of being a pastor. Since then I have watched from afar the developing church. This past couple of weeks Susie and I returned to encourage and hopefully strengthen the brothers and sisters ministering there.

The church has just blossomed since 2001. There have been 17,000 baptisms. They have over 200 new churches seeking to follow the call of God. There are as many fellowships of which many will become churches in the future. I cherish the fact that God would use a simple preacher in Missouri to walk in the Himalayas to help with a few encouraging adjustments to His church.

Susie and I would like to share a little of our trip the first Sunday of March during the Sunday School hour. I invite you to come and hear how God is present worldwide.

C U Sunday,
Bill



“For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to his life’s span? And why are you anxious about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these.... But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things

whall be added to you.” Matthew 6:25-29, 33 NASB

Keeping our priorities straight can be a challenge, but the process is critical to our well being for eternity. Continual pursuit of God and His truths must be of first importance for each of us.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES AT 9:30 AM, including five adult classes to choose from. Learn more about your Redeemer and share your discoveries of living with the Master with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

YOUTH AND CHILDRENS’ GROUPS meet Sunday and Wednesday Evenings.

Wednesday Night Bible Study for all adults meets at 6:30 pm in the church Parlor. The book of Jeremiah is the present study focus. Child care is available for children age 3 and younger.

SOUL SISTERS are reviewing **THE HIDING PLACE** at 6:30 pm. They meet in the Fellowship Hall on the First and Third Thursdays of the month. Learn how Corrie Ten Boom faced multiple challenges and grew in her faith and obedience to Christ Jesus in spite of the horrors surrounding her. All women are invited to this worship and study. Child care is available for children age 3 and younger.

CORD BROTHERS meet the First and Third Thursdays of the month at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center. The men are studying **TRUE U: 01 – DOES GOD EXIST?** All men are invited to gather for worship, encouragement and the study of the numerous evidences we have for belief in and obedience to the God of the Bible.

PREACHING-TEACHING CONVENTION is February 20-22 at Ozark Christian College in Joplin. There are great speakers and workshops that you can benefit from. Check out the posters or their website and plan to go. The **GNPI VISION NIGHT BANQUET** is March 9th, so consider signing up to go. And, the **MISSOURI CHRISTIAN CONVENTION** is coming quickly, so make plans to attend. Sign up if you want to carpool.

The **Chancel Choir** practices Sunday nights at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary. More singers are welcome to join us each week for an hour. Training is available to those new to the experience. The cantata for Easter is titled "**I Will Embrace the Cross.**" Join us in honoring our Redeemer.

Praise Team helpers are welcome and needed! Speak with Jeff Smith if you would like to assist with the 10:32 service. Contact me to help in either the 8:00 or 10:30 am service.

Because of Jesus,
David Rorabaugh



*We Rejoice
in the recent
Baptism
of
Max Baxter*



Dear First Christian Church Family,

Thank you all so much for everything you did to support us during this time of celebrating such a great lady - Elizabeth Brown. The lunch was fantastic!! The music was beautiful!! Your kind words, warm thoughts and prayers are so appreciated!!!

Jim Brown and family

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The Missouri Christian Convention is Friday, March 31 and Saturday April 1, 2017 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach. Your registration has been paid!! The Board approved paying the 'church wide rapid registration' that pays the convention registration fee for all FCC attenders. If you would like to attend the convention please fill out and mail one of 'Individual Registration Forms' available at the Welcome Centers. You may also go online at www.mcconvention.org. If you would like to carpool, please sign up on the list provided next to registration forms. Call the office at 417-667-3540 with any questions.

Dear Friends:

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for your assistance with the 2016 Lights at the Lake display at Radio Springs Park. This year's display was an absolute success!

Sincerely,

Tera McFarland, Center Supervisor

Franklin P. Norman Community Center

GNPI presents Breakthrough Vision Night 2017 on Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 pm at the Joplin Convention & Trade Center. You are invited to join in celebrating the ways God is using GNPI to remove barriers and propel ministry forward with greater effectiveness. Register at www.gnpi.org/visionnight or call 417-782-0060. If you would like to carpool with others from FCC, please sign up on sheets provided at the Welcome Centers.



Ozark Christian College hosts the 2017 Preaching-Teaching Convention February 20-22 at OCC in Joplin. The convention begins Monday night at

7:00 with a session presented by Kyle Idleman. The next two days are filled with informative workshops, thoughtful main sessions and great worship. A full list of workshops is available at occ.edu/pt. register online at occ.edu/pt or register by phone at 417-626-1234 ext. 2102

Anyone needing a ride to Sunday School/Church in our vans, please let us know by calling the church office at 667-3540 by noon on Friday.



To help support our local **Community Outreach Food Pantry** we are collecting non-perishable food and dry goods. A box is in the parlor for collection. **Suggested February products are:** Canned chicken, canned peaches, jelly, cereal, Jello, KoolAid and toilet paper.



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HELPING HANDS - March 2017



If you cannot serve on the date assigned, please trade with someone on the list. Thanks!

COMMUNION Sharon Webb
PREPARATION:

Hospitality Ministry

 When you see a visitor say "Howdy" and make sure to give them a FCC Coffee Mug filled with goodies!

To help support our local Community Outreach Food Pantry, we collect non-perishable food and dry goods. A box is located in our parlor for collection.

YOU CAN HELP


Suggested March products are: Canned salmon, canned veggies, salt, pancake mix, pancake syrup, cake mixes, dish soap.

Children's CHURCH

Leaders: Kathy Butler and Susie Platt

Junior CHURCH

Leaders: The Butterfields

CHURCH Stats

Attendance: Year-to-date Average per Week

SS	8:00	10:30	10:32	Total 3 Services
97	52	70	113	223

Offering needed during the month of January in order to meet budget was \$30,131.30
Offering collected in January was \$26,069.15.

	Offering received:	Total
Jan. 01, 17	\$ 8,056.22	\$ 8,056.22
Jan. 08, 17	\$ 5,444.21	\$ 13,500.43
Jan. 15, 17	\$ 3,918.32	\$ 17,418.75
Jan. 22, 17	\$ 5,212.62	\$ 22,631.37
Jan. 29, 17	\$ 3,437.78	\$ 26,069.15

Offering needed each week to meet budget in 2016 is \$6,026.26

VAN DRIVERS

Adults and Children

- Mar. 05 - Tommy Bowen
- Mar. 12 - Erik Andersen
- Mar. 19 - Staci Andersen
- Mar. 26 - Daniel Turowski


Van Ministry

The next issue of **THE BEACON** will be available on Sunday, March 5, 2017. The deadline for articles for that issue will be the prior Tuesday. Articles and schedule updates need to be brought to the church office or sent to lyndaj@fcnevada.org no later than Tuesday, February 28, 2017.



Ministers rotate serving at Moore-Few on Second Sundays.

Join Us For Adult Bible Studies

Wednesday - Bible Study @ 6:30pm, Church Parlor
1st and 3rd Thursday of each month - CORD Brothers (Men's Bible study) @ 6:30pm, Youth Center.
1st and 3rd Thursday of each month - Soul Sisters (Women's Bible study) @ 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall.


MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/01 Jo Testman Larry Testman	3/20 Max Baxter Brandon Deming Lula Shaw Shannan Turley
3/02 Gayneita Shaw	3/22 Sandy Braswell Billy Jeffries David Serna
3/03 Kendra Howze	3/23 Ed Tyler
3/04 Dana Kennard Tracy Shumaker	3/24 Jim Soukup
3/05 Susan Swearingen	3/25 David Rorabaugh
3/06 Erica Bernhardt	3/26 Amanda Butler Jackie Rider Jeff Smith
3/07 Sharon Koopman	3/27 Dustin Goins Penny Reynolds
3/08 Kay Phillips	3/28 Emily Cauthon Mandy Gerster Nathan Ryan
3/11 Riley Gordon	3/29 Geraldine Ogle
3/13 Nikki Davis	3/30 Kaden McClure
3/14 Reece Carlin	
3/16 Don Andersen	
3/17 Kolby McClure	
3/18 Alex Hampton	