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From the Pulpit

An old Senegalese Proverb expresses this thought, “There are no misunderstandings; there are only failures to communicate.” Our new website is a step in communicating better. Thank you to the many that have made it possible. If you haven’t done it already, NOW IS THE TIME to check out our new website, www.fccnevada.org. It is tempting me to take up a weekly blog which would be above and beyond the bi-monthly newsletter article.

Our website has several new things to check out. It is easy to maneuver through and will size itself to fit on your phone or your computer display. It has several informative tidbits as to the varied ministries going on at FCC with the ability to update and communicate further. It has the monthly calendar of events happening within our church family. It has GPS (map) guidance to where we are.

One of the newest features to our new website is the opportunity to give online, or by iPad, or by phone. It is easy to set up (Trust me, I did it.). With this new cultural revolution, many choose not to carry cash or write checks but use their debit card or phone to make a financial connection. The website is equipped to help in that.

Another pragmatic quote, “There have been great societies that did not use the wheel, but [none] that did not tell stories.” – Ursula LeGuin It is so easy in the desire to communicate well to forget what it is that we communicate. Our website is a desire to communicate well. My prayer is that we seek to continue to communicate well. But we must always remember what we communicate, “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,....”

Mission:
JESUS

May this Easter declare loudly our mission of Jesus.

Remember if you would, the mission of Jesus.

Bill



A famous sight-seeing location on the edge of Jerusalem these days is a barren hill called Gordon’s Calvary. At the base of the hill is a garden with an empty tomb referred to as Gordon’s tomb. But these are more than a spectacle. These two sights have powerful verification attributes to the central message of Christianity. They mirror the resurrection accounts of our Bible!

The Son of God, Jesus Christ, died on a cross at Calvary, the place of the skull. He was quickly buried before the setting of the sun in a newly hewn tomb nearby, before Passover, the holiest of celebrations, began. But Jesus conquered death, rose back to life forever and the large stone that sealed the tomb was rolled away!

Resurrection Sunday has come again. Remember that we serve the one and only living Savior of all humanity. And He has promised to return for the benefit of all who believe in and serve Him. Let us all be ready when Christ returns in glory and majesty.

Join the church family for breakfast, and then continue in the blessing of worship, praise, fellowship, celebration and more.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY. The Chancel Choir is pleased to be able to present to you the Easter Cantata titled “*I Will Embrace the Cross.*” Brother Bill will be challenging us with some devotional thoughts. God’s Spirit will be with us. Come be a blessing and receive a blessing.

Chancel Choir: We will present your gift of praise this Sunday. Please turn in ALL your practice materials (books, CD’s, tapes) as soon as possible for storing until next time. Practices will resume in the fall. Be sure to invite others to join us in the celebration of our Redeemer.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES ON BREAK ONE WEEK. Please join us at 9:30 AM, starting April 23rd to build your knowledge and understanding of God’s will and purpose for you and the rest of the world. Let us learn

and share life together as brothers and sisters in Jesus, growing in spiritual strength and influence.

ADULTS NEED TO GROW IN CHRIST, TOO! Several meetings gather regularly for your benefit through the week. Be an example of diligence and commitment to those around you.

Join the Wednesday Night Children's' program or the Adult Bible Study. Child care is available for children age 3 and younger.

SOUL SISTERS meet in the Fellowship Hall on the First and Third Thursdays of the month. They have just begun a new study. Child care is available for children age 3 and younger.

CORD BROTHERS gather for worship, encouragement and the study on the First and Third Thursdays of the month at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center. Grab your Bibles guys and join them.

Praise Team helpers are welcome. 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 Jesus lives, David Rorabaugh



Welcome **Audie and Judy Beck, Sarah Riley** as new members of First Christian Church. Audie and Judy transferred from First Baptist Church. Sarah Riley

transferred from Louisburg Baptist Temple. Congratulations to **Elizabeth Bagg** upon her confession of faith. Elizabeth plans to be baptized in the near future.



*We Rejoice
in the recent
Baptism
of
Morgan Austin.*



Prayer & Breakfast
Thursday, May 4, 2017
6:45 AM
Fellowship Hall

Attention 2017 Graduates... If you are interested in applying for a church scholarship, applications are available in the church office. They are **due Sunday April 30 in the office.**

Also...if you are a senior and would like to be recognized on May 14, Graduation Sunday, **please submit a short bio of accomplishments, after-graduation plans and photos (preferably digital) to the church office by May 3. You may also send it by email to lyndaj@fcnevada.org.**

First Christian will hold a Baby Dedication Ceremony for preschool age children on May 14, 2017 during the morning worship services. Please contact the office by Friday, May 5, if you want your child dedicated in the church.

2017 VBS is the week of July 30 - August 4.

It will run each night from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Kids will dive into new adventures with **Deep Sea Discovery** where they will learn that **God is With Me Wherever I Go!**



Wherever I Go! The next planning meeting is scheduled for May 7 at 4pm in the Parlor.

Simplify. Donate your 'stuff' to the Youth Fundraiser Yard Sale. It's happening the weekend of Friday and Saturday, April 28 & 29, at Becky and Kenny Butterfield's house. Bring your 'stuff' to Becky and Kenny's blue house at 201 North Webster at the corner of West Walnut and Webster. **Please do NOT bring any clothes!**



We have a new website at www.fcnevada.org. One of its new features is a donor portal which makes giving really easy. So... visit and check out the new ways to give. **Online** at www.fcnevda.org/give,



from your **phone** at www.fcnevada.org/give or



check or cash in the offering plate.

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.



Announcing the Maranatha Bible Camp schedule!!

Beginner Day Camp for K/1st grades is June 10 and costs \$35. Junior Camp for 5th grade is June 11-14 and costs \$130. Kids' Camp for 2nd-4th grades is June 15-17 and costs \$90. A child's grade is based upon the grade they will enter in Fall 2017. **Early bird deadline is Monday, May 22. Watch for registration details coming soon!!**

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 April products are:** Meal soup, canned fruits, sugar, coffee, brownie mix, crackers and paper towels.



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HELPING HANDS - May 2017



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

COMMUNION Melissa Blystone
PREPARATION: Helper - Doug Gammon

VAN DRIVERS

Adults and Children

May 07 - Tommy Bowen
 May 14 - Erik Andersen
 May 21 - Staci Andersen
 May 28 - Daniel Turowski



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

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.

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.



Suggested May products are: Mac & cheese, canned peaches, peanut butter, mayonnaise, jello, sugar and toilet paper.

Ministers rotate serving at Moore-Few on Second Sundays.



Leaders: Vickie McCarter and Susan Swearingen



Leaders: The Bowens
 (Please note: Leaders are needed for June & July.)



MAY BIRTHDAYS

CHURCH Stats

Attendance: Year-to-date Average per Week

SS	8:00	10:30	10:32	Total 3 Services
90	44	61	94	199

Offering needed during the month of March in order to meet budget was \$24,105.04
 Offering collected in March was \$24,075.22.

	Offering received:	Total
Mar 05, 17	\$ 8,791.57	\$ 8,791.57
Mar 12, 17	\$ 4,523.50	\$ 13,315.07
Mar 19, 17	\$ 5,884.18	\$ 19,199.25
Mar 26, 17	\$ 4,875.97	\$ 24,075.22

Offering needed each week to meet budget in 2017 is \$6,026.26

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| 5/01 Erik Andersen | 5/19 Linda Kitsmiller |
| John Jones | Kourtney Topping |
| 5/02 Beth Lightner | 5/20 Bob Eador |
| Jennifer Zermeño | Mariah Jones |
| 5/05 Maddie Gordon | 5/21 Lukas Higgins |
| Teri Pierce | 5/23 Jason Hinds |
| Doug Ryan | Brooklyn Ryan |
| 5/06 Scott Buerge | 5/25 Berry McClure |
| Roy Johnson | Lori Richards |
| 5/07 Judy Austin | 5/26 Wilma Starr |
| Kent Pruitt | 5/27 Glen Noble |
| 5/08 Don Cabbage | 5/28 Deidre Goins |
| Michael Jones | Natalie Pruitt |
| Rick Jones | 5/29 Damien Austin |
| 5/09 Kodee Ast | 5/30 Ina Lee |
| 5/10 Mallory Seay | Pauline Page |
| 5/12 Beverly Browning | Bill Platt |
| Kari Vincent | 5/31 Beth Douglas |
| 5/13 Eldon Shaw | |
| 5/14 Cody Cauthon | |
| Lois Crowe | |
| 5/15 Suzanne Jones | |
| 5/16 Shirley Farran | |
| 5/18 Don Bronaugh Jr. | |
| Zachary Jeans | |

