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Elders: Don Andersen, Scott Buerge,
Doug Gammon and Wayne Jeans

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From the Pulpit

This is an opportunity to share a couple of leadership updates. Our Eldership has been feeling the burden of responsibility and the lack of men serving. This past year Scott Buerge and Don Andersen have carried the load while Wayne Jeans and Doug Gammon have taken the break of a year after serving three years. Delbert Johnston was mentoring Scott and Don then eternity called. Scott and Don through Wayne and Doug's help have been outstanding. Meanwhile, with our latest leadership ballot in May, Wayne and Doug have returned for another term of three years.

This has emphasized even further the need for more men to serve as elders. In January/February for several years I have taught a class for those interested in Eldership. This has created a core group of men upon which to look for potential elders. At the last Board Meeting, the Elders introduced two advisory candidates, Rick Jones and Greg Barneburg. These men will work with the Elders for the next year while being mentored. Then next May they will be considered as possible elder candidates. Please pray for our Eldership team as we look forward to the years to come.

Also announced at our Board Meeting and voted upon was the part-time effort of Angie Moore. She will serve as a temporary youth coordinator on a limited basis. She is still working fulltime at Heartland, but the summer months have allowed a window of a few extra hours. She will work with the church in coordinating our youth schedules for the fall and doing a few programs throughout the summer as she is able. But come the fall she will give up this position as her fulltime job will require her full attention again.

Again, pray for the efforts of the Youth Team as we still seek a youth minister. The ministry isn't slowing down. We can move boldly forward as Jesus calls.

Thank you for being committed to the Mission of Jesus. C U Sunday.

Bill



Our Gleaning Team of seven volunteers for Community Outreach began this week. In two days, the 27th and 28th, we gathered very close to 1000 pounds of produce from several row crop farms north of town. Our next scheduled work date is July 25th, then August 22nd. We leave at 7:30 am from our south parking lot. Let me know of your interest.

A Big THANKS to you who were able to bring some home baked goodies for our **VBS BAKE SALE** and to those who bought what was brought. All proceeds go toward helping with the cost of VBS.

THANK YOU VBS TEAM FOR ALL OF YOUR PREPARATIONS for the final surge to this year's program, *Deep Sea Discovery: God is with me wherever I go*. **MORE WORKERS ARE NEEDED**, so please consider diving into the opportunity. **Be sure to help us collect for the needs lists.** VBS is scheduled for July 30 through August 4th. Registration and a light meal begin at 5:30 each evening and we finish at 8:30. Rides are available, so please contact the church early if one is necessary. Our final program is on August 4th, beginning at 6:00 pm, followed by a pool party at the city pool from 7:30-9:00 pm.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES for each of you at 9:30 AM each week. Show God that you love and respect Him.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study continues each week in the church parlor at 6:30 pm, unless announced otherwise. Please call during office hours if child care is needed.

SOUL SISTERS gather for worship, encouragement and the study on the First and Third Thursdays of the month at 6:30 pm (Fellowship Hall). Child care is available for children age 3 and younger.

CORD BROTHERS is taking a break until September.

Singers and musicians are welcome at all services. Speak with the worship leader of the service you would like to help with. Honor Jesus with your desire and talents.

Chancel Choir: on summer break. Members: return all of your practice materials.

Celebrating Jesus,
David Rorabaugh



Welcome Angie Moore, our new summer youth coordinator. Angie has served as the Youth Team chair for the past two years. This summer a unique opportunity presented itself. At her regular job at Heartland Behavioral Health

Angie was able to request and get half-time hours for the summer. That freed her up to work here at First Christian half-time this summer. Her goal is to get plans and programs in place for Little Tree Ministries and SeekerGen through the end of 2017.

Recently Angie ran the Relay for Life Glow 5K with Emily Ring and Amanda Blystone. They had lots of fun, and won second place for the most glow. In talking about the event Angie noted how she felt dwarfed by the two tall girls. Recently her son Brandon has added lots of inches to his height. He has gotten so tall that she is the shortest person in her family except for her two nieces. One is only 1 year old. The other is eight years old and very soon, even she will be taller than Angie!



2017 was a very successful year at Maranatha Bible Camp. In total, 51 children attended, with 2 baptisms plus additional commitments. Maranatha Bible Camp is in Everton Missouri,

about a 1^{1/2} hour southeast of Nevada. This year the three camps, K-1st grade, 2-4th grade and 5-6th grade, all occurred in one week, June 10 through 17. Three new adult counselors, Melissa Blystone, Jason Hedges, and Cesar Zermeño, were initiated into "life at camp." Thankfully, they had the guidance of experienced Watchmen to help them get acclimated. Melissa said that if it weren't for Emily Ring, she and Jason would have been totally lost. Watchman Gavin Ring went to all three camps - and survived!

We have been added to the list. Yes, the main building did sustain hail damage earlier this spring. Jeff Post worked with the insurance company and the roofing company to make sure First Christian will have its roof replaced at a reasonable expense. So, sometime in the next few months, look for a new roof.



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.



Batter Up: Softball season is in full swing. Support your FCC team!

Games happen on Tuesday evenings at either 6:00 or 7:30pm at the ball field located behind First Baptist Church at 1501 E. Highland. Teams

include FCC Nevada, FCC Eldorado Springs, Life Church and 1st Baptist/Crossroads. *Go Team!!!*



2017 VBS will be here soon - the week of July 30 - August 4!! It runs each night from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. The theme is

Deep Sea Discovery where kids will learn that *God is With Me Wherever I Go!*

Teaching teams need your help in obtaining the supplies they need. At this time Team Bill and Susie have given us a list of items they need. *Items include 2 or 3 palm trees, 6 lbs of cornstarch, blue food coloring, old towels, 2 or 3 pkgs of wet wipes, 1 large fan, several large sponges, flippers, snorkles, masks and goggles (please label with your name so they can be returned), black blanket, treasure chest, pool noodles, green crepe paper, and pieces of driftwood.* These items are needed by Sunday, July 16.



On Monday, July 17, five of our young people, Dalton Jones, Emily Ring, Nathan Vincent, Amanda Blystone and Morgan Douglas, with sponsors Jenny Ring and David

Serna, will leave for Diamond Willow Mission. Diamond Willow Mission is located on the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation near Fort Thompson, South Dakota. Our group will be working with K-2nd grade girls who will be attending Cantemawaste Youth Camp.

We have a new website at www.fcnevada.org. One of the new features is a donor portal which makes it really easy to give. So... visit and check out the new ways to give. Online at www.fcnevada.org/give, from your phone at www.fcnevada.org/give, or check or cash in the offering plate.

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 July products are:** Canned salmon, canned green beans, crackers, cereal, mustard, cake mixes, coffee.

