



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## THE BEACON

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**Elder Emeritus:** Ron Greenway, John McKinley and Glen Noble

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

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### *From the Pulpit*

A consistent presence is hard to find in a world of change. Every four years the nation magnifies the change from one president to another. News anchor persons seem to come and go as easy as the click of channel. Just when you finally settle into that new restaurant in Nevada that you like, it is gone. Change dictates so much in our lives. A consistent presence is hard to find.

Dave and Sally Rorabaugh have been a consistent presence in our church family for fifteen years. Fifteen years ago leadership decided to add a new staff member, a worship/associate minister. Ask Dave or Sally what they remember about unloading the moving truck in the hot July of 2002. They do have several memories, just ask.

If you will walk with me down memory lane you may remember the old stage and pulpit. You might remember the screen and addition of a projector (twice). You might recall the trial effort at a third service in the basement. On a personal basis, you may remember their son Aaron's hair. You may remember the graduations of their two boys. You may remember New Year's eve parties dating back to who knows how long ago.

FCC has enjoyed the fruitful ministry of Dave and Sally for fifteen years. They have shared their youth, their energy and their dreams with us. If you get a chance, tell them "thank you." Ministry is burdened with so many short-term ministries and FCC has enjoyed the consistent presence of this wonderful couple.

Change is real part of living upon this earth, but God declares that he never changes. In Hebrews 13:7-8 it says, "Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

To a ministry well done, Thank you Dave and Sally.

Bill & Susie

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**PRE-REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR VBS! IN THREE WEEKS, WE WILL BE SWIMMING THROUGH** our program, *Deep Sea Discovery: God is with me wherever I go.* WE CAN STILL USE MORE WORKERS TO SERVE AS:

Tour guides, Van Drivers, Servers and Cleaners at meal time, etc. Let's have a surge of commitment and devotion in this service ministry. **Be sure to help us collect for the needs lists.** VBS is scheduled for July 30 through August 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 pm, followed by a pool party at the city pool from 7:30-9:00 pm. Our mission is GNPI, headquartered in Joplin, and

our financial goal is \$1,000.00 for the work of GNPI.

**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 (**no meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup>**). 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 in the Fellowship Hall (**no meeting on August 3**). 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.

KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON HONORING YOUR REDEEMER.

Celebrating Jesus, David Rorabaugh



**What a wonderful summer this has been!** I am very thankful that my full-time employer and the church have allowed me the chance to serve at First Christian. God's plans are just awesome! The summer started off with the children going to Maranatha Bible Camp in June. There were 3 separate camps that ran over the span of 7 days: Beginner, Kids and 5th and 6th grade. 51 students total went to camp with us over the course of the week. We also welcomed 3 first time camp sponsors: Melissa Blystone, Cesar Zermeno and Jason Hedges! We appreciate the time they were willing to commit to investing in our children! Then, the coolest thing that can ever happen at camp, there were 3 of our students baptized: Alyvia Bowen, Kyler Tarr and Levi McNeal! I have gotten to know these students through Little Tree Ministries and our time on Sundays and I am so happy for them and their decision.



That same Saturday at the start of camp week, our Seekergen students held their annual Bushwhacker Days Dunk Tank fundraiser. I heard several reports of a fun day, but the water was cold! Thank you to all those who helped as sponsors, especially Mike and Tracy Serna for making sure this event was a success for our students! Also, thanks to those of you who stopped by to dunk our students!

The next event coming up is for our Seekergen High School students who are going to serve at Diamond Willow in South Dakota. We have 5 students and 2 leaders heading out Monday, July 17th and returning Sunday, July 23rd. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel and during the trip where they will be teaching vacation bible school.

Continuing with fun summer events, I was given the opportunity to attend the North American Christian Convention in Kansas City on June 29th. I wasn't sure what the convention was all about prior to attending, but I am so glad I went. I brought my son Brandon along as well. There were so many booths and so much information on all the work being done to further God's Kingdom. We got to stop by and visit with Diamond Willow, Show-Me Children's Home and Operation Christmas Child booths and have cool treats and giveaways. Brandon and I also stopped by the booth where we could bag meals for Haiti. We worked with another family on the "production line" and created several meals to serve families in need. There were several great speakers and a favorite comedian, John Christ. The afternoon class sessions were very good as well. I am glad we were able to attend the NACC, lots of information and I was definitely sparked on some new ideas.



Back at the office, I have spent these last couple of weeks working on planning the rest of summer events and looking forward to first semester activities. Keep an eye out for updated information on the youth bulletin boards in the parlor and in the Fellowship Hall info center. Also, follow Seekergen and Little Tree Ministries on Facebook and watch for events as they are created and shared. There will be a Big Surf trip in August before school starts. There will also be a mission trip to Show-Me, but a good problem; they had so many volunteers that the summer filled up, so the trip will be pushed back to September.

So again, such a great summer so far and we are only half way through! I can't wait for this upcoming school year as there are going to be some great lesson materials and amazing events for our students!

Angie



**Get ready for some FUN!! FCC Vacation Bible School 2017 begins Sunday, July 30 and goes through Friday, August 4.** The kids will go on a *Deep Sea Discovery* where they will learn that *God is With Me Wherever I Go!*

Children ages 4 years old through 8th grade are invited to attend. The fun happens each evening from 6:00 until 8:30 pm with registration beginning at 5:30 pm. Transportation is available Sunday through Thursday evenings. A light meal will be served Sunday through Thursday.

The closing program on Friday is for students and their entire families! Students get to share what they learned during VBS week from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Afterwards, students and families are invited and encouraged to attend a pool party at the Nevada City Pool from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. There is NO charge for the pool, however, all children ages 17 and younger must have permission information provided to VBS organizers.

Registration forms are available at the Welcome Centers in both the church parlor and the Fellowship Hall.

**Register NOW!!**



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



PLEASE SAVE THIS PAGE FOR REFERENCE DURING THE MONTH



## HELPING HANDS - August 2017



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

**COMMUNION** Melissa Blystone  
**PREPARATION:** Helper - Susie Platt



Hospitality  
Ministry

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

### VAN DRIVERS

Adults and Children

Aug. 06 - Wade Hanes  
 Aug. 13 - Erik Andersen  
 Aug. 20 - Tracy Serna  
 Aug. 27 - Daniel Turowski



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 August products are:** Canned tuna or chicken, canned fruits, jelly, pancake mix, pancake syrup, brownie mix, toilet paper.

### 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) \*\*\*\**On Summer Break*\*\*\*\*  
**1st and 3rd Thursday** of each month - Soul Sisters (Women's Bible study) @ 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall.

**Ministers rotate serving at Moore-Few on Second Sundays.**

The next issue of **THE BEACON** will be available on Sunday, August 6, 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](mailto:lyndaj@fcnevada.org) no later than Tuesday, August 2, 2017.



**Leaders:** Tammy Clark and Tracy Serna



**Leaders:** Angie Moore  
*(New sign-up sheet is on the FH bulletin board.)*

## CHURCH Stats

**Attendance: Year-to-date Average per Week**

SS	8:00	10:30	10:32	Total 3 Services
87	42	64	97	190

**Offering needed during the month of June in order to meet budget was \$24,105.04**  
**Offering collected in June was \$23,750.63.**

	Offering received:	Total
June 04, 17	\$ 10,252.60	\$ 10,252.60
June 11, 17	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 13,352.60
June 18, 17	\$ 4,836.73	\$ 18,189.33
June 25, 17	\$ 5,561.30	\$ 23,750.63

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



8/02 Morgan Austin	8/16 Betty Trower
Barbara Householder	8/17 Gail Post
Shirley Johnson	8/18 Odie Braswell
8/03 Kara Alford	Larry McCord
Wayne Jeans	8/19 Ella Clark
Madison Shipp	8/21 Chase Jeans
8/04 Ron Richards	Issac Shipp
8/06 Tanya Webb	8/22 Isaac Hedges
Daryl Lamb	Karl Householder
8/07 Andrew Arneson	Gavin Ring
Judy Beck	Ally Shumaker
Mike Brooks	8/23 Larry Cauthon
8/08 Corbin Selby	8/24 John McKinley
8/09 Beth Gerster	8/25 Tommy Bowen
8/10 Rosa Hair	Robert Byers
Dick Johnson	Marilyn Griffin
8/12 Junior Wait	Sean Johnson
8/13 Kenny Butterfield	8/26 Earl Higgins
Acacia Kennard	Dalton Jones
Elienor Pruitt	8/28 Teresa McClure
Melanie Richardson	8/29 Debbie Griggs
Mary Thoreson	Linda Stanhope
	8/30 Christian Lopez
	8/31 Ron Greenway