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From the Pulpit

This week will exercise some of FCC's muscle. This week has been an annual activity of FCC for decades. This week will produce a magnified church effort that will dominate schedules, facilities, and hours of sacrifice. It is called Vacation Bible School week.

VBS has had many themes with one core thought: Jesus. We have had dunking tanks, racing cars, cowboy hats, slings and many other things. This week we are doing Deep Sea Discovery. There is no place we can go, even down into the deepest reaches of the ocean and not find God is there.

We have supported many missions through the years. The annual offering competition is Boys vs Girls. A trophy has even been found that we can celebrate the victor by engraving the winner for the next year. We have raised as much as \$2000 in years past and most years well over \$1000. We have purchased a portable baptistry, a solar powered projector, supplied various needs at our local Community Outreach, helped with materials for a children's home and even sorted cards for those in jail. While doing this we have learned of varied local and world missions.

The greatest part of our VBS has been the generations of students who have passed through it. Many of them are our own children, but many more are the children of our community. One year we celebrated with a baptism during our closing program. This is but one of the victory stories told by our volunteers. We have had as many as 150 students in a night in years past. One of the newest features that goes with VBS is feeding them. Our kitchen staff will prepare 175 to 200 meals a night. When you consider decades of young students, FCC has touched thousands with the name of Jesus.

Thank you for being a church that believes in the power of Vacation Bible School. When our world is broken in so many ways this is one way that FCC presents the light of Jesus to a dark setting. Pray for the ongoing power of Vacation Bible School.

Working side by side for Jesus,
Bill



VBS IS HERE! Our program is *Deep Sea Discovery: God is with me wherever I go*. As of last night, we have nearly 70 children registered and we have over 50 adults and older teens giving their time and help, which doesn't even count all of you who brought supplies and offerings. Your help and devotion is greatly appreciated in this service ministry. Our final VBS program is on Friday, August 4th, beginning at 6:00 pm, followed by a pool party at the city pool from 7:30-9:00 pm. Our mission is GNPI (Good News Productions, International) of Joplin, and our financial goal is \$1,000.00 for a video production kit used by missionaries. Would you like to help in this worthy cause?

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.

Praise God for all of His blessings.

Adventuring with Jesus,
David Rorabaugh

Hello church family!! VBS 2017 is well under way and we are having a great time learning the lessons in Standard's Deep Sea Discovery. I have enjoyed catching up during VBS with so many Little Tree and Seeker Gen students who I haven't seen over the summer. We will end the week with our program and pool party on Friday night. Don't forget the whole family is invited that night!

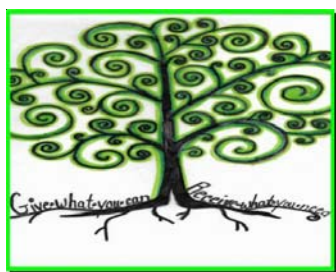
We are officially into August and the countdown is on for the start of school. We will celebrate the end of summer with a family trip to Big Surf on August 12th. Meet at church at 9am and return at 6pm. Cost is \$18 per person. Look for sign ups in the parlor and Fellowship Hall.

Our youth programs will also start back at the end of August. Seekergen will kickoff with a lock-in August 25th. Look for more details at church info centers or go to our Facebook page. Then Little Trees will start back with a welcome back party on August 30th. More details to come.

The Family Ministry Team will be putting the finishing touches on the program calendar for the upcoming year at our August meeting. Keep tuned in to each program's Facebook page, the church website, the Beacon, the Sunday bulletin and the church info centers for all the events we are planning!!

I'm really excited for how plans are coming together for this school year!

Angie



The Big Serve September 23-24, 2017 A weekend of service in Vernon County

Spend one or two days helping your neighbors and your community by participating in **The Big Serve. Scheduled for the weekend of September 23 and 24, 2017**, it is your opportunity to join your church family to serve your community. Projects will include such things as yard work, minor repairs, trash pickup, mowing, cooking and checking in people. For more information please contact Sarah Riley or go to www.BigServeVCMO.com. Participant and Project Signup Sheets are available at the Welcome Centers in the Parlor and the Fellowship Hall. **You may also go to www.BigServeVCMO.com to sign up and to obtain more information.**



Sermon Notebooks now available. Mary Mba has graciously donated 3-ring binders that are the correct size to store your sermon notes. Mary says that she “returns all the

thanks to God. He put the idea in my heart and provided the resources. May His name be praised.” We thank her for a gift that will keep on giving. A suggested donation of \$10 would be appreciated. It will go into the church's general fund. The notebooks are available at the Welcome Centers in both the parlor and the Fellowship Hall. A three ring hole punch is available in the Loyal Builder's Classroom.



Each Tuesday during June, July and August gleaning teams go out to local produce farms to glean what is left after the farmers harvest for market. After gleaning, the produce is taken to Community Outreach to be given to those in need. The First Christian

Church team goes on the fourth Tuesdays. **On July 25 the FCC team harvested an incredible 3122 pounds of produce! That is a ton and a half!!!** If you would like to join them on Tuesday, August 22, please contact Dave Rorabaugh.

End of the Summer Family Celebration @ Big Surf Saturday, August 12.

We are leaving from the FCC parking lot at 9:00 am and returning by 6:00 pm. Cost is \$18 per person. Bring the whole family!!!



Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers. Habitat for Humanity is currently overhauling Dr. Bunton's former dental office at 320 N. Elm to make it into a house. They need volunteers to do inside construction. You do

not have to know how to do construction work, just be willing to learn. Work is scheduled for Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 am until Noon. For more information please contact Robert Palmer at 417-549-0842.

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.



We have a new website at www.fccnevada.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.fccnevada.org/give, from your phone at www.fccnevada.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 August products are:** Canned tuna/chicken, canned fruits, jelly, pancake mix, pancake syrup, brownie mix, toilet paper.

