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From the Pulpit

Years ago, amid my twenty somethings, I made the mistake of thinking that the livestock auction couldn't function without me. Imagine my surprise after being gone for a week and discovering that not only did it function without me, but it did well without me.

Fall is quickly approaching and our energy demanding programs prepare to conquer another season without a youth minister presence. (Trust me, leadership would be thrilled to announce that God has blessed us with another youth minister, but the search is still ongoing. Keep praying!) The power of the programs are declared a priority by the team of people who continue to see them go forward. We have a powerful Little Tree season approaching and the same is true of SeekerGen. Our Family Ministry Team is the source of this strength. Team leaders are being recruited and several are gearing for the next season because, like what I learned at the livestock auction, we will function without the presence.

Why? Because the programs are blessed of God and great people are standing in the gap. What an image for our church family! Imagine the power of ministry driven by Christ-led people who see the vision and program as bigger than the presence of any one person. Imagine the blessing to generations who seek not to be recognized as individuals doing ministry, but the church of Jesus modeling His image. We look not at the "brick" by which our building is made, but at the structure that proclaims Jesus.

Thank you to the many who refuse to be the individual and instead loudly seek to be the church of Jesus. You are what this dark world is looking for; light. "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Making a difference in 2017, c u Sunday. Bill



MY THANKS GOES TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH VBS 2017! We enjoyed a great *Deep Sea Discovery* as we were reminded that **God is with us wherever we go**. We had 92 children registered, plus over 50 adults and older teens giving their time and help. Additionally, many of you helped by bringing supplies and offerings, including the Bake Sales. THANK YOU. Our mission was GNPI (Good News Productions, International) of Joplin, and we

topped our offering goal with a final gift of \$1,190.11. With this gift, GNPI will be able to set up a NOMAD Production Kit with some of our missionaries.

VBS FOLLOW-UP MEETING: I invite the committee, teachers, workers and anyone else interested to join me in a review on August 27, 4:00 pm in the Parlor. While everything is still fresh in our heads, lets make some notes on the great, good, bad and needed.

CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME on September 10th at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary for all who want to praise the Lord. Join us each week as we prepare a Christmas Cantata for Dec. 17th.

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.

LOVE GOD... LOVE HIS WORD. JOIN A SMALL GROUP ON SUNDAYS AND/OR DURING THE WEEK and discover Divine Truth and Wisdom for every day living. Jesus said that if we love Him, we will love His commands and obey them. The Bible is the source of His commands.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES meet at 9:30 AM each week for every person in your family.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study continues each week in the church parlor at 6:30 pm. If child care is needed, please call the office during business hours.

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 resume in September with a new study by Max Lucado. All men are invited to the Youth Center on the First and Third Thursdays of the month at 6:30 pm.

God is good and is worthy of our full devotion.

With God's love through Jesus,

David Rorabaugh

Hello,

Well, I survived another trip to Big Surf (barely, ask Emily Ring or Kailena Blystone for more details on that) for our end of summer family trip. The students had a great time and a big thanks to Wade Hanes for being our driver!

Now, moving into back to school mode, the Family Ministry Team will meet on the 19th to finalize the first semester calendar. Be watching for more details on those events. Check the bulletin boards in the parlor and West entrance in the main building and in the Fellowship Hall. Also check the Seeker Gen and Little Tree Facebook pages for updates.

I can tell you now, Seeker Gen (6th-12th grade) kicks off with a lock-in 8/25/17 followed by Fuse at FCC on 9/10/17. Regular lesson nights on Sunday resume 9/17/17.

Little Tree Ministries (K-5th) resumes with a Welcome Back party on 8/30/17 and parents are invited to stay the evening with us. We will then continue to meet on Wednesdays.

I just want to say, I can't wait for the students to come back to our programs this year! Last year was a little rocky, I get it, but the Lord takes us through things for a reason and He has taught me a lot over this summer. I hope my excitement is contagious! When you see me, ask me about all we are doing at FCC for our students and I would love to share with you!!

Angie



*We Rejoice
in the recent
Baptisms
of
Levi McNeal, Gage
and Remington
Sublette*



Dear Friends,

Thank you for participating in LifeChoices' Change for Life baby bottle campaign. We are so excited about the enthusiasm this project has generated in the community. **This year we distributed approximately 7,000 bottles to area churches, businesses and organizations.**

As of July 13th, your Change for Life 2017 total is \$885.95! This will help continue the vital services through our three clinics and school programs. **Last year LifeChoices served over 16,000 individuals** and because we do not receive state or federal funding, it would be impossible to serve that many people without your help. **Thanks again - your gift through Change for Life really changes lives!**

Sincerely,

Karolyn Schrage, Executive Director

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, love & support we so deeply felt & appreciate! We couldn't have done it without your help. We are truly blessed!

Lovingly,

Shirley, Sean, Roy & Nicole & Liam Johnson



We welcome **Jim and Bonnie Boyle** as new members of First Christian Church. Jim transferred from Milford Christian Church.



**Sunday,
September 24.
10:30 am**

Join your church family to worship together at Marmaduke Park and enjoy a delicious picnic potluck lunch afterwards.

Check out the new FCC app on your smart phone!

Quickly find a Bible passage.

Instantly read Pastor Bill's blog.

Easily find out what's on the calendar.



Vietnam veterans of America, Chapter 918 needs your help. They are looking for addresses of military men and women serving in overseas theatres to send care packages to throughout the year. If you know of someone who would appreciate a care

package, please call: Jim Pippin, Secretary at cell 417-448-4111 or home 417-667-6378.

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



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HELPING HANDS - September 2017



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

COMMUNION Martha Waltrip
PREPARATION: Helper - Eddie Deming



Hospitallity
Ministry

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

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Suggested September products are: Pork & Beans, canned peaches, instant oatmeal, ramen noodles, KoolAid, salt, dish soap.

VAN DRIVERS

Adults and Children

Sept. 03 - Wade Hanes
 Sept. 10- Erik Andersen
 Sept. 17- Tracy Serna
 Sept. 24 - Daniel Turowski



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.

Ministers rotate serving at Moore-Few on Second Sundays.

The next issue of **THE BEACON** will be available on Sunday, September 3, 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, August 29, 2017.



Leaders: Amber & Tommy Bowen



Leaders: Leaders are needed!

CHURCH Stats

Attendance: Year-to-date Average per Week

SS	8:00	10:30	10:32	Total 3 Services
86	43	63	95	191

Offering needed during the month of July in order to meet budget was \$30,131.30
 Offering collected in June was \$28,729.78.

	Offering received:	Total
July 02, 17	\$ 7,018.92	\$ 7,018.92
July 09, 17	\$ 3,943.33	\$ 10,962.25
July 16, 17	\$ 4,135.22	\$ 15,097.47
July 23, 17	\$ 7,095.44	\$ 22,192.91
July 30, 17	\$ 6,536.87	\$ 28,729.78

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



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| 9/01 Becky Butterfield | 9/17 Fontella Barritt |
| 9/02 Peggy Deming | 9/18 Tammy Clark |
| 9/03 Walt Cochran | Brynley Hedges |
| Glenda Haller | Jeanne Noble |
| Jackson McKinley | 9/21 Mike Farran |
| 9/04 Melissa Austin | 9/22 Pat Anderson |
| 9/07 Wanda Arthur | Talitha Kennard |
| 9/08 Sara Parrack | 9/24 Vincent Kurth |
| 9/10 Judy Gammon | Connie Moffatt |
| Jim Phillips | 9/27 Clifford Ring |
| 9/11 Alta Woolridge | 9/29 Jean Loving |
| Jeannie Moore | Dominic Zermeño |
| 9/12 Sandy Arneson | |
| 9/13 Ella Carlin | |
| 9/14 Reta Carpenter | |
| Don Kitsmiller | |
| Gene Lightner | |

