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## From the Pulpit

August has followed the way of July, it has passed. School has started and for many of our families, their routines are in flex. September is upon us and so many things are starting up. It is no different with our church family.

Little Tree is starting up and many of our volunteers are keying up for the first night (August 30th). Then our SeekerGen will host the FUSE worship setting for several different church youths on the 10th of September. That same Sunday during the Sunday School hour a former Cottey student, Kelley Copley will be telling us about her missionary future.

Sunday, September 24th will be our Church in the Park (Marmaduke Park). We will have worship at 10:30 am and a picnic lunch to follow. We will have the nursery in the enclosed shelter and children's church at a nearby shelter. Our intent is that this will be a united service and fellowship.

A new thing we will do this year (for those unable to come to our Church in the Park) is an 8:00 am devotional service. Please be aware the intent is to provide communion and a brief devotional thought for those in attendance in the FCC auditorium. Dave will be setting up for our worship in the park and unable to lead in singing, so our hope is to provide a worship setting that looks after this special need.

These are a few things that will be happening throughout September, so please take time to note these things on your calendars, in your phones, etc.

C U N September – God bless,

Bill



**CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME** on September 10<sup>th</sup> for all who want to unite their voice in praise in harmony to the Lord. Even if you are new to singing vocal parts, we will help you in several ways, but you need to be bold enough to try. My plan is to work on a cantata from a few years ago titled “*Jesus, Our Emmanuel.*” Join us each week at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary as we prepare a Christmas Cantata for Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

Are you as committed to the word of God as this psalmist? “Thou hast ordained Thy precepts, that we should keep them diligently! Oh that my ways may be established to keep Thy statutes! Then I shall not be ashamed when I look upon all Thy commandments. I shall give thanks to Thee with uprightness of heart, when I learn Thy righteous statutes.” Psalm 119:4-7

**TRY A BIBLE CLASS** on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. Discover the knowledge and wisdom of God prepared for your eternal good.

**LITTLE TREE MINISTRIES** has restarted and **SEEKERGEN** is kicking off on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Parents, get your kids involved with the matters of eternal significance.

**THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL** is being examined in the Wednesday Adult Bible Study which meets 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** begin 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.

**Our Gleaning Crew** collected over 4,000 pounds of produce for Community Outreach in the August excursions. A Huge Thanks to the volunteers who helped - Mindy Barneburg, Mike & Ellen Brooks and their grandsons, David Serna and Kenny Butterfield.

Lifting up Jesus,  
David Rorabaugh



**Sunday,  
September 24  
10:30 am  
Marmaduke Park**

Join your church family to worship together and enjoy a delicious picnic potluck lunch afterwards. Bring a lawn chair and food to share

*For those unable to attend Church in the Park there will be an 8:00 am Communion & Devotional Service in the Church Sanctuary.*



**Choir Rehearsals  
Begin**

Sunday, Sept. 10,  
5:00 pm  
FCC Sanctuary

**Welcome**



Welcome to our new Youth Minister, Gage Addington! Wednesday night the Board voted to hire Gage as the First Christian Church Youth Minister. Gage will be working part time through the

2017-2018 school year while he completes his senior year at Ozark Christian College. Gage is from Ft. Scott and has family in both the Nevada and Ft. Scott areas. His current address is 2323 Jayhawk Rd., Ft. Scott KS, 66701.



**C.O.R.D. Brothers, a mens Bible study resumes on Thursday, Sept. 7 at 6:30 in the Youth Center.** They will study Before Amen by Max Lucado. All men are welcome!

**The next event for SeekerGen is FUSE on Sunday night September 10 at 4:00 pm here at First Christian.** Regular Sunday night meetings begin September 17 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. All junior high and senior high students are invited!



**Teachers are needed for Junior Church for September through July of 2018!** Junior Church is for youth, grades 3rd through 5th and happens the first two Sundays of each month. There is a curriculum that is used for both and is easy to follow. Please

contact Dave Serna or Dave Rorabaugh if you are interested. You may sign up for Junior Church on the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall entrance or you can call the church office at 417-667-3540.

**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.

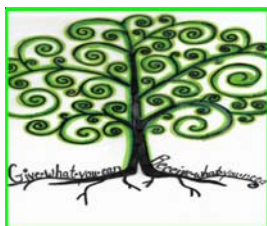


Anyone needing a ride to Sunday School/Church in our vans, please let us know by calling the church office at 667-3540 by noon on Friday.



Van Ministry

**A special offering will be taken for the victims of Hurricane Harvey the Sundays of September 3, 10 and 17.** The money raised will be sent to I.D.E.S., a disaster relief organization that First Christian Church supports. According to the IDES web site, an IDES US Disaster Response Coordinator is being deployed to one of their partner churches in Houston. IDES will be working with the church to help victims of Hurricane Harvey. A generous donor has offered to match up to \$50,000 in Hurricane Harvey contributions. For more information about IDES and their work in Texas and other parts of the world, please go to [www.ides.org](http://www.ides.org).



**The Big Serve**

**September 23-24, 2017**  
*A weekend of service in Vernon County*

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](http://www.BigServeVCMO.com) to sign up and to obtain more information.

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



Pantry Needs