



THE BEACON

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From the Pulpit

1 As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When may I come to see God's face? Psalm 42:1-2

We are approaching our Church in the Park & Picnic. This last Sunday or two we have wrestled with church truths that have revealed our financial struggle and our personal stewardship. The question becomes, what can I do about it?

Just the fact that you are even considering the question is a statement in growth and your potential growth in Jesus. It drives home the beauty of the Psalm above, you are longing for God. Stewardship becomes an opportunity for you to experience God. So, then the next question becomes, How?

First, I would urge you to pray. David writes and says in Psalm 51:17, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, these, O God, You will not despise." Our prayers reveal our struggle which is the "broken spirit" that we seek. The next revelation of our spirit is to realize our own limitations. **One way this can be done is through a day of fasting.** Fasting drives home the realities of my limitations. I am a creature of God's making and it is contrite (repentance) when I fast to see my limits. My pride stands revealed when my body calls for the fuel that I seek to withhold as a recognition of God's role in my life. He is the provider and sustainer of who I am. So, I invite you to fast for one day (Friday, September 22nd) and to pray as to God's guidance in your stewardship and the stewardship of our church leaders.

Finally, come and celebrate what God is doing through our FCC family at our Church in the Park and the Fellowship Picnic after. We will celebrate God's victory through us. It will be a victory celebration that we all have prayed, fasted and sought to be good stewards of what God has granted us.

C U Sunday, Bill



We welcome Gage Addington to the church family and staff as he dives into working with our youth on a part-time basis. Please keep Gage in your thoughts and prayers as he tackles his final year of classes at Ozark Christian College and as he develops relationships with our youth along with a plan of service.

CHOIR PRACTICES HAVE RESUMED on Sundays at 5 pm in the sanctuary. Please come participate in this ministry of service. We offer training and resources for those new to the choir experience. Join us in lifting up the name of Jesus as we prepare a Christmas Cantata. Please try to attend all of the rehearsals from now up to December 17th.

Try out one of the **Bible Study Groups** already meeting, or if you desire to host or lead a group, please contact me. We already have several studies available for use. If you want a particular study, I will do my best to accommodate your request. *Soul Sisters* is finishing up their study series and will be starting a new series very soon. *Cord Brothers* has just begun a new study series and welcomes all men to their gathering. *Soul Sisters* and *Cord Brothers* both meet on the first and third Thursday at 6:30 pm, and child-care is available. **Wednesday Night Bible Study** for all adults meets in the Parlor beginning at 6:30 pm. This group is studying through the Bible and is presently in the book of Ezekiel. Come join the study.

CHURCH IN THE PARK is just around the corner (Sept. 24) and is a great opportunity to meet most of the church family. Pray for good weather. Please plan to bring family, friends, food to share and your lawn chairs. Be alert to opportunities to help set-up or clean up afterwards.

GLEANNING TEAM – ONE MORE TIME: The harvest is still coming in, so our team will go out one more time on Sept. 26th (Tuesday). Be at the south end of the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 am if you plan to go help. Please contact Kenny Butterfield or David Serna if you have any questions. Jesus is coming! Are you ready?

Because of our Lord, David R



**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.

National Life Chain Event - You are invited to participate in the National Life Chain. It is a pro-life national event.



People form a life chain. **We will pray and stand with a sign along Austin street in front of**

First Christian Church on Sunday, October 1 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Please meet in our parking lot on Cedar and Austin to pick up your sign. Let's take a stand for the unborn. Thank you!



C.O.R.D. Brothers, a men's Bible study, starts a 4-part video series by Max Lucado called "Before Amen, The Power of Simple Prayer" on Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 pm. They meet in the Youth Center. **All men are welcome!**



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.



Dear First Christian Church,

I have moved to Springfield to be closer to my daughter Martha and her husband Chad. My new address is 3958 W. Cambridge St., Springfield, MO 65807. I'm looking for a church here in Springfield. I have not yet found one. Miss FCC and all the wonderful things you do! It's so big in Springfield, but I know God will lead me to a wonderful church.

Joanna Perkins



Dear friends at Nevada,

It was an honor and joy to share in your VBS. Thank you for picking GNPI as your mission to support. Had lots of fun and appreciated the excitement and energy and most of all the generosity! Every dollar reaches 4.3 people, so over 4500 people were impacted!

Thank You!

Mike Schrage

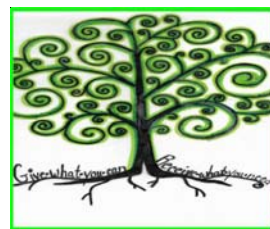


Dear Brothers and Sisters at FCC Nevada,

I just wanted to send a personal note of thanks for all of your help during our Cantemawaste Youth Camp this summer. We love you all so very much and always look forward to working together. Thank you for sharing your summer with us and for all your constant love and encouragement.

Sincerely,

Annie Bishop, Program Director
Diamond Willow Ministries



The Big Serve

*A weekend of service in
Vernon County*

September 23-24, 2017

www.BigServeVCMO.com

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.



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HELPING HANDS - October 2017



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

COMMUNION Marita Pippin
PREPARATION: Helper - Jim Pippin



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

- Oct. 01 - Wade Hanes
- Oct. 08 - Erik Andersen
- Oct. 15 - Tracy Serna
- Oct. 22 - Daniel Turowski
- Oct. 29 - Terry Jones



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.

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 October products are: Hamburger/Tuna Helper, canned veggies, jelly, cereal, applesauce, soup, peanut butter.

Ministers rotate serving at Moore-Few on Second Sundays.

The next issue of **THE BEACON** will be available on Sunday, October 1, 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, September 26, 2017.



Leaders: Tammy Clark



Leaders: Dave Serna & Melissa Blystone



CHURCH Stats

Attendance: Year-to-date Average per Week

SS	8:00	10:30	10:32	Total 3 Services
87	44	63	96	203

Offering needed during the month of August in order to meet budget was \$24,105.04
Offering collected in August was \$21,090.25.

	Offering received:	Total
Aug. 06, 17	\$ 5,011.33	\$ 5,011.33
Aug. 13, 17	\$ 5,310.50	\$ 10,321.83
Aug. 20, 17	\$ 3,660.29	\$ 13,982.12
Aug. 27, 17	\$ 7,108.13	\$ 21,090.25

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

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| 10/01 Joyce Ryan | 10/20 James Boyle |
| 10/02 Katherine Arnold | Ronda Post |
| 10/03 Greg Barneburg | Raymond Shumaker |
| 10/05 Shay Chance | 10/22 Morgan Douglas |
| Zechariah Howze | Loretta Mathis |
| 10/06 Elroy White | 10/23 Dorene Hiestand |
| 10/07 Melissa Smith | 10/24 Jason Hedges |
| 10/09 Quinton Miller | 10/25 Jim Pippin |
| Stacey Turowski | 10/29 Jim Carter |
| 10/10 Joyce Cooper | Elton Raabe |
| 10/11 Terry Jones | 10/30 Charlotte Buerge |
| Joanna Perkins | 10/31 Kenny Bruhn (jr.) |
| Katherine Pruitt | Vickie McCarter |
| Orletta Simrell | |
| 10/12 Brandon Richards | |
| 10/13 Alisabeth Bowen | |
| 10/17 Billie McCullough | |

