



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## THE BEACON

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## *From the Pulpit*

The year is moving forward so quickly. So, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for the many Christmas goodies and the church gift to Susie and me. Christmas at our house was a full blown family gathered treat. Andy and his family were here from China and the girls with their families were able to come. Our house was full and thankfully the neighbor next door let us use her's too.

I would remind you of "Without me" (sermon on January 7th) that Joseph said to Pharaoh in Young's Literal Translation. Many of you made new year's commitments as to "without me". I would urge you to keep it up. Keep praying, keep hungering for God's word, keep thriving to love the unlovable, and remember that God doesn't need us – He chose us, so tell him thank you.

This next few months the sermons will be spent walking through the book of Hebrews. Take time to read the book over the next few months a time or two.

A visitor was headed toward the informal service at 10:32. She commented that she would prefer the more formal service and the greeters directed her to the main building that has a more formal setting. We at FCC have a variety of service opportunities that appeal to several, yet we are one church family. Many comments are made regarding our radio hour. Many love the ability to tune in and follow the worship of the day. Celebrate our variety of settings and pray for our oneness.

Thank you for being the wonderful church family that you are. This March will mark my fourteenth year that I have served with you. This will open a new page in my life. Every day from here on will be longest that I have lived anywhere. Thank you for your continued efforts to follow after Jesus. Thank you for including me in your walk.

God Bless and c u Sunday.

Bill



**DON'T SQUANDER YOUR SINGING TALENT. USE IT FOR GOD THROUGH CHOIR.** Join the team on Sunday nights at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary for some fun, challenge and unity as we develop our praise for God. Please join our practices as we prepare an Easter cantata filled with medleys of familiar songs. Come give us a try.

Let's work together as a church to improve our testimony for Jesus. Is our personal example one that will lead others to knowledge of their Redeemer and faithful obedience for salvation?

**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.

**INVITE A GUEST THIS WEEK TO JOIN YOU IN A BIBLE CLASS.** God's Word of Life is given to us to help with our every day challenges. We offer everyone opportunities on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. There is more for your children at **LITTLE TREE MINISTRIES AND SEEKERGEN**, Wednesdays and Sundays, respectively. For you adults, we also have some mid-week classes nearly every Wednesday, and, every First and Third Thursdays of the month. Join us in learning more about God's love and grace for each of us.

Sally and I thank the church family for the year end bonus, as well as the many cards and other expressions of appreciation. We pray for God's continued blessings upon each of you as we strive toward the upward call of Christ. Jesus is coming and Satan is still attacking and deceiving. But with the guidance of scripture and the Spirit, we will win the battle!

Walking with Jesus,  
David Rorabaugh

## Disciple Makers Nepal Adopt - An - Evangelist



**Adopt an evangelist with Disciple Makers Nepal.** Nepal is a country of about 30 million people, with only 3% who are Christian. Most Nepalis have never heard the name of Jesus, but they have heard of Christianity. Since 2001, Disciple Makers has been working in Nepal to establish indigenous, self-sustaining and self-reproducing churches. Their goal is to establish 1,000 churches by the end of the year 2020. Adopting an evangelist through Disciple Makers is somewhat similar to sponsoring a child through an organization such as Save the Children or Compassion International. The cost is \$50 per month with a commitment of 5-7 years. More information about this program is in the church West Entry.



First Christian,  
Thank you so much for your willingness to be a help with spreading God's Word via Operation Christmas Child Drop Off week! We had 1,007 boxes this year! You provided 117 shoeboxes this year! Thank you and God Bless you and the children who will receive them.

Diana  
Drop Off Coordinator



To the members, staff and Boy Scouts:  
Wishing all a Merry Christmas and many Blessings for the New Year! Also a Big Thank you for the Thanksgiving Basket. Warmest wishes for all.  
Mark Bronaugh and  
Teraysa Rives



**CIY Move** is a 5-day, high school only event, designed to amplify Christ's call on students' lives to become Kingdom workers. **A Parent Information Meeting will be held Sunday, January 21, at 4:00 pm in the Church Parlor. All parents of high school age students are invited to attend this important meeting.**



Dear Christmas Carolers,  
Thank you so much for making my Christmas so much sweeter. I really enjoyed your singing. Loretta Mathis came over and together we listened to your beautiful voices. May you have a blessed year!  
Geraldine Ogle

**ATTENTION: ALL FOLKS INTERESTED IN VBS 2018!** A planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28 at 1:30pm in the Church Parlor. See you there!



**A Post Abortion Recovery (PAR) group will start Saturday, February 3 at 6:00 pm in the Loyal Builders Classroom.** The support group is a Bible study based on Linda Cochran's "Forgiven and Set Free." For additional information or to sign up, please call or text Pauline J. at 417-448-9408. **Deadline for sign ups is Thursday, February 1.**

**FUSET January 28 -** Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi youth from all around Vernon County meet at Rinehart Christian Church for an awesome night of worship and praise!! Students will meet in the FCC parking lot at 5:00pm.

**First Christian Church Cancellation Procedures:** In case of inclement weather, cancellation information will be broadcast on the following media: KOAM, KODE, KSNF and FOX 14 TV; the First Christian Church website, [www.fccnevada.org](http://www.fccnevada.org); and the First Christian Church Facebook page.



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 January products are:** Mac & cheese, canned veggies, raman noodles, oatmeal, mayonnaise, rice, jello.



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.



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## HELPING HANDS - February 2018



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

**COMMUNION** Sharon Balk Webb  
**PREPARATION:** Helper - Sharon Balk Webb



Hospitality  
Ministry

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

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 February products are:** Canned tuna, canned veggies, canned fruit, jelly, pancake mix, pancake syrup, peanut butter.

### VAN DRIVERS

Adults and Children

- Feb. 04 - Wade Hanes
- Feb. 11 - Erik Andersen
- Feb. 18 - Tracy Serna
- Feb. 25 - 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 Care Center on Second Sundays at 2:30pm.**

The next issue of **THE BEACON** will be available on Sunday, February 18, 2018. 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, February 13, 2018.



**Leaders:** Tracy & Ally Shumaker



**Leaders:** The Bowens



### February BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 2/01 Brad Hurst       | 2/18 Scott Hampton     |
| 2/03 Addyson Bowen    | Todd Hampton           |
| Megan Carroll         | Delores Hurst          |
| Doug Gammon           | Scott Ring             |
| Robbie Knapp          | 2/19 Cindy Worley      |
| 2/05 Maynard Browning | 2/21 Betty Jo Robinson |
| Sharon Knapp          | 2/24 Tena Tyler        |
| 2/07 Kathryn Phillips | 2/25 Randy Allen       |
| Pat Schwartz          | 2/26 Vernille Cabbage  |
| 2/09 David Miller     | 2/27 Angela Hedges     |
| 2/10 Wesley Fordyce   | 2/29 Tracy Serna       |
| 2/11 Kaylee Hawks     |                        |
| Pete Moffatt          |                        |
| 2/12 Marlene McCarter |                        |
| 2/13 Greg Bissell     |                        |
| 2/14 Gary Balk        |                        |
| 2/15 Levi Pruitt      |                        |
| 2/17 Chris Deming     |                        |
| Angie Modlin          |                        |



### CHURCH Stats

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

SS	8:00	10:30	10:32	Total 3 Services
88	46	65	95	197

**Offering needed during the month of December in order to meet budget was \$30,131.30.**  
**Offering collected in December was \$33,901.97.**

	Offering received:	Total
Dec. 03, 17	\$ 5,878.97	\$ 5,878.97
Dec. 10, 17	\$ 4,733.78	\$ 10,612.75
Dec. 17, 17	\$11,686.97	\$ 22,299.72
Dec. 24, 17	\$ 7,205.25	\$ 29,504.97
Dec. 31, 17	\$ 4,397.00	\$ 33,901.97

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