



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## THE BEACON

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### From the Pulpit

Successful ministries are often woven into the daily activities of church and then forgotten as to the sacrifices made to build them. This past Sunday when the roads were icy, and services condensed down to the 10:30 hour service we found many relying on a tried and true ministry, the radio. We live in an age where the internet avails so much information that you can spend a life time and still only tap the edge of information. We live in an age where television taps the reservoir of satellites and you could watch a program produced from the other side of the world. In such an age who would have thought the radio would be the medium that keeps the church family connected?

Every week one donor or another contributes to this ministry that has worked for decades. Searching among the archives I found a list of dedications that dated back to 1952. In the same book, I found the price dropped from \$22 (1950) for 45 minutes of broadcast to \$17.60 in 1951. This last Sunday it cost our donor \$53.30 for an hour. Consider that the hourly minimum wage for 1951 was 75 cents. The success of this ministry can be counted fully only in heaven.

We are blessed with ministries that have stood the test of time. It may be the nursery that countless families have enjoyed the care provided. It may be the Sunday School that began as a ministry to children of the late 1800's because Sunday was the only day many of them had off from work. Later came the bus ministry that still provides countless people a ride to church. All of these have a few things in common: the sacrifice of the volunteers it takes to make it happen whether donor or manpower; the commitment to continue the ministry even when the sacrifice digs deep; and the vision that sprouted seeing a need and moving to use it as an opportunity to lift Jesus.

Thank you to the many who pack a brown bag for children who go hungry. Thank you for the countless meals provided on Wednesday night. Sound has ventured from a raised pulpit, to a room requiring two or three people to run all the equipment. Thank you for your efforts. Many successful programs have become woven into the fabric of our church family and as time passed they are overlooked. May we continue to have a vision for new ministries at FCC and the generations to come until Jesus comes.

C U Sunday Bill



**YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CHOIR TO SHARE YOUR TALENT FOR GOD.** 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. We are preparing an Easter cantata filled with medleys of familiar songs. Come give us a try. Practice on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> will begin at 4:45 pm.

**Invite your Friends and Neighbors** to learn more about Jesus Christ, the only Savior of humanity. His grave is empty and He is returning at any moment, so let's all be ready.

**You who can Sing or play instruments are encouraged to** speak with the worship leader of the service you would like to help with. Honor Jesus with your desire and talents.

**HOW MANY COVENANTS DOES THE BIBLE LIST AND WHO ARE THEY FOR? HOW DOES THIS ANCIENT BOOK APPLY TO OUR MODERN TIMES?** Answers to these and a multitude of other questions can be found in our Sunday morning study groups that meet at 9:30 AM. You will find good reason to examine, discuss and share God's Word. Hope, direction and help for our every day challenges are shared.

Mid-week classes for adults meet nearly every Wednesday night. **Soul Sisters** and **Cord Brothers** meet every First and Third Thursdays of the month. These two groups are just beginning a new series of interesting lessons.

**VBS COMMITTEE MEETING** on Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Parlor. Join us!

**SEEKERGEN**, for teens (Middle School and High School) enjoy some great times most Sunday evenings, beginning at 5:30 pm. **LITTLE TREE MINISTRIES** for your children (Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) meet Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall. Join us in learning more about God's love and grace for each of us.

Because of Jesus, David Rorabaugh



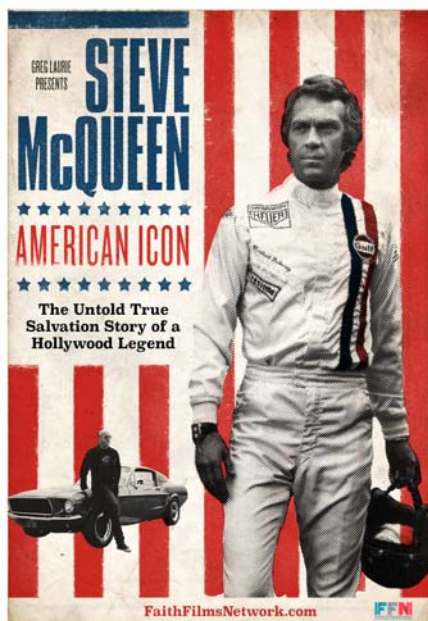
### Pastor's Class

Pastor's Class for 3rd thru 5th graders will be Saturdays March 3, 10, 24 & 31 at 10 am in the Parlor. Pastor Bill is offering a one hour basics of faith class for children who are in grades 3-5. He will teach about scripture, talk of God (the trinity), salvation and the way to salvation. If you plan to have your child(ren) attend the class, he is asking that you inform the office at 417-667-3540 or sign-up on one of the sheets provided at the Welcome Centers.

**Saturday with Soul Sisters... a One Day Bible Study of "You Make Me Crazy" by Rick Warren. Saturday, February 24 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** If you were not able to attend the regular Thursday night meetings of Soul Sisters or missed some of this study, here is your chance to see it all. Childcare is available. Bring a snack to share.



**"Bring a Friend Sunday" is Sunday, March 25.** Plan now to pick up your friend(s) and bring them with you to Sunday School and in Worship on this day. Let's pack the church!!



### C.O.R.D. Brothers

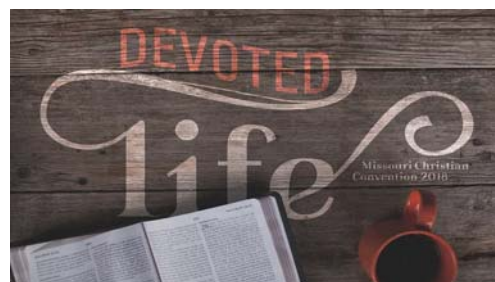
1st & 3rd Thursdays  
6:30 pm

Youth Center



New members, new attenders, new phone numbers and new addresses. It is time for an update to our church directory!! We are just updating addresses and phone numbers, not pictures. Please fill out an update form sometime within the next three weeks for your changes to be included in the 2018 FCC Directory. Update forms are available at the Welcome Centers in both the Parlor and the Fellowship Hall.

VBS 2018 will be July 29 through August 3 from 5:30 to 8:30 each evening. The next VBS meeting will be Sunday, February 25 at 1:30 pm in the Church Parlor. If you would like to participate in the planning of VBS you are invited to attend this meeting.



The Missouri Christian Convention is Friday & Saturday March 16 & 17 at Tantar-A Resort

**in Osage Beach. Your registration has been paid!!** The Elders approved paying the 'church wide rapid registration' that pays the convention registration fee for all FCC attenders. If you would like to attend the convention please fill out and mail one of 'Individual Registration Forms' available at the Welcome Centers or go online at [www.mcconvention.org](http://www.mcconvention.org). If you would like to carpool, please sign up on the list provided next to registration forms. Call the office at 417-667-3540 with any questions.

**DEEPER: GNPI presents Breakthrough Vision Night 2018 on 6:30 pm Wednesday, March 7 at Rinehart Christian Church and Thursday, March 8 at the Butcher's Block in Joplin.** You are invited to join in celebrating the ways God is using GNPI to remove barriers and propel ministry forward with greater effectiveness. Register at [www.gnpi.org/visionnight](http://www.gnpi.org/visionnight) or call 417-782-0060. If you would like to carpool with others from FCC, please sign up on sheets provided at the Welcome Centers.



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

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 - March 2018



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

**COMMUNION** Angie Moore  
**PREPARATION:** Helper - Doug Gammon



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

- Mar. 04 - Wade Hanes
- Mar. 11 - Erik Andersen
- Mar. 18 - Tracy Serna
- Mar. 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.

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 March products are:** Mac & Cheese, canned veggies, mayonnaise, oatmeal, jello, pork & beans, rice.

**Ministers rotate serving at Moore-Few Care Center on Second Sundays at 2:30pm.**



Leaders: Tammy Clark



Leaders: ??????

The next issue of **THE BEACON** will be available on Sunday, March 4, 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 27, 2018.



March  
BIRTHDAYS

## CHURCH Stats

Attendance: Year-to-date Average per Week  

SS	8:00	10:30	10:32	Total 3 Services
70	46	60	82	189

Offering needed during the month of January in order to meet budget was \$24,811.52.  
 Offering collected in January was \$21,805.91.

	Offering received:	Total
Jan. 07, 17	\$ 6,041.05	\$ 6,041.05
Jan. 14, 17	\$ 4,004.11	\$ 10,045.16
Jan. 21, 17	\$ 7,097.79	\$ 17,142.95
Jan. 28 17	\$ 4,662.96	\$ 21,805.91

Offering needed each week to meet budget in 2018 is \$6,202.88

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 3/01 Jo Testman       | 3/22 Sandy Braswell  |
| Larry Testman         | Billy Jeffries       |
| 3/02 Gayneita Shaw    | David Serna          |
| 3/03 Kendra Howze     | 3/23 Ed Tyler        |
| 3/04 Dana Kennard     | 3/24 Jim Soukup      |
| Tracy Shumaker        | 3/25 David Rorabaugh |
| 3/05 Susan Swearingen | 3/26 Amanda Butler   |
| 3/06 Erica Bernhardt  | Jackie Rider         |
| 3/07 Sharon Koopman   | Jefferson Smith      |
| 3/08 Kay Phillips     | 3/27 Dustin Goins    |
| 3/11 Riley Gordon     | Penny Reynolds       |
| 3/13 Nikki Davis      | 3/28 Emily Cauthon   |
| 3/14 Reece Carlin     | Nathan Ryan          |
| 3/16 Don Andersen     | 3/29 Geraldine Ogle  |
| 3/17 Kolby McClure    | 3/30 Kaden McClure   |
| 3/18 Alex Hampton     |                      |
| 3/20 Max Baxter       |                      |
| Brandon Deming        |                      |
| Lula Shaw             |                      |