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From the Pulpit

Do you sense spring coming? Winter will soon be history and another Easter is rising before us. With the coming of Easter, several key things will be happening in our church family. First, I would urge parents if your child is between the ages of 8 to 10 to consider bringing them to Pastor's Class. This is a study of Basics of the Faith. We will be meeting Saturdays, March 3rd, 10th, (note, no 17th) 24th, and 31st at 10:00 in the Parlor of the main building. Our class will be finished between 11:15 and 11:30.

Next, the Missouri Christian Convention is the 16th & 17th of March. The church leaders have paid the registration fees for our church family. If you are interested in attending take time to fill out a registration form or go on line to www.mcconvention.org and register. Just follow the directions for rapid registration. Also, if you are needing a ride take time to sign up at our welcome centers.

Finally, we want to pack the house on Sunday, March 25th. This last Sunday cards were handed out, so you might consider who to invite. While you consider, pray, pray and pray. This next Sunday appointment cards will be handed out that you can share. When going somewhere new it is rather intimidating, so not only invite, but make an appointment and bring them with you. Sunday, March 25th is Bring a Friend Sunday.

Easter is the next week, April 1st. No fooling! We will open the day at Sunrise (7:00 am) with an Easter walk. We will gather at the Fellowship building and visit three sites that have changed our world, the garden, the cross and finally an empty tomb. Following our Sunrise walk will be our annual fellowship breakfast (no Sunday School). Then at 10:30 will be our one service in the main building. We will celebrate Easter and family.

C U Sunday,
Bill



FOUR PRACTICES REMAIN FOR THE CHOIR before we present "*CRIMSON LOVE*" on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Get with 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. Additional singers are welcome, but we are running out of time to learn these medleys of familiar songs.

Singers and instrumentalists are encouraged to speak with the worship leader of the service you would like to help with. Honor Jesus with your desire and talents.

Invite your Friends and Neighbors to join you in learning more about Jesus Christ, the only Savior of humanity. Let's pack the house on March 25th (and sooner if you can).

HOW CAN WE PLEASE GOD IF HIS WORDS IN THE BIBLE ARE FOREIGN TO US? HOW DOES THIS ANCIENT BOOK APPLY TO OUR COMMUNITY? 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, purpose, direction and help for our every day challenges are shared.

Mid-week classes for adults meet nearly every Wednesday night. (We will dismiss March 7th in order to attend GNPI's annual update, to be held at Rinehart Christian Church, 6:30 pm.)

Soul Sisters and **Cord Brothers** meet every First and Third Thursdays of the month. These two groups each are just beginning a new series of interesting lessons.

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 5th grade) meet Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall. Join us in learning more about God's love and grace for each of us.

TIME CHANGE ON MARCH 11TH. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

Because of Jesus,
David Rorabaugh



FINAL WEEK!! New members, new attenders, new phone numbers and new addresses. It is time for an update to our church directory!! We are only updating addresses and phone numbers, not pic-

tures. Please fill out an update form **NOW** 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. Or call the office at 417-667-3540 to tell us of your updates!

DEEPER: GNPI presents Breakthrough Vision Night 2018 at 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. The format of the evening is different this year. Instead of a banquet, there will be finger-foods and desserts served by the host church. Register at 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.



Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the wonderful remembrance. You are so generous to remembers us. Thank you for your wonderful prayers and support. I could not survive without all my church family and friends.
Lovingly In Christ,
Shirley Johnson



To the congregation and Pastors,
Thank you so much for allowing our family the use of the Fellowship Hall. We have been tested and know God is in control. We send our love and thanks from our family to yours!

Sincerely,
Dallas & Heather Brown & Family

Time for Spring Cleaning!! Clean out your clutter. Simplify. Make room for what you really want. Donate your 'stuff' to the Youth Fundraiser Yard Sale. It is the weekend of Friday and Saturday, May 4 & 5, at Becky and Kenny Butterfield's house.

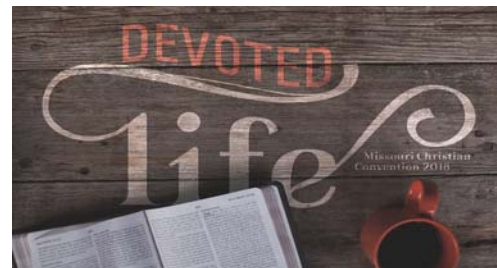


Bring your 'stuff' to Becky and Kenny's blue house at 201 North Webster at the corner of West Walnut and North Webster. **Please do NOT bring clothes.**



"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!!*

VBS 2018 will be July 29 through August 3 from 5:30 to 8:30 each evening.



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. 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.

Attention Small Group leaders: First Christian is now keeping track of how many participants you have attending your group. We used to just keep track of Sunday School; now it's **all** small groups. Just let the office know your numbers! Please call 417-667-3540 or email to lyndaj@fccnevada.org.

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

