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THE BEACON

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From the Pulpit

Lack of Absent

He was not well-educated and rather rough and crude around the edges, but he was recently converted and now on fire for the Lord.

He was constantly pestering the pastor to give him some work that would be helpful to the church. Finally, the pastor agreed. He gave the man a list of ten people who hadn't been in church for years nor made any financial contribution. Some of these were quite prominent in the community.

The pastor said, "What I want you to do is get these people back to church, however you can. You can use church stationery if you want but get these people back to church."

Three weeks later the pastor got an envelope in the mail from a prominent doctor whose name had been on the list, along with a check for \$1,000 and a note that read,

Dear Pastor,

Please excuse my inactivity at church. I really have no excuse. Accept this check as a partial contribution for all the Sundays I've missed, and be assured I will never, by choice, miss worship again.

Sincerely, J. B. Jones, M.D.

P.S. – Will you kindly tell your secretary that there is only one "t" in dirty and no "c" in skunk?

Many of you may think that absence makes the heart grow fonder but try that with an absent fish from the hook or a ski boat with an absent family. Can you imagine the sports of summer with absent players? Or catching the rays with an absent body in the lawn chair. Ask Dave how the garden does with an absent gardener. Why is it that many of us will settle for growing with God while being absent?

The summer season is upon us. It is easy with the varied activities to overlook spending time with God. Schedule time with God throughout the season. Grab a few minutes in morning or evening to pray and read your scripture. When vacationing take time to attend a church family along the way or take a few moments and create a family worship time. Bring some of the new and varied ideas back and share them with us.

Also, I would ask that you begin praying for our Vacation Bible School. This is an outreach to so many within our community. Let's create a lack of absence during VBS. The dates are July 29th thru August 3rd. Pray also for our summer campers who are attending camps right now. The summer season tends to magnify many of our youth activities. Lift up Gage while he is present (not absent) with many of the camp sessions.

Imagine an absent preacher in the pulpit (hopefully only imagine),

C U Sunday, Bill



"Make me know Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth and teach me, for Thou art the God of my salvation; for Thee I wait all the day." Psalm 25:4-5

IF WE ARE WILLING TO PRAY THIS PSALM, then we must be willing to take time to read God's unchanging directions and examples found in the Bible. Are we really ready to take time for God the entire day as this Psalm says? Do we maintain an open mind to stay in touch 24/7/365? Are we willing to take time with other believers (fellow members of the body of Christ) to help them and to hear the ideas and testimonies they have to share each week?

WE HAVE ROOM FOR YOU IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES at 9:30 AM. There are classes for every age of person in your family every week to help you grow in your dedication to and service of our Creator and His body.

MID-WEEK CLASSES FOR ADULTS: Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm in a verse by verse walk through the Old Testament (finishing the book of Daniel). *Soul Sisters* and *Cord Brothers* meet the First and Third Thursdays of the month in helpful topical lessons.

SUMMER BREAK for *LITTLE TREE MINISTRIES* and *SEEKERGEN*. Be watching for special gatherings! Keep the youth and sponsors in prayer as they attend church camps.

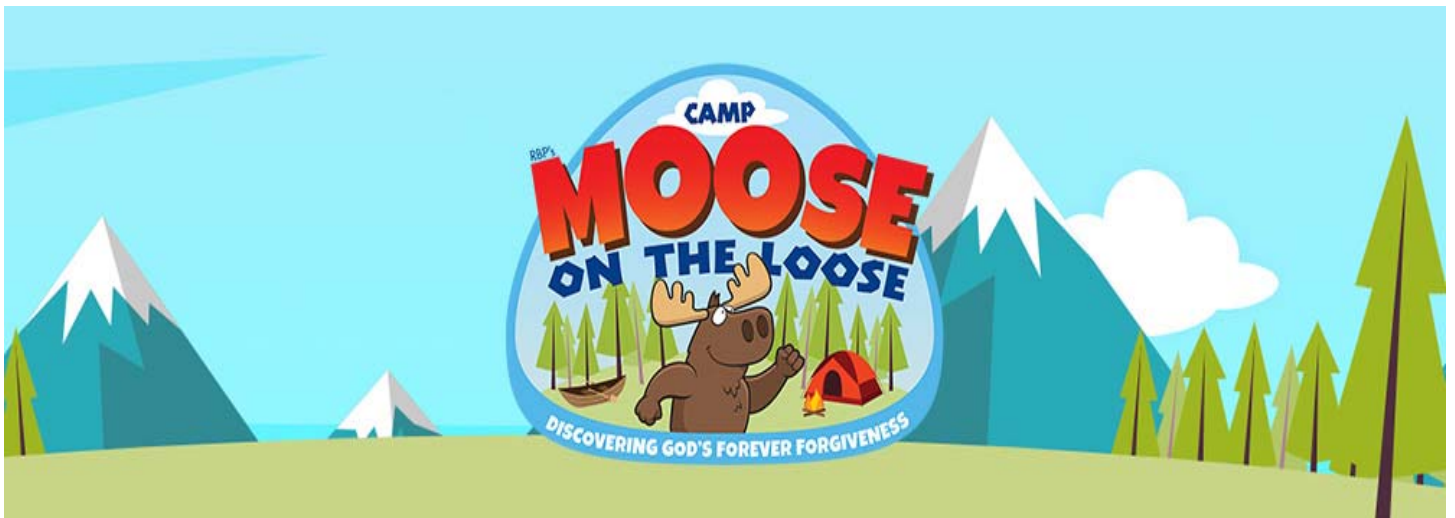
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS SIX WEEKS AWAY. Contact Gage or myself soon if you are available to help. All of the key positions are filled, but EXTRA HANDS are always needed in: serving, guiding, registering, cleaning, playing, singing and more!

My Thanks to Jefferson Smith and Tracy Serna for leading us in worship at the united service this past Sunday. Their ministry was a blessing. Be sure to thank them.

Singers and instrumentalists are welcome. Please share your talents with Jefferson Smith or myself if you would like to assist in one of the worship services.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND INVITE OTHERS: the *Armouraires Gospel Quartet* will be here for a return visit on **October 13th, 2018**. I have them scheduled to sing at the United Way Oktoberfest near noon. We host them for a full evening concert followed by a fellowship meal. Their livelihood depends upon the generosity of their audience, so please continue to prepare a love offering for that evening. Continue to pray, plan and seek for God's blessing in great inspiration, encouragement, fellowship and transformation in Christ.

Walking with Jesus,
David Rorabaugh



First Christian Church Vacation Bible School 2018 July 29 - August 3 5:30 to 8:30 PM



Day of Gleaning: Once a month for 3 months, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, a group of volunteers will go to the fields of the Amish farmers to glean the non-sellable produce. At least one pickup is needed with the group to deliver the collection to Community Outreach for storage. Contact David Rorabaugh if you want to participate.



VBS BAKE SALE
Sunday, July 1
Church Parlor
and Fellowship Hall

Get your goodies for July 4th!

Sign up sheets available at Welcome Centers.

Reminder: Be sure to return (full of change!) your baby bottle this Sunday, **Father's Day!** Those dollars, quarters, dimes and nickels are used to purchase baby supplies, ultrasounds and parenting classes, as well as other important items.



Yay! FCC won! We had the highest number of church members in attendance at last Sunday's Griffons game: 72!!! Prize money goes to our youth group. **Thanks to all who attended the winning game!!**



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 June products are:** Canned chicken, canned veggies, soup, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, 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 - July 2018



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

COMMUNION Mindy Barneburg
PREPARATION: Helper - Greg Barneburg



Hospitality
Ministry

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

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Suggested July products: Mac & cheese, canned veggies, pork & beans, raman noodles, cereal, salt, applesauce.

VAN DRIVERS

Adults and Children

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



Join Us For Adult Bible Studies

Wednesday - Bible Study @ 6:30pm, Church Parlor
1st and 3rd Thursday each month - **CORD Brothers** (Men's Bible study) @ 6:30pm, Youth Center.
1st and 3rd Thursday 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, July 1, 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 no later than Tuesday, June 26, 2018.



Leaders: Tommy & Amber Bowen



Leaders: ?????



CHURCH Stats

Attendance: Year-to-date Average per Week

SG	8:00	10:30	10:32	Total 3 Services
122	52	67	82	197

Offering needed during the month of May in order to meet budget was \$24,811.52.
Offering collected in May was \$21,121.17.

	Offering received:	Total
May 06, 18	\$ 6,442.00	\$ 6,442.00
May 13, 18	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 11,942.00
May 20, 18	\$ 4,837.39	\$ 16,779.39
May 27, 18	\$ 4,341.78	\$ 21,121.17

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

7/01 Bryce Goins	7/17 Aiden Austin
7/04 Mindy Barneburg	Betty Prigel
7/05 Amanda Blystone	7/19 Amy Shumaker
Tina Jones	7/23 Dick Shorten
7/07 Ashley Shumaker	7/24 Hadley Goins
7/09 Audra Cartwright	7/25 Emiley Beemer
Aaron Greer	7/26 Travis Cauthon
Erinn Irwin	7/27 Forest Pettibon
Rheagan McKenzie	7/28 Makayla Shipp
Janice Rawlings	7/29 Grace Andersen
7/11 Connor Lanham	7/30 Dustin Gammon
Jeff Post	
7/12 L. J. Austin	
7/13 Evelyn Balk	
7/14 Eddie Deming	
7/15 Jeremiah Howze	
7/16 Barry Clark	

