



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## THE BEACON

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McKinley and Glen Noble

**Elders:** Don Andersen, Scott Buerge,  
Doug Gammon and Wayne Jeans

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## From the Pulpit

We are setting forth into a new leadership year. This leadership team will be voted upon Sunday, May 20th. Amid the vote, we will be voting upon the full-time ministry of Gage as our Youth Minister. We will also be celebrating the accomplishments of our graduates and sending them forward into life. Among our graduates are several of our young leaders. This provides the opportunity for new young leaders to step up. We are setting forth into a new leadership year.

Leadership is practiced daily when you simply drive your car. You give direction to the car by deciding where you are going. You steer the car in that direction that you have decided to go. Many times, your leadership will be challenged by detours, schedules and other people. One important leadership quality is knowing when to stop for fuel or possibly other budgetary things. You all practice leadership in varied ways throughout your day.

Church leadership leans on many of the same features. Our direction comes from God. We may read it in His word, wrestle with it in our prayers and several times it will come of dialogue in the meetings. Then becomes the next thing to steer all church energy into the direction we feel that God wants us to go. Remember that this direction will be challenged by detours (unplanned or urgent). When dealing with multiple groups, services and schedules, you can only imagine how easy it would be to lose direction. Communication becomes a priority. Leadership must be disciplined and at times appear harsh. Planning in fuel, stops and varied other budgetary concerns can easily redirect us. Pray we keep God's direction.

All of this leads me to say pray for leadership as they settle into this next year. Pray for your vote of endorsement. Pray for their humility and following the path that God has laid out for us. Pray for your "followership." *"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you" (Hebrews 13:17).* Pray, and plan to be in attendance when we join for one service on June 10th to ordain these men and women to the task of leadership.

C U Sunday,  
Bill



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*"How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord; Teach me Your statutes." Psalm 119:9-12*

**THIS PSALM IS NOT LIMITED TO YOUNG MEN**, but is true for every one of us who desire to honor and serve our Creator. Let us encourage each other to be totally committed to the ways of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Join in on the study of Truth and discuss the words of life in our study groups that meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM and at other gatherings during the week. Discover and share God's Word. Grow in your purpose in life with 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 (in the book of Daniel); *Soul Sisters* and *Cord Brothers* meet the First and Third Thursdays of the month, and are doing a topical series of helpful lessons.

**SUMMER BREAK** for *LITTLE TREE MINISTRIES* and *SEEKERGEN*. Be watching for special gatherings and get ready for your camps! The deadline for registration is almost here!

**Singers and instrumentalists are welcome.** Please speak with the worship leader of the service you would like to help with (Jefferson Smith or myself, Dave R.).

**Mark your calendar**, keep in prayer and start passing the word: we have scheduled a return visit for the *Armouraires Gospel Quartet* for **October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. We are working on getting them on the United Way Oktoberfest stage at noon for a few songs. That evening, we are planning for a full concert followed by a fellowship meal. Their livelihood depends upon the generosity of their audience, so please begin preparing for the love offering. Let's plan, seeking God's blessing for great inspiration, encouragement, fellowship and transformation in Christ.

Because of the Christ,  
David Rorabaugh



**Congratulations to all our Graduates!**  
Victoria Bagg is graduating from home school. Nicholas Bagg, Dalton Jones, Briannah

Lanham, Brandon Richards, Jocelyn Davis and Nathan Vincent are graduating from Nevada High School. Emily Ring graduates from El Dorado Springs High School. Mary Webb graduates from Northeast Vernon County High School. Our college graduates include Gage Addington, graduating from Ozark Christian College, Kara Alford, graduating from Cottey College, and Andrew Arneson, graduating from Pittsburg State University. Again, congratulations to all! **You did it!!!**



We welcome these new members of First Christian Church: **Mark and Sandy Gilmore** who are transferring from Pine Street Baptist Church.



Dear First Christian Church,  
We want to thank you for inviting us to the National Day of Prayer Breakfast. Each of us enjoyed the fellowship and food! Thank you for holding the event.

Sincerely,  
Joe Hardin, Presiding Commissioner;  
Cindy Thompson, Northern Commissioner;  
Everett L. Wolfe, Southern Commissioner.

**Nathan Vincent and Brandon Richards cordially invite their First Christian Church family** to celebrate with them at their graduation party on Sunday May 20 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



**Dalton Jones wishes to invite his First Christian Church family** to join in

celebrating his graduation on Saturday, June 2 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be served.



**Sign up for Maranatha Bible Camp!!** Beginner Day Camp for K/1st grades is June 9 and costs \$45. Camp for 5th-6th grades is June 10-13 and costs \$175. Kids' Camp for 2nd-4th grades is June 14-16 and costs \$130. Middle School Camp for 7th-8th grades is June 17-22 and costs \$248. A child's grade is based upon the grade they will enter in Fall 2018. **Final Registration is June 1. Registration forms are now available at the Welcome centers in each building. There is ONLY PAPER registration this year!!!**

**Calling all softball players! It's time to sign up to play!** Check out the sign up sheets at the Welcome Centers, or text or call Ron Richards at 417-448-9101.



**Military names needed:** The Worship Committee publishes the names of military personnel currently serving our country as well as living veterans in the bulletin for Memorial Day Service. If you know of someone who is not on our list, please contact the church office at 417-667-3540.



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



**Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer**

**their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at First Christian Church of Nevada on 6/14/2018.** Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women. For more information please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979

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 - June 2018



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

**COMMUNION** Mindy Barneburg  
**PREPARATION:** Helper - Greg Barneburg



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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 June products are:** Canned chicken, canned veggies, soup, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, jello.

### VAN DRIVERS

Adults and Children



June 03 - Wade Hanes  
 June 10 - Erik Andersen  
 June 17 - Tracy Serna  
 June 24 - Daniel Turowski

### 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, June 3, 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, May 29, 2018.



Leaders: Tammy Clark



Leaders: ?????

## CHURCH Stats

Attendance: Year-to-date Average per Week  
 SG 8:00 10:30 10:32 Total 3 Services  
 121 51 67 82 195

Offering needed during the month of April in order to meet budget was \$31,014.40.  
 Offering collected in March was \$32,079.68.

	Offering received:	Total
Apr. 01, 18	\$ 4,754.26	\$ 4,754.26
Apr. 08, 18	\$ 7,511.09	\$ 12,265.35
Apr. 15, 18	\$ 4,167.76	\$ 16,433.11
Apr. 22, 18	\$ 8,350.57	\$ 24,783.68
Apr. 29, 18	\$ 7,296.00	\$ 32,079.68

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



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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 6/03 Kathy Butler    | 6/22 Amber Bowen   |
| Susie Platt          | Blaine Griggs      |
| Sally Rorabaugh      | 6/23 Sharon Webb   |
| 6/05 Tracy Ellifrits | 6/24 Jeanie Allen  |
| 6/06 Dan Carpenter   | 6/26 Sandy Carter  |
| 6/07 Ellen Balk      | Gary Ogle          |
| Wade Hanes           | 6/27 Beverly Ayers |
| 6/09 Nathan Vincent  | Judi Eastland      |
| Ronnie Radford       | Judi Thoreson      |
| 6/12 Doug DeCocq     | 6/29 Noah Austin   |
| Melissa DeCocq       | 6/30 Finley Butler |
| 6/13 Tonya Kennard   |                    |
| 6/15 John West       |                    |
| 6/16 Michael Brown   |                    |
| Norma Bruhn          |                    |
| Pat Culbertson       |                    |
| 6/18 Jennifer Ring   |                    |
| 6/21 David Phillips  |                    |

