



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## THE BEACON

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## *From the Pulpit: Ninety-nine vs the one*

Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. Luke 15:4-7

The ministry of reaching the one is a priority among us. Letting them know that they are missed when absent is a primer for reaching out. If you notice someone not here for a week or two, give them a call. Let them know that you have missed them. This may be an opportunity to become aware of their story and pray with them. Shepherding isn’t confined to just the leadership. Please help – make a call.

During services if you notice someone listing the ones who are present, thank them for their efforts. If you are looking for a way to help, talk with one of them about helping. It is our struggle to be aware of who is missing among us and it is our desire to reach out to them when they are missing for any length of time. Jesus notes the ministry of the one and how precious it is – pray that we do likewise.

Thank you for so many of you coming out to support the Woods as they are transitioning to stateside living. You can continue encouraging them at their home address of 11245 SW Davies #901, Beaverton, OR 97007. Thank you to the several who brought ice cream and cake. Thank you to Becky & Susie for looking after our ice cream social.

Pray for our Vacation Bible School – it is coming July 29th thru August 3rd. Invite your neighborhood children to come.

C U Sunday, Bill



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS TWO WEEKS AWAY.** Contact Gage or myself if you haven’t volunteered to help. All of the key positions are filled, but EXTRA HANDS are always needed in: serving, guiding, registering, cleaning, playing, singing and more!

**Our only hope for life is by loving God and obeying His directions** as presented in the Bible. An excellent way to learn the life of righteousness is by meeting with other believers who are students of God’s Word. Please join us at 9:30 AM Sunday mornings to learn God’s truth and way. There are classes for every person in your family every week.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS FOR ADULTS**, at 6:30 pm in a verse by verse walk through the Old Testament (book of Hosea). **Soul Sisters** is meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month during the summer and **Cord Brothers** are taking a break for the rest of the summer and will resume in September on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** September 23 is the next **Church In The Park** (Marmaduke) where we will have one united service. October 13<sup>th</sup>, we host **the Armouraires Gospel Quartet** for a return engagement with them singing at the United Way Oktoberfest near noon. Then we host them for a full concert at 6:00 pm, followed by a fellowship meal. Our generous love offering is critical to their livelihood, so please plan accordingly. Let your friends and neighbors know about the concert. Continue to pray, plan and seek for God’s blessing in great inspiration, encouragement, fellowship and transformation in Christ.

**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.

**GLEANING TEAM:** All who are interested in helping glean are invited to meet at the south end of the Fellowship Hall before 7:30 am on July 24<sup>th</sup>. We return to town anywhere from 9:30-10:30 am, depending on the amount of produce and the labor involved in gathering it. The produce is taken to Community Outreach and is for anyone in need of good, fresh produce.

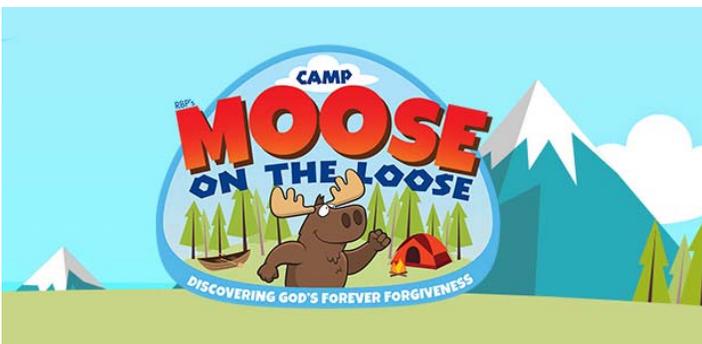
## Engaging culture from a Scriptural perspective

Have you ever read a passage in the Bible and thought to yourself: what am I supposed to do with this? Like, what does it mean to be a shepherd? What is Jesus saying when He says that we need to pull a plank from our own eye before we point out a speck in our neighbor's? How do I address issues in culture that aren't explicitly mentioned in the Bible? In the High School Sunday school class we have been discussing how to address cultural issues from a Scriptural perspective, and I would like to share some of the intro materials with you.

When approaching Scripture there are many factors that go into the process of application, but the two major factors are context and the lens of Christ. When you are addressing the context of a passage or verse, it is important to remember the original audience and what they were experiencing when they received this message. There are many promises throughout the Bible that wouldn't make sense if they were directed to us, but if we saw them as a promise or command to the Israelites wandering in the desert (or whatever they were doing), suddenly the command or promise makes more sense to us. It is also important to address the literary context of the verse or passage. Always read the surrounding verses to get a better understanding of what is going on and pay attention to the grammar. For instance, you should always ask what the therefore is there for. Lastly, you should look at the verse or passage in light of Christ, either in what He did or what He said. Christ, being the fulfillment of the Scriptures and God in the form of man, is who we should look to when we approach the Scriptures, as well as any issue we may encounter in our daily lives. I know this is a cliché, but we should know the Bible well enough, and be familiar enough with Christ that we can actually ask ourselves this question: What would Jesus do?

At the end of the day, Christ is the answer. Be Christ to those around you, and always seek to be within His will. There will come a day when you encounter something that you don't understand, and there may not be an explicit answer in the Scriptures. But if you are constantly in the Word, open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and are actively involved within the Body of Christ, you will come to an answer within His will.

Until He returns, Gage Addington



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

**VBS Decoration & Craft Needs:** For VBS we are making the church look like a camp. In order to do that, we need Christmas trees, and camping equipment such as sleeping bags, cots, and lamps. If you have those, please bring them to the church and be sure to put your name on your items so we can return them to you. For crafts, we need small colorful items like colored gravel, beads, buttons, etc.

**Vacation Bible School mission projects:** In addition to giving our offerings each evening to I.D.E.S. during Vacation Bible School, we will also be collecting hygiene products to donate to Community Outreach. There will be a tub in the parlor for V.B.S. attendees to place their items each evening. We are inviting our church family to participate in this local mission project. Items we will be collecting include: deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, wash cloths, soap, and toilet paper. There will be a tub in the parlor for your donations. Thanks!



*We Rejoice  
in the recent  
Baptisms of  
Issac Shipp,  
Briannah Lanham  
and Conner Lanham*



Dear Pastor Platt, members of First Christian Church and Church Council members,

The Bushwhacker Quilt Guild would like to express our sincerest thanks to all of you of opening the doors of your Fellowship Hall to be used by us for the Quilt Show during Bushwhacker Days. All of us heard so many positive things about the location of the Quilt Show this year...it felt homey, the ceilings are lower, the air conditioner works, we didn't have to walk as far, the parking is better...and in fact, I am not sure I heard any negative comments at all.

Again, we truly do want to thank you for being such gracious hosts to all of us and our Quilt Show.

Erica Skouby,  
2018 Bushwhacker Quilt Guild President

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



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# HELPING HANDS - August 2018



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

**COMMUNION** Sharon Webb  
**PREPARATION:**

**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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**YOU CAN HELP**



**Suggested August products:** Chicken Helper, canned veggies, peanut butter, canned fruit, jelly, pancake mix, and pancake syrup.

**Children's CHURCH**  
Leaders: Susie Platt & Kathy Butler

**Junior CHURCH**  
Leaders: ?????



## CHURCH Stats

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

SG	8:00	10:30	10:32	Total 3 Services
119	51	66	85	202

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**Offering needed during the month of June in order to meet budget was \$24,811.52.**  
**Offering collected in June was \$23,520.31.**

	Offering received:	Total
June 03, 18	\$ 5,798.60	\$ 5,798.60
June 10, 18	\$ 5,112.50	\$ 10,911.10
June 17, 18	\$ 4,217.68	\$ 15,128.78
June 24, 18	\$ 8,391.53	\$ 23,520.31

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

## VAN DRIVERS

**Adults and Children**

Aug 05 - Wade Hanes  
Aug 12 - Erik Andersen  
Aug 19 - Tracy Serna  
Aug 26 - 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, August 5, 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, July 31, 2018.

## August BIRTHDAYS



8/02 Morgan Austin Barbara Householder Shirley Johnson	8/19 Ella Clark	8/21 Chase Jeans Issac Shipp
8/03 Kara Alford Wayne Jeans Madison Shipp	8/22 Isaac Hedges Karl Householder Gavin Ring Ally Shumaker	8/23 Larry Cauthon
8/04 Ron Richards	8/24 John McKinley	8/25 Tommy Bowen Robert Byers Marilyn Griffin Sean Johnson
8/06 Tanya Webb Daryl Lamb	8/26 Earl Higgins Dalton Jones John Shorten	8/28 Teresa McClure
8/07 Andrew Arneson Mike Brooks	8/29 Debbie Griggs Linda Stanhope	8/30 Christian Lopez Susan Shepherd
8/08 Corbin Selby	8/31 Ron Greenway	
8/09 Beth Gerster		
8/10 Rosa Hair		
8/12 Junior Wait		
8/13 Kenny Butterfield Acacia Kennard Mary Thoreson		
8/17 Gail Post		
8/18 Odie Braswell Larry McCord		