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From the Pulpit: The Blessings of Growing Youth

As the school season starts, it is always a time of excitement and growing up. Last year's seniors leave for college. Babies that were in yesterday's nursery are now our Kindergarteners. Our youth programming is an ongoing view of memories filled with babies who are now young men and women serving God's kingdom. Pray for the efforts and ministry of FCC while we continue raising up new Christians for Jesus.

Our Vacation Bible School & camps were the primer for several of our young people to make decisions for Jesus. Over the last few weeks we have had six baptisms, with one baptism at the VBS pool party. Now with school starting, our fall programming is gearing up. Sunday, August 26th it is our plan to have Youth Sunday and to show off several of our young campers and more during our worship services. In September our Little Tree Ministry and SeekerGen youth will resume. SeekerGen is our Jr & Sr high youth. During our VBS the largest group attending was the Jr High which had 30 youth enrolled. Pray that we will see many of them in SeekerGen.

Next month is full of many things so plan accordingly. Many of our families might like to take in the Ultimate Family Plan workshop being offered on the 16th of September. It is simply a Christian counselor helping people deal with planning for life and death. It is good to have counsel that you can trust.

The following Sunday (23rd) will be Church in the Park. A great deal of effort goes into this wonderful worship and fellowship. Plan to join us as we have worship outdoors with a potluck meal to follow. Gage will be the preacher for that day.

C U Sunday, Bill



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL VBS HAS FINISHED! Our average attendance of children was 74 with our largest attendance the final night. Pray for their continued spiritual growth. We had a two-fold mission strategy: collecting hygiene items for our local Community Outreach, and, collecting money to send to International Disaster Emergency Services (IDES) in Noblesville, Indiana. Our own Riley Gordon served as our Mission Speaker, since she was serving as a summer intern with IDES. Both efforts were successful in that we had enough products to assemble 27 full packets (with extra items to also give), and, our final total offering for IDES was \$1,605.10. We trust that these sacrificial offerings will be used for God's glory both here and throughout the world, helping people in their desperate physical and spiritual need.

Sunday School continues to be one of the best ways to share Biblical truths with the church family. I encourage each of you to come and learn more about the Bible, how to apply it to your daily challenges, and share your experiences to help others grow in their faith and obedience. Please choose a class to try out at 9:30 AM Sunday mornings. 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

(the book of Joel). We finish at 7:30 pm.

Soul Sisters and **Cord Brothers** will resume in September on the first and third Thursdays of the month, starting at 6:30 pm. The ladies meet in the Fellowship Hall and the men meet in the Youth center. Please call the office if you need child care.

Church In The Park (Marmaduke) is September 23 where we would like all of you to attend in one united service. I will need some helpers the evening before in order to set up our sunshade over the amphitheater, and we are planning to have the carry-in lunch following the service, so please mark your calendars.

The Armouraires Gospel Quartet will be here October 13th for a return engagement. We are their hosts, but I have scheduled them to sing at the United Way Oktoberfest near noon. Then we host them for a full concert at 6:00 pm, followed by a fellowship meal. Please mark your calendar for all of the day's events and prepare a generous love offering for their livelihood. 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 for the 10:32 Service, or with me if you would like to assist at 8:00 or 10:30 am.

GLEANNING TEAM GOES OUT August 28th and you are welcome to help. The produce is gathered for Community Outreach and is for anyone in need of good, fresh produce. Meet at the south end of the Fellowship Hall to leave at 7:30 am. We are normally finished by 10:30 am, depending on the amount of produce and the labor involved in gathering, then delivering it.

Walking with Jesus, David Rorabaugh

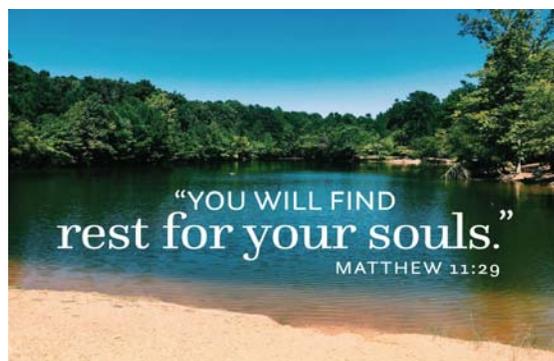
Give it a Rest

When was the last time that you sat in silence? This question keeps coming back up lately. Whether I am talking to a kid on the van who won't stop talking while everyone else is trying to sleep or I am talking to an adult who has been feeling overwhelmed, one of the questions that keeps coming back to me is this: when was the last time you sat in silence? Or how about I change it up: when was the last time you weren't so busy? When was the last time you didn't have to have distractions all around you? When was the last time you just sat still? If you struggle to find an answer to these questions, I assure you you're not alone.

I would like to direct you to a passage in Mark 2. Jesus and His disciples were picking heads of grain to eat because they were hungry, but the problem is that it happened to be the Sabbath. The Pharisees soon got onto Jesus because, according to the law, they were breaking the Sabbath by picking grain. Jesus responds by giving an example from the life of David, but then He goes on to say something that I believe we have taken advantage of. Jesus continues in verse 27, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

Many people have taken this as a green light from Jesus to ignore the Sabbath, but I don't think that is what He was getting at. You see the Pharisees, and even many people who still ritually practice the Sabbath today, had let the Sabbath become a burden that was to be upheld instead of a gift to be enjoyed. God created the Sabbath as a gift and as an opportunity of rest for His creation, not as a burden to hold us back. When was the last time you were bored? When was the last time you closed your eyes and rested in the Lord for 30 minutes? 10 minutes? Okay, how about 5?

This week, I would like to invite you to take part in a gift that God has given us. I would like to invite you to rest in the One who gives rest. I would like to invite you to Sabbath.



Until He returns, Gage Addington



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Anyone needing a ride to Sunday School/ Church in our vans, please let us know by calling the church office at 667-3540 **BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY.**



*We Rejoice
in the recent
Baptisms of
Natalie Pruitt,
Noah Austin,
Geoffrey Serna and
Mallory Seay!*

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



THE ULTIMATE FAMILY

PLAN:

How to Create or Update Your Will, Trust and Other Vital Documents

Sunday, September 16, Noon, Buzz's BBQ

Who Should Attend:

- **Single Adults** – Yes, you need a plan for several crucial reasons – come learn what they are.
- **Couples with No Children** – Marriage brings the need for specific planning strategies – have you taken advantage of them?
- **Parents with Minor Children** – the #1 reason you need a plan is the guardianship of your minor children.
- **Adults in Transition** – if you no longer have minor children, have a change in marital status, or are contemplating retirement, this workshop will provide you with vital information for your plan.
- **Senior Adults** – Wills, Trusts and Powers of Attorney – do you have them and are they up to date?

Every adult needs this “Family Plan” and this workshop will provide practical and actionable information for all. If you do not have a Will or Trust – you’ll learn how to create these critical documents. If you do have a plan – you’ll learn how a review can assure it still fits your family’s current needs.

Presentation is FREE! Lunch is on your own. Child care will be provided. Please RSVP by September 1.

TURNING TAXES INTO

TREASURE:

How the Charitable Tax Code can Assist in Your Financial Stewardship

Sunday, September 16, 6:00pm, Parlor

Will Rogers commenting on taxes once quipped, *“It’s a good thing we don’t get as much government as we pay for.”* Agree or disagree, you are probably well aware of the need to “pay for” government via all kinds of taxes.

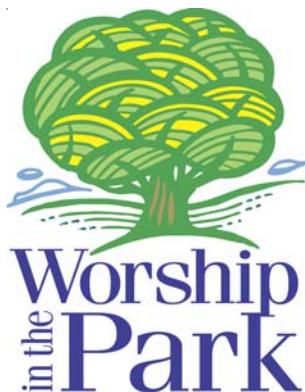
But, as a Christian steward you likely strive to pay only your fair share and not a penny more.

The *Turning Taxes Into Treasure* workshop is your opportunity to learn how to make the most common taxes paid by Christian stewards optional. Please join us as we host, David Duncan, the Executive Director of CDF Capital Foundation. David has nearly 30 years of experience helping generous Christians turn capital gains, IRD, and estate taxes into treasure. He would love to help you as well.

There is no cost and no obligation – but you will be offered a helpful service that can show you how many taxes are optional – you can choose to pay them, postpone them, reduce or avoid them.

Please RSVP by September 1st.

Sign up sheets for both seminars are provided at the Welcome Centers or call the church office at 417-667-3540.



**Sunday,
September 23
10:30 am**

Join your church family to worship together at Marmaduke Park and enjoy a delicious picnic potluck lunch afterwards.



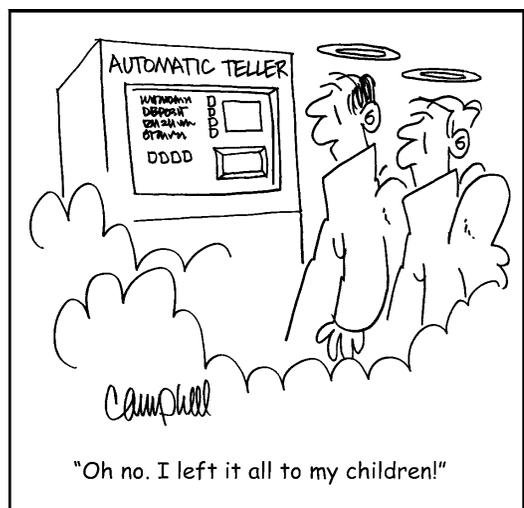
**THANKS to Our
VBS Volunteers!**



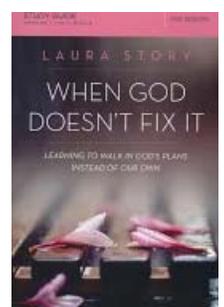
The Big Serve
September 22-23, 2018
A weekend of service in
Vernon County



www.BigServeVCMO.com



Soul Sisters, a women’s Bible Study begins a new study on Thursday, September 6, 2018. The study is called **“When God Doesn’t Fix It”** by **Laura Story**. The cost of the book is \$13 to \$15, sliding scale, which covers the book plus the additional cost of the DVD and 2 study guides for leaders. Soul Sisters meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Child care can be provided with prior arrangements made by calling the church office at 667-3540. All women are invited.



PLEASE SAVE THIS PAGE FOR REFERENCE DURING THE MONTH



HELPING HANDS - September 2018



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

COMMUNION Bobby Dade
PREPARATION: Helpers - Elders



Hospitallity
 Ministry

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 Commu-
 nity Outreach Food Pantry, we
 collect non-perishable food and
 dry goods. A box is located in our
 parlor for collection.



Suggested September products: Mac & Cheese,
 canned veggies, mayonnaise, raman noodles, rice,
 oatmeal, jello.

VAN DRIVERS

Adults and Children

- Sept 02 - Wade Hanes
- Sept 09 - Erik Andersen
- Sept 16 - Tracy Serna
- Sept 23 - Daniel Turowski
- Sept 30 - 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, September 2, 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, August 28, 2018.



Leaders: Amber and
 Tommy Bowen



Leaders: David Serna

CHURCH Stats

Attendance: Year-to-date Average per Week

SG	8:00	10:30	10:32	Total 3 Services
114	51	64	83	197

**Offering needed during the month of July
 in order to meet budget was \$31,014.40.
 Offering collected in July was \$28,161.23.**

	Offering received:	Total
July 01, 18	\$ 6,781.88	\$ 6,781.88
July 08, 18	\$ 8,308.10	\$ 15,089.98
July 15, 18	\$ 4,533.25	\$ 19,623.23
July 22, 18	\$ 4,180.00	\$ 23,803.23
July 29, 18	\$ 4,358.00	\$ 28,161.23

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



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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 9/01 Becky Butterfield | 9/18 Tammy Clark |
| 9/02 Peggy Deming | Brynley Hedges |
| 9/03 Walt Cochran | Jeanne Noble |
| Glenda Haller | 9/22 Pat Anderson |
| Jackson McKinley | Talitha Kennard |
| 9/04 Melissa Austin | 9/24 Vincent Kurth |
| 9/07 Wanda Arthur | Connie Moffatt |
| 9/08 Sara Parrack | 9/27 Clifford Ring |
| 9/10 Judy Gammon | 9/29 Dominic Zermeño |
| Jim Phillips | |
| 9/11 Alta Woolridge | |
| Jeannie Moore | |
| 9/12 Sandy Arneson | |
| 9/13 Ella Carlin | |
| 9/14 Reta Carpenter | |
| Don Kitsmiller | |

