



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## THE BEACON

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## From the Pulpit If Death were a Sound

If death were a sound, it would be loud and abrasive. It would be uncomfortable to our ears. It would be forced upon us continually. It would be annoying and merciless. It would be a non-respecter of everybody. It would invade our days and disturb our nights. It would be ongoing and never ending. It would be so obnoxiously present that, being mankind, we would try to find ways to work with the unremitting sound.

If death were a sound, whole businesses would develop to help with the irritating sound. People would speak of the sound as if to accept it. Others would speak in ways to object and yet accept its force in our world. There would be those who would preach explaining its presence. Still others would try to dress it up by harmonizing with it. The world would try to exist despite the sound, after all, that is what we do. Some would deal with the disturbing sound with a little medication. Others of us would find phony silence in addictions. We would constantly be seeking the plugs that would grant us relief.

If death were a sound, it would be the dominating force in our world. Sadly, most of us would find ways to ignore and co-exist with it. No one could do anything about it. Medical science would try to kill it. Social science would try to solve it. Governments would blow it off with policies that appease people, but offer no permanent answers. Nations would throw dollars at it, and several would find ways to make dollars off of it.

The ultimate sadness is that death would still be a sound that rules all mankind. The eternal sadness is that many would deny the only presence that could make a difference - God. The sound shapes mankind but has no control over God. God is not ruled by the sound. He is not a captive of the sound. In fact, God knows more about the sound than anyone. God, being God, could totally walk away and never bother with the sound. However, God, being God, loves mankind and chooses not to walk away. Jesus brought silence to the grave and by living beyond death gave us an eternal sound of beauty. Why would you deny this?

C U on this "Silent" Sunday – Let's blow off death  
Bill



**THE CROSS:** it was God's choice upon which the perfect Lamb of God would be tortured and hung to die. It was depicted as a point of reference for us to look to in order to find salvation, just as Israel was to look at the bronze serpent hung on a staff (John 3:14). The cross symbolizes the fact that God left heaven, limited Himself to a human body and walked among us, then went to the grave for our sin, conquered death's grip and ascended back to heaven, promising that all who believe in the Christ, that they, too, may have life abundant. The cross is significant.

The FCC Chancel Choir and Drama Team invite you to experience **THE CROSS where God's grace meets our need**. This dramatic Easter musical is this Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. at 10:30 am in the sanctuary of the main building. The choir and drama team has been working diligently to prepare this special message of Good News through Jesus. Please bring your whole family, neighbors and friends to join us for the entire morning of special activities.

Thank you, choir, drama and technical teams for all of your dedicated preparations.

**CHOIR AND DRAMA TEAM:** We will be taking a break until fall. We have room for more people who want to serve their Redeemer. Please contact me regarding your interest.

**Opportunities to grow in God's will and knowledge** surround us in the various small groups that meet on Sundays and through the week. Follow through on your claim to be a child of God. Learn more of His instructions and directions found through the study of scripture. FEED YOUR SOUL WITH GOD'S WORD in personal time and with other believers through the week. If you would like to host a study in your home or somewhere else, please contact us. Several groups are established and you are welcome to attend them (check Sunday bulletins).

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**Young Adult Small Group:** Monday evenings at 6:00pm with Gage.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS FOR ADULTS,** from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in a verse by verse walk through the Bible (book of Matthew), led by Bill.

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

Because Jesus Lives,  
David Rorabaugh

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## Behavior Modification

One of the first verses I ever memorized was James 1:19. "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." (NIV). You see, I have always struggled with listening and have always liked to talk a bit more than I should. And when I memorized this verse, I actually started living it out (though I still need to work on it).

Be quick to listen. Far too often we go into a conversation with our side of things already planned out. Or, maybe we spend the time the other person is talking planning out our response instead of intently listening. Whatever we may do, listening isn't really something that we are always good at. But when we actually listen to others, we begin to care about them and love them more.

Be slow to speak. Sometimes we can say things that we don't mean. Or maybe we start talking without thinking through what we are about to say and it comes out wrong. Sometimes we just like to hear our own voices. But when we make an effort to be the smaller part of each of our conversations, those around us will feel more cared for and loved.

Be slow to become angry. If we are quick to become angry or frustrated, the people around us will know us as short fused. If we are quick to anger, we are less likely to be trusted and confided in. If we are quick to anger, the people around us will find it hard to believe that we love them, and if we are the representatives of Christ, then they may struggle to believe He does.

This isn't incredibly theologically deep. This isn't something that will be easy all of the time. And this isn't something that is ultimately a matter of salvation. But if you want to look more like Jesus, these are some simple (to remember, not always to practice) things you can do to love those around you like Jesus does.

Until He Returns,  
Gage Addington



My Dear Friends at First Christian Church,

I am overwhelmed and so grateful for the out pouring of love, prayers, and cards from all of you! I am blessed beyond measure for the privilege of working in your church office and treasure my time here. I am so grateful for being surrounded by a great crowd of prayer warriors which have held the fiery darts of the evil one at bay. Psalm 27:13-14 have been verses I cling to as Mike and I travel this part of the paths God has for us! We trust in His continuing guidance.

Love in Christ,  
Betty Morris



*We Rejoice  
in the recent  
Baptisms of  
Mallorie Gillmore  
and Truman and  
Gus Smith!*

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**CHURCH  
YARD  
SALE**

**Time for Spring Cleaning!!  
Donate your 'stuff' to the  
Youth Fundraiser Yard Sale. It  
is the weekend of Friday and  
Saturday, May 3 & 4, 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. Smaller items can be dropped off at church on Sundays. Please do NOT bring clothes.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**Aaron Rorabaugh** will receive his BA in Project Planning and management in May from Colorado Christian University. Aaron and his wife Ellie make their

home in Grand Junction, Colorado.

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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.**



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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 April products:** Tuna Helper, canned veggies, ketchup, peanut butter, cereal, applesauce, jelly.



**\* PRAY FOR AMERICA \***

# LOVE ONE ANOTHER

*We invite you to join us for*

## Breakfast

**National Day of Prayer**

**Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 6:45 AM**

Fellowship Hall

*Please RSVP at 667-3540.*



We would like to introduce the **Guardian Angel Mentoring Program**. It is a program that intends to provide support to new Christians to help them in the early stages of their walk with Christ and provide them with a go-to person to whom they may direct their questions

about the Faith, FCC and other things that come up when just beginning a walk with Christ. It looks to help the person feel accepted into the family of believers, help them find their place and their next step in their walk of Faith. Guardian Angels need to be a Christian, have a heart for other people, have a desire to serve and be willing to give extra time to their mentee. Please contact Susie Platt at 417-684-0496 or the church office at 417-667-3540 if you are interested in the program.



For Operation Christmas Child we are collecting items each month throughout the year. The suggestions for May are plastic cup, plate, utensils (hard plastic for reuse, plastic water bottle (reusable), nail clippers/files. Collection boxes are in the parlor and in the fellowship hall where you can place the items.



### Funeral Meals

Our church's Membership Ministry offers a meal for the family of a deceased member of our church. We are in the process of updating the list of those who are willing to provide a cake or salad for these luncheons. **If you have never been called and would like to help with this ministry**, please call the church office (667-3540) or sign one of the lists in the Welcome Centers.



## The Big Serve

April 27-28, 2019

A weekend of service  
in Vernon County



[www.BigServeVCMO.com](http://www.BigServeVCMO.com)

The Big Serve is a weekend where people of Vernon County have an opportunity to share their gifts and resources with their neighbors. We work together to complete projects such as brush pickup, yard work, mowing, painting, minor repairs, and sewing.

You may sign up to volunteer or get help with a project by going to [www.BigServeVCMO.com](http://www.BigServeVCMO.com) or calling 417-448-4495.



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## HELPING HANDS - May 2019



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

**COMMUNION** Martha Waltrip  
**PREPARATION:** Helper - Martha Waltrip



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

### VAN DRIVERS

Adults and Children

- May 05 - Randy & Tracy Ellifrits
- May 12 - Eddie D. & Jerry A.
- May 19 - Crystal Bloom
- May 26 - Daniel Turowski



### Join Us For Adult Bible Studies

- Monday - Young Adult @ 6:00 pm, Church Parlor
- Wednesday - Bible Study @ 6:30 pm, 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.

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**Suggested May products:** Pork & beans, applesauce, mac & cheese, raman noodles, canned veggies, salt, cereal.

Ministers rotate serving at Moore-Few Care Center on Second Sundays at 2:30pm.



Leaders: ?????



Leaders: Dave Serna and Melissa Austin

The next issue of **THE BEACON** will be available on Sunday, May 5, 2019. 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@fccnevada.org](mailto:lyndaj@fccnevada.org) no later than Tuesday, April 30, 2019.



## CHURCH Stats

Attendance: Year-to-date Average per Week

SG	8:00	10:30	10:32	Total 3 Services
169	40	59	66	163

Offering needed during the month of March in order to meet budget was \$29,021.65.  
 Offering collected in March was \$29,277.48.

	Offering received:	Total
Mar. 03, 2019	\$ 3,336.10	\$ 3,336.10
Mar. 10, 2019	\$ 8,308.13	\$ 11,644.23
Mar. 17, 2019	\$ 6,772.19	\$ 18,416.42
Mar. 24, 2019	\$ 5,062.05	\$ 23,478.47
Mar. 31, 2019	\$ 5,799.01	\$ 29,277.48

Offering needed each week to meet budget in 2019 is \$5,804.33.

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| 5/01 Erik Andersen    | 5/18 Don Bronaugh Jr. |
| John Jones            | Zachary Jeans         |
| 5/02 Jennifer Zermeño | 5/19 Linda Kitsmiller |
| 5/05 Maddi Gordon     | 5/20 Ashley Dunn      |
| Teri Pierce           | Bob Eador             |
| Doug Ryan             | Mariah Miller         |
| 5/06 Scott Buerge     | 5/21 Lukas Higgins    |
| Roy Johnson           | 5/23 Jason Hinds      |
| 5/07 Judy Austin      | Brooklyn Ryan         |
| 5/08 Don Cabbage      | 5/25 Berry McClure    |
| Michael Jones         | Lori Richards         |
| Rick Jones            | 5/26 Wilma Starr      |
| 5/09 Kodee Ast        | 5/27 Glen Noble       |
| 5/10 Mallory Seay     | 5/28 Natalie Pruitt   |
| 5/12 Beverly Browning | 5/29 Damien Austin    |
| Kari Higgins          | 5/30 Ina Lee          |
| 5/13 Eldon Shaw       | Pauline Page          |
| 5/14 Cody Cauthon     | Bill Platt            |
| Lois Crowe            | 5/31 Beth Douglas     |
| 5/15 Suzanne Jones    |                       |