



# THE BEACON

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**Elders:** Greg Barneburg, Don Cabbage, Doug Gammon, Wayne Jeans and Rick Jones

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## *From the Pulpit.....*

### **Fatherhood, an image of God**

There is nothing easy about being a dad. For many a dad, fatherhood comes with no instructions. In my library is the book by Bill Cosby called, *Fatherhood*. It was a gift and a joy to read. It was so comforting to read a number of his experiences that were similar to my own. But now, Bill Cosby has fallen into shame and his image of fatherhood is questioned.

Another image that we build upon is the experiences that we grew up with. Many of you tell stories of your dad and your face glows. Others mumble about your experiences with shame. My dad was an image of a self-made college grad who grew up as a farmer's son. He was the only one of his family to graduate college. He loved God and loved serving as a minister of God's Word. He cherished faith in Jesus at all cost and his greatest joy was a family of faith that lives his passion for Jesus. All three of us boys are ministers still and my sister (the youngest) is a teacher to teachers and very passionate about Jesus.

But, we live in a culture where fatherhood calls out to absent fathers. It is so easy to do the biology of fatherhood, but being a father is not so easy. Varied studies tell us that our image of God is fashioned after our image of our own father. This is unfair to God because even the best of fathers will be far less than what God deserves. It isn't easy to be dad.

So, how do we give God the image of fatherhood that He deserves? Again, it isn't easy. It begins with spending time in the family album, the Bible. Next would be blocking out more time with God through worship and prayer (which could be one and the same). Then, dwelling with other siblings in Jesus. One thing for sure is that image you've framed of your earthly father (even though your dad was great) is unfair to God. Pull that image out of the frame and give God the image that comes of knowing him through scripture, prayer and gathering with the family (church) time.

Meanwhile, take your dads to church next Sunday,

Bill

P.S. – Thank you to so many for making this past Sunday (Leadership Sunday) so special. Especially thank you to Martha & the kitchen crew. You were amazing.



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**School is out;** Bushwhacker Days have come and gone.... Where is time flying too? Keep your eyes on Jesus and His will in the center of your activities as the days disappear.

**It was good to worship together** last Sunday (June 9<sup>th</sup>). We need to be reminded that our regular circle of fellow believers is not the full extent of the body of Christ. Even though we worship in different settings and times, all of our worship is to be to the same God and Father, and to our one Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Let's guard against having planks in our eyes so that we may truly help others in their need. Satan and the powers of darkness need to be confronted.

**Join a study group and grow in your faith.** Three new groups are meeting to review the Sunday sermons and make application, along with supporting each other. You are invited to join any of the established groups now meeting. Please contact us if you would like to start a group of your own.

**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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PREPARATIONS** are underway, and I trust that you are helping in some way. Begin with prayer, then offer to help with decorating, collecting supplies, or check with Gage or me to see

where we could use some extra hands. More to come....

**CHOIR** is on summer break, but I would appreciate your considering joining us this fall when we resume practices. God has blessed some of you with extra abilities in the music field, so please utilize those talents for His glory.

Because of the Love of Jesus,  
David Rorabaugh



**First Christian Church Vacation Bible School 2019**  
**Ages 4 years to 8th grade**  
**July 28 - August 2, 5:30 to 8:30 PM**

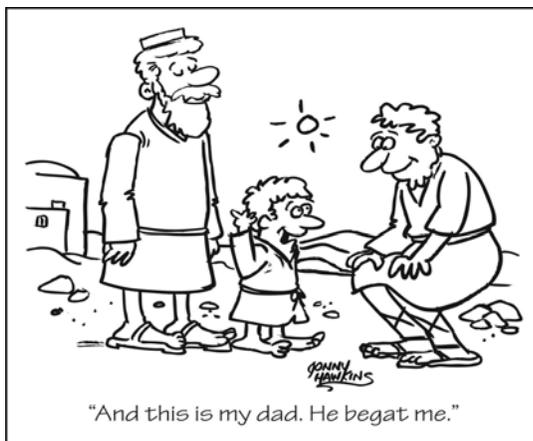


We are collecting items for **Operation Christmas Child**. Each month we collect different items. **In June, the suggestions are T-shirts, loose dress, socks and hair ties or bows.** Collection boxes are

in the parlor and in the fellowship hall where you can place the items.



Dear First Christian,  
Thank you for the use of your facilities during our Girl Scout year!!  
Joelle Mason and  
Girl Scout Troop 70687



**Gleaning has been delayed by the rains. In July we should be able to begin gleaning. On the fourth Tuesday of each month, a group of volunteers from First Christian Church will go to the fields of the Amish farmers to glean their non-sellable produce.** At least one pickup truck is needed with the group to deliver the collection to Community Outreach for storage.

Contact David Rorabaugh if you want to participate.

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:** Canned chicken, canned veggies, soup, jelly, oatmeal, Jello, peanut butter.

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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## HELPING HANDS - July 2019



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

**COMMUNION** Shirley Johnson  
**PREPARATION:** Helper - Sharon Webb

### VAN DRIVERS

Adults and Children

July 07- Randy & Tracy Ellifrits

July 14 - Eddie D. & Jerry A.

July 21 - Crystal Bloom

July 28 - Daniel Turowski



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

### 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.

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 July products:** Mac & Cheese, canned veggies, Jello, soup, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly.

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



Leaders: Angie Moore



Leaders: Dave Serna and Melissa Austin

The next issue of **THE BEACON** will be available on Sunday, July 7, 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@fcnevada.org](mailto:lyndaj@fcnevada.org) no later than Tuesday, July 2, 2019.

### CHURCH Stats

Attendance: Year-to-date Average per Week  
 SG 8:00 10:30 10:32 Total 3 Services  
 158 41 62 57 158



7/04 Mindy Barneburg	7/17 Aiden Austin
7/05 Amanda Blystone	7/19 Amy Shumaker
Tina Jones	7/23 Dick Shorten
7/07 Charlie Perkins	7/25 Emiley Beemer
Ashley Shumaker	7/26 Travis Cauthon
7/09 Audra Cartwright	7/27 Forest Pettibon
Aaron Greer	7/28 Makayla Shipp
Erinn Irwin	7/29 Grace Andersen
Rheagan McKenzie	7/30 Richard Dunn
7/11 Connor Lanham	Dustin Gammon
7/12 L. J. Austin	
7/14 Eddie Deming	
7/15 Jeremiah Howze	
7/16 Barry Clark	

