



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## THE BEACON

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## From the Pulpit.....

It is a rather common occurrence to lay down our phone and not be able to find it. It is such a common problem that they created an app to locate your phone. Or, so they say. Susie once misplaced an iPad on a flight we were on. What you thought would have been easy, instead, led us to “limbo land.” The iPad was never found.

The process to find the lost iPad led us to the airline stewardess (multiple times). Then it took us to Apple. Then we were directed to AT&T. Then we were told to check with lost and found at the airline. Then we were told to fill out a form(s). Meanwhile everybody kept referring us back to the app. I seriously think that our iPad found its way to another dimension and a galaxy far, far away. But trust me, we searched valiantly for that iPad.

Many people approach God in prayer as if there were an “app for that.” Every time you push the app on your phone another prayer is uttered. Several different faiths have turned prayer into rituals such as spinning a metal cylinder or hanging a prayer flag so that every time it waves in the wind a prayer is sent God-ward. Many of us think that when more of us are praying it will tip the scales with God and the answers will have a positive ending. Prayer wasn’t meant to be a mindless ritual whereby God will automatically produce our request.

Among the first occurrences in Genesis of a new creation – man & woman had time each day sharing with God. When sin entered our world in Genesis 3 one of the first tragedies that occurred was that God had to search for the man and woman who hid in shame. Their sharing time was broken. If we were to call this time “prayer” — which I believe it was — prayer immediately became far more complicated. Therefore, when we seek to pray, it does not come easily.

There are multiple obstacles to our prayers and our sharing time with God. They range from busy-ness to misunderstandings. Sin influences our hearts and our prayers. If you remember, Adam and Eve hid from God. Sometimes we are hiding from God. Rituals can invade our desire to have sharing time with God. However, if we persist and truly want to spend time with God, our prayer lives will become rich testimonies of what God has done and is doing.

Remember, the face of Moses glowed because of his sharing time with God. Because of it, Moses had to wear a veil. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 3:18 *And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

May your prayer life lead to the need to wear a veil.  
C U Sunday, Bill



**VBS IS ON OUR DOORSTEP! ROAR: *Life is Wild; God is Good.* REGISTER YOUR YOUTH NOW!** Get all the children in your neighborhood registered now and turn the forms in to the office or to me. Please keep this youth outreach in your prayers. All hands are appreciated as we offer help with decorating, collecting supplies, supervising children, help clean up, etc.. Please check with Gage, Becky Butterfield or me to see where you can fit in with your abilities.

**TRY IT: YOU’LL LIKE IT (group Bible studies are what I’m talking about)!** I really believe they are the best thing for all of us. We have three groups meeting in review and application of the Sunday sermons. A **Young Adult Small Group** meets Mondays at 6:00 pm with Gage. **Wednesday Night Bible Class** (Adults) meets in the Parlor 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, with the ladies in the Fellowship Hall and the men in the Youth center. Please contact us if you would like to start a group of your own. Please call the office if you need child care.

**CHOIR MEMBERS:** Please turn in your music books and recordings from the past for safe storage. Practices will restart this fall for ALL who are considering joining. Let us all glorify and honor God with the talents He has blessed us.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: GRACE HARMONY** will be here at FCC on September 25<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) for a 6:30 pm concert. Mike & Sue Filisky began in 2001 as “Grace Harmony” in a ministerial capacity, offering hope and encouragement through their music to others. In 2003 they resigned their careers to work for the Lord in a full-time capacity with an annual “Journey for Jesus.” Bring your friends and neighbors for an inspirational evening of gospel music. A love offering will be received for the ministry of Grace Harmony.

Serving the Lion of Judah, David Rorabaugh

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## What Shall We Do?

The book of Acts is the closest thing we have to a detailed outline of the early church. In the book we see the Gospel preached, we see persecution, and we see the growth of the church. The book of Acts gets right into the action too, beginning with the ascension of Jesus and very quickly moving into the ministry of the apostles. We see the first sermon about Jesus, from someone other than Jesus, in Acts 2:14-41, and I know that is a long passage, but please take a moment and read all of it before continuing.

Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, preaches the Gospel to a huge crowd of people from all over the place, and they all understand his words. In his sermon, Peter explains the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on those who believe in Christ, he explains the prophecies of Jesus Christ fulfilled, and he points the finger at all present saying “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” (Acts 2:36). This is a realization that hits pretty hard. I was not present at the crucifixion of Christ, but it was my sin (and yours) that held Him there.

It is impossible to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not be moved closer to or further from Him, and the people in the crowd were definitely moved by the message of Christ. It says they were cut to the heart, the message drove so deeply into them that they had to react. They had no option but to respond to this message. Sometimes I think that we have heard the story of Jesus so many times that we consider it a fact but we don’t actually believe it in our hearts. We have become calloused to the Gospel, even if we don’t realize it.

Our response to the Gospel is the same as it has always been. We are to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is a promise that stretches to all who would hear the good news of Jesus Christ. This isn’t just some one-and-done thing, this is a lifestyle. Jesus doesn’t just call us to become those who have been baptized, but to become those who are being daily renewed in Him. Jesus is never through with you, and His love is always there for you, but you need to decide to accept Him for who He is: our Lord and our Christ.

Until He returns, Gage Addington



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## 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 July, the suggestions are: sun hat, sunglasses, shoes, and flip flops.** Collection boxes are in the parlor and in the fellowship hall

where you can place the items.

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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.**



### VBS Supply Needs:

Bill and Susie need to borrow: \* an old brown sheet, and \* white/clear rope lights. They need donated: about 75 small stones to give away.

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



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## HELPING HANDS - August 2019



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

**COMMUNION** Teresa McClure  
**PREPARATION:** Helper - Teresa McClure

### VAN DRIVERS

Adults and Children

Aug 04 - Randy & Tracy Ellifrits  
 Aug 11 - Eddie D. & Jerry A.  
 Aug 18 - Crystal Bloom  
 Aug 25 - Daniel Turowski



Hospitality  
Ministry

When you see a visitor  
say "Howdy" and  
be 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 August products:** Chicken Helper, canned veggies, canned fruit, pancake mix, pancake syrup, peanut butter, jelly.

### 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.

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



Leaders: Melissa Blystone



Leaders: Dave Serna and  
Melissa Austin

The next issue of **THE BEACON** will be available on Sunday, August 4, 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, July 30, 2019.



### CHURCH Stats

Attendance: Year-to-date Average per Week  
 SG 8:00 10:30 10:32 Total 3 Services  
 154 41 60 58 156

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



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