



THE BEACON

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From the Pulpit.....

FCC has some big things coming. Some of us will question. Others of us will hope. Others of us will ask, “when is it my turn?” All of us will draw upon the last vestiges of our strength and know for sure that Jesus is in control. Keep your eyes on Jesus. He calms the storms and encourages us to take it to the next level. “Do you want to get out of the boat?”

The following writing has for background the story of Peter & Jesus walking upon the water.

You, the family of FCC, and I are creating a step-out-of-the-boat experience. Just like Peter, the faithful point of this experience is that we are to keep our eyes on Jesus. Susie & I realize the need to do the next chapter in our lives. It will be a stepping-out-of-the-boat chapter. It is our intent for me to be semi-retired as of the first of the year 2020.

The next step to doing this is that I will resign as the fulltime Senior Minister of FCC effective as of December 31st of 2019. First Christian’s leadership and I are piecing these next few steps together while keeping our eyes on Jesus.

1. Dave will serve in the capacity of day to day issues along with several of the things that he already does.
2. I propose to the FCC family that I will fill the pulpit on Sundays. This will be determined by the elders and me. Other places that you see me throughout the church family will be voluntary.
3. Monday through Saturday you may see me throughout the community doing part time jobs. Please note, this is our home and we plan to be in the community.

There are several reasons for this decision. The primary ones are my health, time available with family, and our desire to help FCC with her next step. You are welcome to talk with Susie and me about it. Know that the relationship between FCC leadership and me is good and will continue. We hear Jesus saying “Come” and we are stepping-out-of-the-boat, all of us, the FCC family and Susie & me. Pray for the next several steps and continue to keep your eyes upon Jesus. [This resignation was given to the FCC family on October 13th.]

The FCC family has been my rock and my help throughout several life experiences. You have been the reminder and the physical presence of God during these moments. I know that you will continue to be those things now as Susie and I reach this next chapter. Thank you for being the “church” in so many ways throughout the years.

The final part of the step-out-of-the-boat experience was (Matthew 14:32-33) ³² *And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.* ³³ *And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”*

May it be likewise for the FCC family and me as we go into the years to come.
Bill



AFTER JESUS ASCENDED TO HEAVEN, the disciples went back to Jerusalem and “were continually devoting themselves to prayer...” (Acts 1:14a) as they prepared for the changes taking place and uncertain days that lay before them. They firmly believed that God would keep His plan, even though they did not know exactly what that plan was. The church began powerfully (Acts 2) and the new believers “...were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (v.42). Prayer, study, fellowship and the Lord’s Supper continued to be the core elements of the prosperous church. Let us be found faithful in continuing this pattern given to us through scripture.

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULES: that we may grow in Christ and be found pleasing to God. Three groups meet
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(Mon. & Tues.) in review and application of the Sunday sermons. Join other adults at **Wednesday Night Bible Class** in the Parlor from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in a verse by verse walk through the Bible (book of Matthew), led by brother 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 call the office if you need child care). Other groups also meet, including students in a Financial Peace University class. Previous FPU students may attend for free to refresh your memories of the plan.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED hosting a group in your own home? You may be surprised at what a blessing it is sharing God's word and how much those around you will appreciate it.

MORE SINGERS ARE WELCOME IN CHOIR. We practice Sundays at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary, and are preparing *NOEL & ALLELUIA! JESUS IS BORN* (cantata) for performance on December 22nd. You who love to share Jesus through music are welcome. We will help you get settled in. Join us in celebrating the Christ.

For the glory of Jesus,
David Rorabaugh

BONES & STONES

Presented by:
Mack Evans



Join us **November 3, 2019** at
First Christian Church of Nevada
204 S. Washington St, Nevada, MO
Two services: 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

We will have only one service on Sunday morning,
November 3 at 10:30 am, in the Main Building.



FCC Trunk or Treat – Little princesses, spider men & storm troopers will be here soon. **We would love to fill our parking lot with Bible/Christian themed booths as we share God's love with lots of children on Thursday, October 31 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm!**

First Christian Church will be distributing Thanksgiving Baskets this year on Saturday, November 23. If you know of someone who needs a basket, please contact Becky Butterfield at 684-7403 or the church office at 667-3540 by Friday, November 1. Please include the recipient's name, phone number, address and number of people in their household.



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 October products: Hamburger/Tuna Helper, canned veggies, soup, peanut butter, cereal, jelly, applesauce.



We welcome **Ruth Merchant and John Miller** as new members of First Christian Church. Ruth is transferring from Pine Street Baptist and

John is transferring from Huntington (MA) Assembly of God.

Everyone is invited to the Wrapping Party scheduled for Sunday, November 10 in the Fellowship Hall following church services. **A pizza lunch will be provided.**



After lunch we will be wrapping Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. Shoe boxes will be provided or you can bring your own. Information about how to fill your shoe box is provided in brochures at the Welcome Centers. Please — no toothpaste. **Please bring \$9.00 per box for shipping costs.** Please contact Charlotte Buerge or the church office at 667-3540 if you are coming or have questions. **If you are not able to put together a box, please consider donating money for shipping. Each box costs \$9.00 to ship.**



The International Conference On Missions (ICOM) exists to encourage, equip, and enlist workers for the

harvest. **It is in Kansas City at the Kansas City Convention Center this year on November 14-17, 2019.** A list of the workshops is posted on the room divider in the parlor and on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Registration cost is \$40 per person or \$80 per family. **If you would like to attend and want to ride with others in your church family in the church van, please sign up on the lists provided at the Welcome Centers.**

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 - November 2019



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

COMMUNION Marita Pippin
PREPARATION: Helper - Jim Pippin

Hospitality Ministry

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

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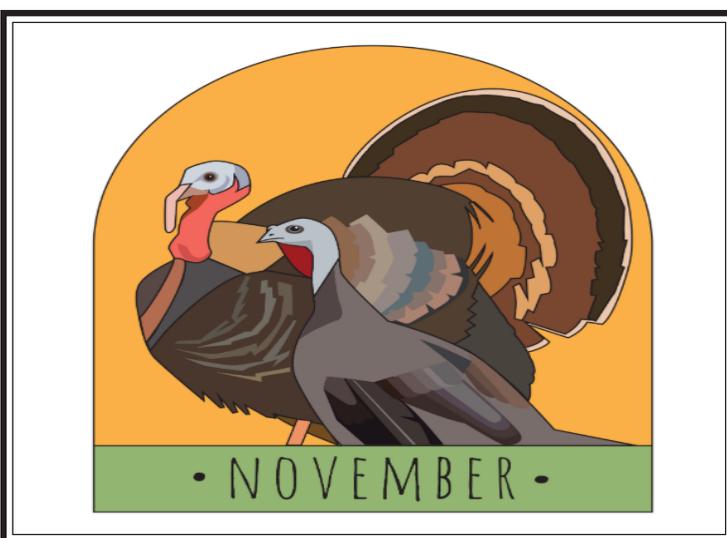
Suggested November products: Mac & Cheese, canned veggies, pork & beans, canned fruit, sugar, pancake mix and pancake syrup.

 **Leaders:** Tammy Clark
 **Leaders:** Dave Serna and Melissa Austin

CHURCH Stats

Attendance: Year-to-date Average per Week

SG	8:00	10:30	10:32	Total 3 Services
146	40	58	57	155



VAN DRIVERS

Adults and Children
 Nov 03 - Randy & Tracy Ellifrits
 Nov 10 - Eddie D. & Jerry A.
 Nov 17 - Crystal Bloom
 Nov 24 - Daniel Turowski



Join Us For Adult Bible Studies and Small Groups

Monday - Young Adult @ 6:00 pm, Church Parlor
Monday - Jones/Platt SG - see bulletin for location
Tuesday - Butterfield/Clark SG - 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.

The next issue of **THE BEACON** will be available on Sunday, November 3, 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 no later than Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

November Birthdays



11/02 Malloree Gilmore	11/17 Jay Butler
Pete Moffatt	11/18 Doris Dobbs
11/03 Justin Radspinner	11/21 Rachel Doty
11/04 Melissa Blystone	11/23 Nancy David
11/05 Darrian Hinds	Julie McKinley
11/06 Cesar Zermeño	11/25 Brandon Moore
11/10 Nathan Rorabaugh	11/26 Barbara Turk
11/11 Dalton Bates	Aubrey Courtney
11/12 Kathy Soukup	11/28 Beth Gerster
11/13 Bryant McKinley	11/29 Kay Greenway
11/14 Becky Kurth	Carolyn Lamb
11/15 Shan Lanham	11/30 Sherry Hurst
11/16 Lucas Turowski	Gail Wysong