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

Over forty years ago, I started a library with my college books. Knowing the direction of my future years I began to build upon that with more books. I included magazines that were conducive to my library collection. Then I began incorporating articles, recordings, video and more. Linda proceeded to help, too. My office library took on an existence that led to tribute and admiration (at least for me).

Then a season in life came whereby libraries became more about data in a computer program. My first computer library was slow and rather complicated. I found myself getting angry while using it. Then came the next generation of computer library. They told me that I could include it in my will for my children. It is impressive. The problem is getting computer systems that can handle its "H-U-G-E" (say it like the sports announcers) amount of material.

Guess what? The other library is still in my office. Occasionally I pull out a volume for use, or loan one out to some dear searching soul. Now as I downsize for retirement, I realize how many volumes, magazines, cassette tapes, cds, vcr tapes, dvds, and files of material I haven't used. I've also noticed the memories tied to so much of it. If I dwell too much on the memories, I would never let go of any of it. Then my library would become an albatross for the generations to come.

Susie and I got up rather early the other morning to welcome another little saint into the kingdom of God. Our grandson Evan was baptized. My son asked while we visited, "Do you have any advice?"

I commented, "remain steadfast" and followed with a verse from Colossians 2:6-7, "*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*"

I say all of this about my library because when it comes right down to it – the simple truths are still eternal truths. You will find all of them in one library volume, the Bible. "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.*" (Proverbs 3:5-6)

I would rather leave my children and grandchildren a legacy of faith in Jesus than an albatross called a library.

C U Sunday,  
Bill



**HE WAS DETERMINED TO BE FAITHFUL** even though others around him were not and even if it were to cost him his life. Daniel loved God and dedicated himself to honor the God who gave him life and breath. The reason we respect and admire Daniel is because he stayed faithful to God, no matter the cost. The result is that God did some incredible things through him. Can you imagine what incredible things God may do through you when you remain faithful? Daniel was cautious about his diet, both food and drink, to honor God. Daniel bathed his decisions and counsel in prayer, to honor God. He was diligent in prayer to the Almighty. Though his family was probably dead at the hands of his captors, he faithfully spoke God's truth and served under several worldly kings, even facing the threat of tooth and claw. And God was with him through it all. When you walk faithfully with God, He promises to be with you.

**BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULES:** that we may grow in Christ and be found pleasing to God. Two groups meet (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 (presently in the 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, so check their schedules.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME** surround us, with several extra ways in the near future, including: Operation Christmas Child, Thanksgiving Food Baskets, and more.

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**CHOIR MEMBERS:** We will skip meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup>, but remember practices Sundays at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary as we prepare *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 as we celebrate Christ.

For the glory of Jesus,  
David Rorabaugh

**2020 Radio Broadcast Sponsorship** - Sign up now to sponsor a weekly worship service broadcast. A **sign-up sheet is in the parlor** for you to choose a date that is important to you. You may also call the office at 667-3540 and we'll help you. The cost is \$55.00 per broadcast.



**Great Job!! Together we raised \$898.00 for IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services)!** This money will go to help the people of the Bahamas who are working to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Dorian.



**First Christian Church is distributing Thanksgiving Baskets this year on Saturday, November 23.** If you would like to help with assembly, and/or distribution please join us Friday and/or Saturday. **Friday we meet at 5:00 pm** for prep set-up that takes about 1 hour. **Saturday**

**morning we begin at 8:00 am** with assembly of baskets followed by breakfast, and then distribution from 10:00 am until noon.

**You are invited to the Community Thanksgiving Service. It will be Monday, November 25 at 6:30pm at the First Baptist Church,** located at 301 E. Highland St. in Nevada. It is sponsored and organized by the **Vernon County Ministerial Alliance** and an offering will be received for their Emergency Fund.



*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) 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.**

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



**The FCC Worship team is looking at brainstorming new ideas for Christmas decorations.**

If you are interested, please join the meeting on **Tuesday, November 5 at 6:00pm in the parlor.**

**Will you help fill baby baskets?** The Tree of Life, sponsored by LifeChoices, is a fun and easy way to celebrate the birth of Jesus by blessing a family and their new baby. These baskets are given to new moms and dads throughout the year. Simply choose an ornament, purchase the listed item and place the unwrapped gift under the tree. That's it! Gifts will be collected after January 1st.



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.**

