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From the Pulpit.....

HONOR THE SIXTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE which Brother Bill Platt has given to this church family. We will celebrate his years of ministry with us on February 16th with a **CARRY-IN LUNCH**. Bring a main and side dish to share with the fellowship. Drinks will be provided. A card basket and a money tree will be available for you to show some of your appreciation. Jot down some of the special memories you have from these years of sharing in life experiences.



CONTINUE TENDING TO YOUR 2020 SPIRITUAL VISION. The Lord inspired the apostle Paul to use the analogy of a soldier's armor as our guide to prepare for serving God. The instructions of Ephesians 6:10-18 address spiritual armor for protection, defense and attack, all related to knowledge and application of scripture. But I have noticed that too often, we neglect the significance of verse eighteen. A soldier must be in communication with the commander in order to know what to do and when. The commander is the one who knows the enemy, the best tactics and strategies, so it is vital that conversation be taking place between soldier and commander. Failure to do so only results in the soldier getting into trouble. Our Commander, King and Lord is God, who has given all authority in heaven and earth to Jesus Christ (Mt. 28:18; Eph. 1:20ff). The method of active communication is prayer and listening to the direction of the Holy Spirit who dwells within every submissive believer (Romans 8). The Spirit uses our knowledge of scripture and the wisdom of God to guide us through the daily battles of this corrupted world, if we will communicate **AND LISTEN TO DIRECTIONS**. Verse 18 says "... pray at all times in the Spirit..." But it is also good to "sit in conference" with no other distractions. Let us each intentionally set aside time to pray, possibly at 8:20 pm (20:20 military), or at a time that best works for you. **PRAY**. Speak with the Master. Pray. Listen for the answer God has for you. Pray!

JOIN THE CHOIR if you believe God has gifted you with a good voice. And if you already know how to read music, that is just icing on the cake! Come investigate the practices in the sanctuary on Sunday evenings. Let us help you discover your vocal range: Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass. Sound tracks for learning the various parts are provided. **This Sunday, Feb. 2nd, we meet at 4:00pm** (something about a big dish is going on later) but we usually meet at 5:00 pm. Our cantata is titled: **THIS WE BELIEVE**. Join us in declaring the truths of God.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND STUDY GROUP SCHEDULES are listed in the Beacon. Adjust your schedule to feed your soul, as well as your family's, and to help others through the middle of the week. Check your Sunday bulletins for changes.

Continue Biblical studies in your home for spiritual warfare against sin, standing with Christ.

Pressing forward in Jesus,
David Rorabaugh



Honoring 16 Years of Service!
A Celebration Dinner for
Pastor Bill!

Card Shower and Money Tree
Carry-In Lunch
(Drinks provided)
Sunday, February 16, Noon,
Fellowship Hall

SHEILA WALSH
PRESENTS

Praying Women

LIVE
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A Free Event
Wednesday
February 5, 2020
6:30pm
Sanctuary
 Hosted by *Soul Sisters*

RENEW
Women's
Conference

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 15, 2020
 9:30-4:00

with **lorie hartshorn**

**DO IT
afraid**

Early Bird \$25 • \$35 after February 9
 Church of God (Holiness) • 1607 S. Park
 El Dorado Springs, MO 64744 • 417.876.2200



Let's go together!
Great fun!
Great Worship!
Delicious Food!

Sign-up sheet for car pool or van is in the Church Parlor.

Children's Church and Junior Church
NEED teachers!! (Like, really bad!!)

Children's Church is for children ages pre-school to 2nd grade and occurs every Sunday. Please contact Sharon Webb to volunteer, or sign up on the sheet provided on the table in the Parlor.

Junior Church is for kids in 3rd-5th grades and happens on the first and second Sundays of each month. Please contact David Serna to volunteer, or sign up on the sheet provided on the table in the Parlor.



We welcome **Dustin Lewis** and **Angela Gilmore** as new members of First Christian Church.



Thirteen (13) 2020 Radio Broadcast Spots are still available! Sign up now to sponsor a weekly worship service broadcast. A sign-up sheet is in the Church Parlor. This is a great opportunity for you to support an important ministry of First Christian as well as honor someone or something in your life that means so much to you. The cost is \$55.00 per broadcast. For more information, call the church office at 417-667-3540.

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Anyone needing a ride to Sunday School or Church in our vans, please let us know by calling the church office at 667-3540 **BEFORE NOON on FRIDAY.**

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CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

NEXT

A SERIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

PREACHING-TEACHING CONVENTION
FEBRUARY 17-19, 2020

REGISTER AT OCC.EDU/PT

NOV 1-DEC 31: \$75/PERSON
 JAN 1-FEB 10: \$80/PERSON

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 February products:
 Canned tuna, canned veggies, peanut butter, canned fruit, jelly, pancake mix and pancake syrup.

