



THE BEACON

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Issue 1

From the Pulpit.....

ARE YOU STRENGTHENING YOUR 2020 SPIRITUAL VISION? Join me in continued prayer, seeking God's will to prevail in our personal lives, as well as in His body, the local, national and world church. Challenges, change, threats, failures and more abound. But so do improvement, cleansing, rebirth, transformation and **REDEMPTION! JESUS BRINGS VICTORY!** Set a regular time to pray, possibly at 8:20 pm (20:20 military), or a time that best works with you. **PRAY.** Stay in touch with the Master. Pray. Let God transform you. Pray!

I REMEMBER my first day of going to public school. I was so nervous that I was sick and almost fainted when meeting my first grade teacher. But my mother was there, calmed me down, and encouraged me. I had only visited a preschool once when visiting a friend. I had always been with family or close friends. I recovered quickly through the day and made many new, life-long friends. Anxiousness continued to creep up at school with changes in grades, buildings, "mean" teachers and other situations. But each time, I recovered, and grew.

Through that same period, I was learning more about my Creator who gives life to all of the many creatures of this world, including every person... and me. And His word repeatedly says that He has a special plan, for you, our neighbors, and yes, for me. He loves each of us so much. Emmanuel came to be sacrificed for us. He prayed for another way, but submitted, died, then whipped the tail of satan, sin and death, all according to the Master Plan! He still protects me.

I still like to get comfy in a routine (which someone has defined as a grave with the ends knocked out). Change sometimes makes me nervous and I find myself resisting. But change is what led me to give up livestock production and farm life to serve in the church. Change has led me to make friends with hundreds of strangers, to minister to hundreds of youth in church camps as well as adults throughout Idaho, New Mexico and Missouri. Change led me to find Sally and for us to be blessed with rearing two children in the knowledge and training of God. And more...

The changes we face each day will be used by God for good. Let's stick with Him and encourage each other in the adventures that lay before us. This could be mind boggling!

THANK YOU, CHANCEL CHOIR for your Christmas Cantata presentation, along with all of the work that went into preparing it. **ALL WHO CAN SING** are welcome to investigate the practices in the sanctuary Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm, beginning Jan. 26th. Our cantata is titled: THIS WE BELIEVE. Share your talents for the glory of God.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND STUDY GROUP SCHEDULES are back to normal, but still be sure to check your Sunday bulletins for updates. See other Beacon articles for opportunities. Continue Biblical studies in your home for spiritual warfare against sin, standing with Christ.

SALLY AND I THANK YOU for the many Christmas kindnesses shared with us. We are thankful for each of you and pray for God's daily protection and blessing to be upon you.

Adventuring with Jesus,
David Rorabaugh



Celebrate Pastor Bill!



Let's celebrate Pastor Bill's 16 years of service to First Christian Church with a **Celebration Dinner and Card Shower!** This is a potluck dinner and card shower for Pastor Bill. So, fix your best "carry-in" dish and join your church family for a celebration on **Sunday, February 16 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall.**

MISSIONS HEADLINES

Each month First Christian Church sends 20% of offerings received to a variety of local and overseas missions. These missions include Schrage Christian Mission, Pioneer Bible Translators, Lighthouse, Focus On the Family, Ozark Christian College, Show Me Christian Youth Homes, Maranatha Bible Camp, Life Choices, Diamond Willow, CMF - Gary Woods, and FCC's Emmanuel Fund, Elders' Fund and Yes Fund.

Out of the Meritt Missions Fund, \$50,000 is disbursed each year as requested by Eugene Meritt. At the January 8, 2020 Board Meeting, the Elders presented the missions that will receive money from that account. They include Good News Productions International, Rose of Sharon Homes of Hope, Life Choices, Community Outreach, Vernon County Ministerial Alliance, Maranatha Bible Camp, Pioneer Bible Traslators, FCC Elders' Fund, Sack Lunch Program, Vacation Bible School and the Emmanuel Fund.

If you are interested in more information about any of the missions that First Christian Church supports, there are several ways you can find it. In the Main Building hallway across from the nursery, there is a bulletin board with current letters from those missions. The East Foyer has brochures and annual reports. The FCC website has links to most of the missions. Lists of the Missions and the amounts FCC has contributed from the Meritt Missions Fund will be posted on the East Foyer bulletin board.



Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the wonderful gift. It was an unexpected surprise. Your generosity is very much appreciated.
Lovingly In Christ,
Shirley Johnson

Dear FCC Family,
Thank you for the Christmas gift. Sally and I do appreciate your love and sharing. May God's blessings be abundantly yours as you walk in His will and grace.
Because of Jesus Christ,
David & Sally Rorabaugh

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your overwhelming generosity. We delivered 140 baby items to Life Choices! The 140 items included 22 packages of diapers and 28 clothing outfits.
Thank you so much,
Jenny and Emily Ring



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.**

The Family Ministry Team will meet on Monday, February 20 at 7:00 in the Church Parlor. If you would like to be involved in youth minstry programs here at First Christian, your attendance is desired and welcome. Please join our efforts to have really good programming for our youth.



It is time to start planning this summer's Vacation Bible School! There will be a meeting of everyone who is interested in VBS at 1:30 pm on Sunday, January 26 in the Church Parlor

FUSE! January 26 - Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi youth from all around Vernon County meet at Rinehart Christian Church for an awesome night of worship and praise!! Students will meet in the FCC parking lot at 4:45 pm.



The Souper Bowl of Caring will be Sunday, February 2 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for some fellowship while watching the **BIG**

GAME! Please bring canned goods/non-perishable items for our "caring" collection. There is a possibility of a chili cook off. If so, more information will follow. Bring a snack to share, board games and invite a friend. Hope to see you there!!

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 alot to you. The cost is \$55.00 per broadcast. For more information, call the church office at 417-667-3540.

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 January products:** Mac & cheese, canned veggies, raman noodles, pork & beans, applesauce, salt, cereal.



PLEASE SAVE THIS PAGE FOR REFERENCE DURING THE MONTH




HELPING HANDS - February 2020



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

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Susan Swearingen

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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YOU CAN HELP

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



IT'S LEAP YEAR!

Leaders: Tammy Clark

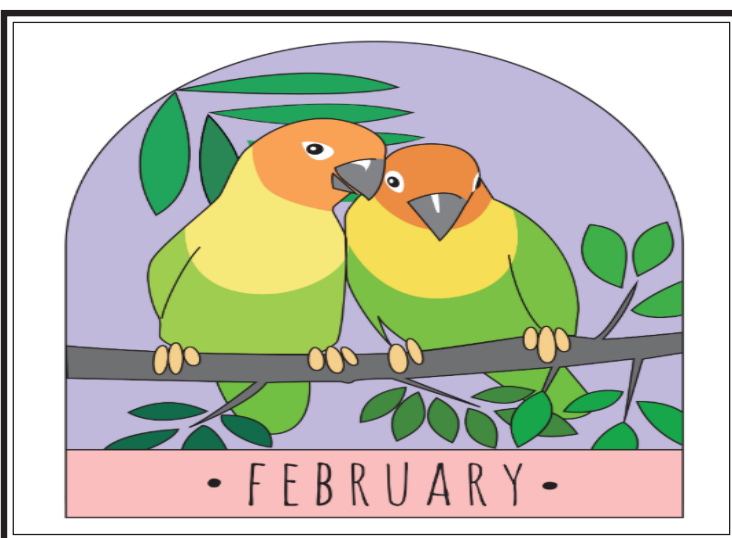


Leaders: David Serna and Melissa Austin.

CHURCH Stats

Attendance: Year-to-date Average per Week


SG	8:00	10:30	10:32	Total 3 Services
147	39	61	56	153



VAN DRIVERS

Adults and Children

Feb 02 - Randy & Tracy Ellifrits
 Feb 09 - Eddie D. & Jerry A.
 Feb 16 - Terrie Ridenour
 Feb 23 - Daniel Turowski



Van Ministry

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, February 2, 2020. The deadline for information for that issue is the prior Tuesday, January 28, and can be brought to the church office or sent to lyndaj@fccnevada.org.

February BIRTHDAYS

2/03 Doug Gammon	2/18 Delores Hurst
Robbie Knapp	Scott Ring
2/05 Maynard Browning	2/19 Cindy Worley
Sharon Knapp	2/21 Ude Mba
2/07 Kathryn Phillips	Betty Jo Robinson
Pat Schwartz	2/24 Tena Tyler
2/09 David Miller	2/25 Randy Allen
2/11 Kaylee Hawks	2/26 Vernille Cubbage
Pete Moffatt	
2/12 Marlene McCarter	
2/14 Gary Balk	
2/17 Chris Deming	
Angie Modlin	

