



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## THE BEACON

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

**WHICH MASTER DO YOU SERVE?** Jesus challenges us repeatedly in the gospels, and the rest of scripture, to daily evaluate our commitment to the Almighty God verses the weak, frail and temporary “powers” within creation. Jesus said, “*No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [riches].*” (Matthew 6:24)

The Lord goes on to discuss in the following verses how we worry and fret over how “WE” will provide for our necessities (and wants), when in reality, IT IS GOD WHO PROVIDES FOR OUR EVERY NEED (and want). Jesus commands us to “*Look at the birds....*” “*Observe how the lilies of the field grow....*” God is and always will be in control of this creation. We see a small reflection of His glory and His provision in nature around us. He assures us that we are more important to Him than this creation. It is temporary. He is eternal and He wants to share that eternity with us. Jesus conquered the grave in order for us, through Him, to live forever.



As spring unfolds before our eyes, give glory to God in thankfulness for His love and grace.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12.** We begin with a carry-in Easter breakfast at 8:45 am. At 9:15 am, Children’s Sunday School classes begin (no adult classes at this time). **WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS AT 10:15 am.** This is 15 minutes earlier than usual for worship. The Chancel Choir will present the cantata, *THIS WE BELIEVE*. Following the choir, Brother Bill will preach and we will celebrate our Lord’s victory over death.

**CHOIR:** practices continue Sundays at 5:00 pm. Please make every effort to be at these final sessions.

**DID YOU CHOOSE** 8:20 pm, am, or some other time to pray consistently? Let us all seek God’s guidance for the FCC ministries, leaders, choices and decisions; that God’s will prevails and blesses this congregation. Surrender all of your thoughts to the oversight of your Creator and Redeemer. Dedicate a specific time, possibly at 8:20 pm (20:20 military), to PRAY.

**EIGHT VARIOUS ADULT MIDWEEK GROUPS** are available for you to choose from to strengthen your walk with God. For your children, we have LITTLE TREE MINISTRIES on Wednesday evening and SEEKERGEN for Middle School and High School age youth. See other articles in the Beacon and adjust your schedule to feed your and your family’s soul, as well as your friends and neighbors through the entire week. Watch your Sunday bulletins for changes.

Feed your soul a steady diet of the Bread of Life to fight the battle in the strength of the Lord.

Walking with Jesus,  
David Rorabaugh



#### Easter Schedule

Breakfast - 8:45 am

in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday School - 9:15

Worship - 10:15

with

*THIS WE BELIEVE*

presented by the Chancel Choir

followed by

Pastor Bill Platt



Save Your Items for Our Rummage Sale

**The Youth Garage Sale needs your stuff!** The Garage Sale will be **Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2** and will be in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to start bringing donations to the Fellowship Hall after church each

**Sunday.** Becky and Kenny Butterfield and some young people will be there to help you. If you have items you cannot move by yourself, please call Becky at 417-684-7403. *No clothes, please.*



**VBS Bake Sale - Sunday, April 5 in the Church Parlor.** If you can provide homemade baked goods for our sale, please sign up in your Sunday School classroom or in the parlor. *Plan to stock up for Easter!*



*We Rejoice in the recent Baptism of Dustin Lewis and Angela Gilmore-Hammon!*

**APRIL 19th- FUSE!** from 5:30 to 7:30 pm here, at First Christian Church for all teens. Join us for an awesome night of worship and praise!!



## The Big Serve

April 25-26, 2020

A weekend of service in Vernon County

[www.BigServeVCMO.com](http://www.BigServeVCMO.com)

The Big Serve is a weekend where people of Vernon County have an opportunity to share their gifts and resources with their neighbors. We work together to complete projects such as brush pickup, yard work, mowing, painting, minor repairs, and sewing.

Individuals may sign up to volunteer by themselves or as a part of a group. You can sign up by going to [www.BigServeVCMO.com](http://www.BigServeVCMO.com) or calling 417-448-4495. Individuals who need help with a project may sign up by also going to [www.BigServeVCMO.com](http://www.BigServeVCMO.com) or calling 417-448-4495.

Please consider volunteering to serve. Please check with your neighbors, friends, or family members who may need help and refer them to us.

You can do BOTH - be a volunteer and be helped. We all have needs. We all have gifts and resources to share.



**believe**



**New Church Directories are completed!! Pick up your copy at the Welcome Center.** Just a warning - they are not perfect, so when you find a mistake, just let the office know. Also, if you change your address, phone number or email address, please let the office know. We really appreciate the assistance given by Tammy Clark, Susan Swearingen, Bobby Dade and Sharon Webb.



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 March products:** Mac & cheese, canned veggies, pork & beans, rice, mayonnaise, oatmeal, jello.



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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## HELPING HANDS - April 2020



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

**COMMUNION PREPARATION:**

**Bobby Dade**



Hospitality Ministry

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

### VAN DRIVERS

Adults and Children

Apr 05 - Randy & Tracy Ellifrits

Apr 12- Eddie D. & Jerry A.

Apr 19 - ??????

Apr 29 - Daniel Turowski



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 April products:** Tuna helper, canned veggies, cereal, applesauce, ketchup, jelly, peanut butter.

### 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.



**Leaders:** Tammy Clark



**Leaders:** David Serna and Melissa Austin.

The next issue of **THE BEACON** will be available on Sunday, April 5, 2020. The deadline for information for that issue is the prior Tuesday, March 31, and can be brought to the church office or sent to [lyndaj@fcnevada.org](mailto:lyndaj@fcnevada.org).

### CHURCH Stats

Attendance: Year-to-date Average per Week

Small Groups

145

Worship

132



April BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 4/01 John Shumaker  | 4/22 Pookie DeCocq   |
| 4/04 Celie McCord   | 4/24 Randy Ellifrits |
| 4/08 Emily Ring     | 4/25 Emily Simrell   |
| 4/10 Kevin Post     | 4/26 Daniel Turowski |
| 4/12 Bailey Edwards | 4/30 Lucy Zermeño    |
| 4/13 Keagan Cauthon |                      |
| Phoenix Deckard     |                      |
| Mark Gilmore        |                      |
| 4/15 Gary DeCocq    |                      |
| 4/19 Will Zermeño   |                      |
| 4/21 Opal Davis     |                      |

