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From the Pulpit.....

WHEN FREEDOM IS RESTRAINED: I, like many of you, are finding this period of “social distancing” and “self-quarantine” to be quite a challenge. I really had not pondered how many freedoms I enjoyed until this virus pandemic struck. I have no problems with being by myself, but when I want to “go” or “do,” I find a whole checklist of requirements to fulfill or evaluate, whereas in the past, I just proceeded.



Isolation and quarantine measures were part of God’s command in the Mosaic Law. We can still read and apply many of those directions found in the book of Leviticus; rules of personal hygiene as well as seclusion measures for contagious diseases.

Seclusion to improve one’s personal devotion to God in His righteousness is another major theme throughout scripture. Fasting, prayer and studying the Word of God are encouraged and exemplified by many of our favorite Bible characters, and most notably, Jesus Christ.

I encourage you to overcome the many distractions and frustrations that have struck our community and life style. Strengthen your spiritual walk with Jesus with personal and family devotions. Call, text, message or write to those around you. Listen for the Spirit of God to speak to your heart and guide you in service that our Heavenly Father is honored in. If you need help with something, please contact one of the church family to see how we can help.

REMEMBER: Jesus is always with you (Mt.28:20). His Spirit is in you (Romans 8). You are to SHINE FOR JESUS (Mt. 5:14f). “...for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light...” (Ephesians 5:8) Do your part to brighten up the world.

EASTER SUNDAY PLANS ARE ON HOLD: please be watching for when we will gather for a time of celebration in Christ, once the pandemic subsides. Continue to listen to the radio service (KNEM-KNMO 97.5 FM), watch the Live Stream on our church web page (First Christian Church of Nevada, MO), or look for our NEW postings of the basic church service on YouTube (later in the week, after edits). KEEP THE FAITH! Continue to pursue God through Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.

CHOIR: I will be in touch with you in the coming days (weeks?).

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, COMMUNITY, Nation, neighbors, family, and so much more. 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.

ALL GROUPS are temporarily on hold. Stay in touch through your electronics, phones, letters and social distancing. God bless your service and ministry in these trying times.

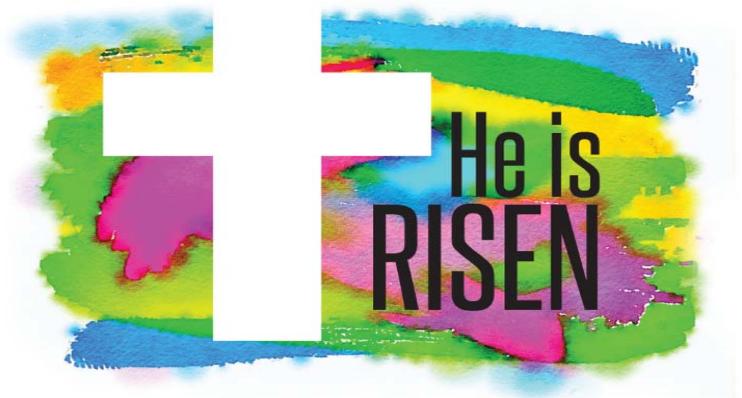
Sally and I thank you for the week off. We now find ourselves kind of in a pickle, needing to self-quarantine, since we traveled through some “hot spots.” We are doing fine at this time and are not aware of being around anyone who was sick. God is still in control!

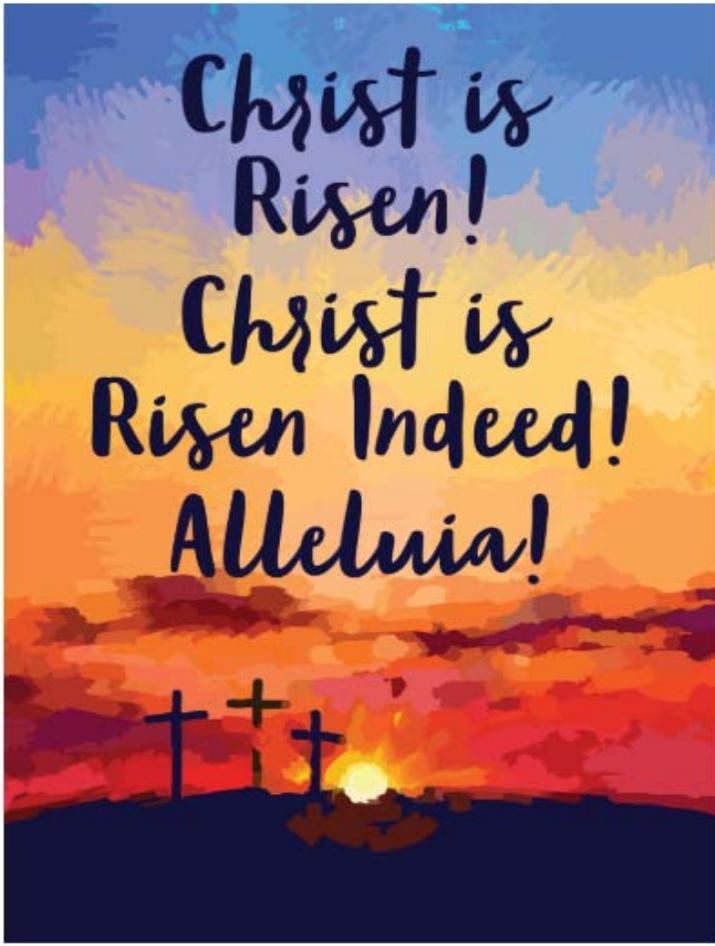
Trusting Jesus,
David Rorabaugh



All First Christian Church activities are canceled or postponed for

the entire month of April. For Sunday service, please tune into KNEM/KNMO 97.5 radio or follow the First Christian Church of Nevada, Missouri facebook page.





Puzzle!

Use the clues to complete words with various vowel arrangements. Then place the circled letters in the correct blanks below to complete an Easter phrase.

1. Brave: () _ _ _ _ _ E O U _ _
2. A dark profile: _ _ _ _ _ () O U E _ _ _ _
3. Circular: () O U _ _ _ _
4. Running away: _ _ _ _ _ E E () _ _ _
5. Savage, fierce: _ _ _ _ _ I O U () ()
6. Odd or nostalgic: _ _ U A I _ _ _ _
7. A person from the 50th state: _ _ _ _ _ A () I A _ _
8. Compress, push together: () _ _ U E E _ _ _
9. A large tree in California: () _ _ _ U _ _ I A
10. Paddling in a small, narrow boat: _ _ () _ _ O E I _ _ _
11. Upright, moral and righteous: () _ _ _ _ U O U _ _
12. Lining up in a row: _ _ U E U () _ _ _
13. Gorgeous: _ _ E A U _ _ E () U _ _
14. Precipitation: () A I _ _ _ _

Easter phrase:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	!	

Answers: 1. courageous, 2. silhouette, 3. round, 4. fleeing, 5. vicious, 6. quail, 7. Hawaiian, 8. squeeze, 9. sequoia, 10. canoeing, 11. virtuous, 12. queuing, 13. beautiful, 14. rain; Christ is Savior!

Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins
 colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
 confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
 cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

E	N	A	M	E	S	H	T	E	G	R	L	W	Y
C	L	E	U	X	B	M	T	H	B	U	C	W	B
N	R	I	K	Y	P	A	T	E	T	I	Y	X	Y
A	V	J	G	A	L	B	R	E	Y	A	R	P	B
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