



THE BEACON

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From the Pulpit.....

RESTORATION IS COMING. It may be a few more weeks, but soon, we will again gather to encourage and uplift each other face to face. But if you are struggling with some challenge right now, please phone, text or notify one of the church family immediately.

In an effort to improve on meeting everyone's needs, you will soon receive a notice from our office regarding "**CIRCLES OF FIVE.**" We are creating groups to include five households per group. We ask that you begin contacting your fellow group members to; pray for each other, check to see if there are any needs (food, health, work, projects, etc.), work together to meet those needs or locate resources to do so, encourage each other, prepare some plans to some day have a "freedom" celebration, and/or prepare plans to serve someone else in need. Use your phones, electronics, voice, or even pen and paper in your efforts to love one another as Christ has loved you.



Continue to grow in personal devotion to God through this time of distancing. Jesus went into seclusion (fasting in the wilderness) for forty days to prepare for what God was calling Him to achieve. Many of you have "extra" time which you could use to strengthen your walk with Christ Jesus.

LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK, LIVE ON RADIO, AND, POSTINGS ON YOUTUBE: We are continuing to learn from the school of hard knocks on how to improve our recordings. Our volunteers are giving their all in this endeavor. Our efforts have not been without some glitches, as many of you have noticed. Please be patient as we work through and learn from experience. Listen to live services on radio KNEM-KNMO 97.5. Watch Live Stream on the First Christian Church of Nevada Missouri Facebook page, or look up a recording of our service on YouTube (we recently began posting as: First Christian Church, Nevada, MO).

CONTINUE THE 2020 PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH, COMMUNITY, Nation, neighbors, family, and so much more. Pray for and encourage the FCC ministries, leaders, choices and decisions. God's plan will prevail as we live for Him. It may be unfolding differently than we anticipate, but our Lord Jesus will always be in control!

ALL GROUPS continue to be on hold at this time. Set a goal to read certain books of the Bible, or the entire collection, being open to the surprises God has in store for you.

Walking with Jesus,
David Rorabaugh

Opportunities to Serve During Times of Confinement



Dr. Tricia Bridgewater asked me if I thought anyone in our church who has a little spare time on their hands these days with the COVID-19 restrictions would be interested in helping with an Easter project. It was rather short notice so I wasn't able to really get the word out to many. But after checking with just a few people, I had 4 takers!!

Vickie M., Susan S., Charlotte B., Tammy C. and I, within the confines of our own homes, got to stuff plastic Easter eggs with little goodies, bag them up, and then drop them off at the church building. Trisha waited the required time before she picked them up and delivered

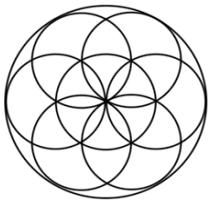
them to the kids living at Elmwood Estates. She is in frequent contact with the COVID authorities here in Nevada to make sure she is not doing anything that could threaten anyone's safety.

Ours was just one of several groups that helped bring a little of the joy of Easter to the kids of Nevada who may have missed it this year with all the cancellations and social distancing. And there wasn't just candy in those eggs, but also little reminders of what Easter is really about.

Tricia has a heart for seeing a need in our community and striving to meet that need! She and I came up with a couple of other ideas, so I may be reaching out to see if anyone else would like to help. For the most part, Tricia is providing a lot of the supplies, and using proper precautions to keep down the possibility of contamination. Also, these projects are things that people can do in their own homes and not violate the Stay-Home Order.

If you are interested in being notified of a project to see if it is something you might want to help with, please call Lynda in the office, 667-3540 or Susie at 684-0496. You may have to leave your name and number, but we will get back with you as soon as possible.

Thanks,
Susie P.



Circles of 5

During this very challenging time most of us are missing our friends, our church family, and we feel really isolated.

To help address our feelings of isolation, we have come up with a program called **Circles of 5**. In it, each household has been given five other households to connect with each week. This might include **phone calls, texts, emails, cards, or notes**. We are hoping you will try to connect with members of your group at least once a week.

Each household will be receiving a letter this week which further outlines this program and lists each family's **Circle of 5**. Each circle contains only 5 households, which is, hopefully, a manageable number.

If you have any questions or concerns please call the church office at 417-667-3540. Thank you for participating in this effort. We pray this will bring blessings to you and to your **Circle of 5**.



Dear Church Family,

I just wanted to let you know how much your prayers and support mean to me. Many of you know that I was in great pain for a while. Praise the Lord, I am happy to report that the pain is gone! Our prayers have been answered!

Praise Jesus,
Pauline Page

Dear First Christian Church,

Your kindness in our time of loss was so much appreciated. Nanny loved her church! So many of you did so much for her, including visits, cards, and phone calls. She really enjoyed talking about and knowing what was happening at the church.

We appreciate the many ladies that provided salads for us after the service. Thank you ladies!!

May God bless you and your church as you minister to others.

The family of Geraldine Ogle

Thanks to all who helped with the Sunday service!

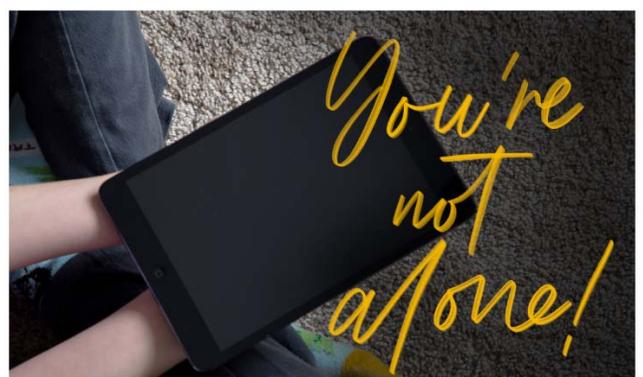
In Christ's Name
Lawrence & Anita Scott



The Sunday School teachers are gathering activity sheets and lessons to send to the children of First Christian Church. If you, or someone you know, are

taking care of additional children in this season, you may be interested in these materials as well. If so, please contact the office at 417-667-3540. Please be prepared to tell us the grade level for each child.

The Youth Garage Sale will happen some time in the future. We are still welcoming donations. Please call Becky Butterfield at 417-684-7403 to make arrangements. **Please, No clothes.**



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



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 - May 2020



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

COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Martha Waltrip



Hospitality Ministry

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

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 May products: Mac & cheese, canned veggies, pork & beans, mustard, canned fruit, pancake mix, and pancake syrup.

VAN DRIVERS

Adults and Children

- May 3 - Randy & Tracy Ellifrits
- May 10- Eddie D. & Jerry A.
- May 17 - John Copple
- May 24 - Daniel Turowski
- May 31 - Terry Jones



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.



Leaders: Tammy Clark



Leaders: David Serna and Melissa Austin.

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, May 3, 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@fccnevada.org.

All First Christian Church activities continue to be canceled or postponed. For our 10:30 am Sunday service, please tune into KNEM/KNMO 97.5 radio or follow the First Christian Church of Nevada, Missouri Facebook page.



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| 5/01 John Jones | 5/18 Don Bronaugh Jr.
Zachary Jeans |
| 5/02 Jennifer Zermeño | 5/19 Linda Kitsmiller |
| 5/05 Teri Pierce
Doug Ryan | 5/20 Ashley Dunn
Bob Eador
Mariah Miller |
| 5/06 Scott Buerge
Roy Johnson | 5/21 Lukas Higgins |
| 5/08 Don Cabbage
Michael Jones
Rick Jones | 5/23 Jason Hinds
Brooklyn Ryan |
| 5/09 Kodee Ast | 5/25 Berry McClure
Lori Richards |
| 5/12 Beverly Browning
Kari Higgins | 5/26 Wilma Starr |
| 5/13 Eldon Shaw | 5/27 Glen Noble |
| 5/14 Cody Cauthon
Lois Crowe | 5/29 Damien Austin |
| 5/15 Suzanne Jones | 5/30 Ina Lee
Pauline Page
Bill Platt |

