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From the Pulpit.....

A GREAT DISCONTENT AND ANGER is flowing through the heart of many in our country. We hear of and see injustices on many levels and our emotions can be stirred to actions, sometimes resulting in what we will later regret. It is critical that we, as Christians, turn to God's word, to be sure that we are thinking on and walking in righteousness. God directs us to subject ourselves to our governing authorities, whom God allowed and ordained

to be in place. Read and ponder God's directive in Romans 13:1-7. Pray for our leaders to make righteous judgments, edicts and declarations. Meditate on and practice the Lord's direction of First Timothy 2:1-4. Be careful of becoming Judge, Jury and Executioner (Matthew 7:1-5). God says in His Law, "You shall do no injustice in judgment..." (Leviticus 19:15a), no matter who the person may be in the dispute. We are to stand up for what is right, true and good by God's standards and for every person. But remember why Jesus Christ went to the cross. Let us thank God for redemption for those who repent from evil, submit to Christ in obedience to His invitation to die to sin, to obey His commands, and find new life as the Holy Spirit and God's word transform their heart.



Join me in reviewing God's checklists in scripture, such as Galatians 5:13-26, to reinforce the lifestyle that God expects from all of us, His children. Let us each "tune in" to the nature and guidance of God's spirit.

MEETING UPDATES: We are gradually restarting some means of our spiritual support. It is good to have several of you in worship service. The Ladies' Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday mornings has restarted. The Wednesday night Bible Study resumes June 3rd in the church parlor at 6:30 pm in the study of Mark's gospel. Sunday School and Children's Church resume June 7th. All of these settings are making precautions to allow for social distancing, so be watching for possible room changes.

We give thanks to God for His protection and care. We must continue to practice good hygiene and distancing. Respect people's comfort zones and praise God for His control over all things, great and small, including viruses. If you suspect or know you have been around someone sick with the Covid 19 virus, we encourage you to practice the self-quarantine guide.

Pray for the Elders as they seek God's lead regarding the church family. Pray for the Nominating Committee and the Search Committee, as well as the many other ministry teams.

NEW SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: We have joined in helping the Osage Prairie YMCA and three area churches in distributing food to people in our community. The program was being administered through the public schools; however, the pandemic has altered plans. If you would like to help on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from about 10:30-12:30, please connect with Terri Ridenour or Pastor Bill. Details of the program are listed in the May 31 bulletin.

LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK, LIVE ON RADIO, AND, POSTINGS ON YOUTUBE: Thanks to all our volunteers who help get God's Word into the electronic world. Our Live Stream begins @10:25 AM on our Facebook page (First Christian Church of Nevada Missouri) with a few local updates for the church family. Each Live Stream recording is saved on our FB page for later viewing. Radio KNEM-KNMO 97.5 begins live broadcasting @ 10:30 AM of our services. We are also posting (by Monday afternoon) an edited service on YouTube (search: First Christian Church, Nevada, MO). SERVICE MUSIC on the internet is governed by Copyright Law and sometimes, limitations by Facebook or YouTube. We are thankful for these tools to help connect and spread the Gospel.

CONTINUE YOUR 2020 PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH, COMMUNITY, Nation, neighbors, family, and so much more.

CHOIR AND SUPPORT TEAM: Please return your books and practice materials.

Because of Christ's Love,
David Rorabaugh

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 June products:** Canned chicken, canned veggies, soup, oatmeal, jello, peanut butter, jelly.





Photos courtesy of John Cople

The Youth Garage Sale, held May 22-23 in the Fellowship Hall was a huge success!
 Becky and Kenny Butterfield and their helpers earned around \$2200 for youth programs. Great Job!!!

Gradually....we restart our programs.

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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.**



Puzzle!

Use the word list to complete the crossword. Then fill in the numbered blanks to read God's promise to Noah — and to us.

as, and, the, day,
 cold, long, heat,
 will, earth, night,
 never, cease, winter,
 summer, harvest,
 endures, seedtime

" 13 8 13 10 7 14
 2 6 5 9 6
 3 12 6 1 down 4
 6 11 across 1 across 11 down 15 "

GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22, NIV