



THE BEACON

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From the Pulpit.....

“And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:26-28



The Bible is full of stories of how God wants to be personally involved with every person whom He granted life. Before conception, through physical life and the grave, then to eternal life with Him, our loving Heavenly Father wants to be a part of us, and, desires for us to want to be a part of Him. I believe He has been a very real part of my life. Please bear with me.

I was raised with the Bible serving as the family guide in all aspects of living. But it wasn't until after years of “church,” including discipleship classes, and sitting through countless invitation calls that I finally realized that God wanted me to make a definite choice of being a Christian. I responded immediately, obeyed in baptism and began intentionally living as a Christian, though not perfectly (Romans 7 & 8). I was going to be a farmer, but God turned a bi-vocational college plan to a music education. I returned to the farm, but God opened a youth ministry door 1200 miles from “home.” I said to myself, “I’ll try this for a year, and then go back to the farm.” But God turned the youth ministry into a preaching school for an additional eight months. As I was preparing to “go home,” friends from another church asked me to come help them. After five years with them, plus marriage, two children and tight finances, God unfolded another chapter of His plan for me with an additional part of His family, lasting fifteen years. Next, God worked through you, the FCC Family, providing a position of full time ministry, calling me and my family to serve with you. We have experienced God with you in a multitude of ways. Many needs have been met and many more have been unveiled. God is faithful in meeting every need. We know that God has a plan to meet your every need. Draw close to Him, preparing your self for God’s wondrous provision.

It has been eighteen years since this last adventure began. Now, another part of God’s family is asking Sally and me to help them. We also have family and personal needs that we are concerned about, and we believe that God has orchestrated a series of events to work His plan and meet all of those needs. We will continue to minister to you as best we can, but we ask for your prayers as we begin another chapter in serving Jesus Christ. My final day of paid ministry with you will be August 3, 2020. We will be moving to Albuquerque, NM to minister with Valley Christian Church. We still love you. You are part of us and you are always welcome in our home. We would love for you to visit us in this new venture that we are beginning. But most important, we want to see you in the ETERNAL HOME with the Father of Life and our brother Jesus Christ. We pray God’s blessings on you in your coming chapters of His life.

LET’S GROW! The gathering of the church family is so important, and it is so good to see so many of you in worship service. We must continue to exercise caution and good hygiene, as well as respect distancing measures. For those healthy and able, we have Sunday School, Worship and Children’s Church. All of the adult small groups have restarted, including the Tuesday Ladies’ Prayer Breakfast, Soul Sisters, Cord Brothers, Wednesday night Bible Study, and two small groups. All of these settings are making precautions for social distancing. Watch for possible room changes.

MYSTERY ISLAND ADVENTURE is coming July 27-31; 6:00-7:30 pm. We are scaling back the time, activities, ages and numbers of our regular VBS in order to still have an activity for our youth. Please note the announcement with major changes and requirements.

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.

MANY THANKS TO THE FOOD TEAMS who are helping with food distribution from the Osage Prairie YMCA. If you would like to help on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 11:00 to 12:30, please connect with Terri Ridenour.

LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK begins @10:25 AM (First Christian Church of Nevada Missouri) with a few local updates for the church family. **LIVE ON RADIO** (KNEM-KNMO 97.5 begins live at 10:30 AM). **POSTINGS ON YOUTUBE:** by Monday afternoon, an edited service (search: First Christian Church, Nevada, MO).

CONTINUE YOUR 2020 PRAYERS FOR ALL THINGS HERE AND ABROAD.

We thank God for His continued protection and care in these hard times. Continue to practice good hygiene, distancing and respect people's comfort zones. 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.

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

Lifting up Christ,
David Rorabaugh

Summer Food Distribution Program continues with the help of many. We

are so thankful for those who are helping each Monday, Wednesday or

Friday from 10:30 - 12:30. They include Bobby Dade, Bill Platt, Susan Swearingen, Ilene Lanham, Susie Platt, Marita Pippin, Tena Tyler, Jaden Thankamani, Ellen Brooks, Lori Richards, Rachel Shepherd and Terrie Ridenour, coordinator.

In addition to this program, this Wednesday Nevada received boxes of produce from Ozark Harvest, a food bank in Springfield, MO. The boxes were brought to Pine Street Baptist and made available to all area churches. Several people helped get the boxes to our Fellowship Hall and distributed. They include Dave Rorabaugh, Bill Platt, Bobby Dade, Terrie Ridenour, Susan Swearingen and Becky Butterfield. Thank You!!



We Rejoice in the recent Baptism of Dylan Walker!



We are having a different VBS! Mystery Island Adventure will happen July 27-31 (Monday-Friday) from 6:00 to 7:30pm for children in grades 1st - 8th. Advance registration is **REQUIRED!**

Several steps and procedures will be implemented to try to keep everyone safe in the middle of this Covid-19 pandemic. All participants will be required to wear masks. All participants will have their temperature taken each day. Each group will stay together in the same room for the entire week of VBS. Teachers will rotate between classrooms to teach the different lessons. Music will be done in each classroom. There will be no opening or closing program in the sanctuary. There will be no program for parents on the final night and there will be no pool party. Pre-packaged snacks will be sent home with each child instead of the usual meal served in the Fellowship Hall. A craft kit will be sent home with each child each night.

Despite all the changes, Mystery Island Adventure promises to be SUPER FUN for EVERYONE! Registration is open through July 12. Please contact Tammy Clark or the church office with questions or concerns.

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.



Puzzle!

After looking up each Bible passage, find and circle the location in the word search. (If a verse lists more than one place, figure out which one is hidden.) Answers can be found horizontally, vertically and diagonally.

Genesis 2:15	S	I	D	O	N	G	N	I	L	E	S	O
Genesis 11:9	J	J	O	R	D	A	N	R	I	V	E	R
Genesis 35:1	E	S	G	A	A	R	C	A	N	A	A	M
Exodus 13:18	R	A	E	T	B	D	C	D	B	E	O	O
Ruth 1:1	U	M	T	H	B	E	T	H	E	L	F	U
1 Kings 18:19	S	A	H	E	T	N	E	A	T	N	G	N
1 Chronicles 11:4	A	R	S	N	Y	O	M	N	H	I	A	T
Isalah 23:1	L	I	E	S	R	F	M	T	L	N	L	C
Isalah 23:2	E	A	M	D	E	E	A	I	E	E	I	A
Isalah 23:3	M	F	A	R	S	D	U	O	H	V	L	R
Jonah 1:2	G	H	N	O	A	E	S	C	E	E	E	M
Matthew 3:6	I	J	E	M	B	N	A	H	M	H	E	E
Matthew 4:18	T	O	W	E	R	O	F	B	A	B	E	L
Matthew 26:36												
Luke 24:13												
John 2:1												
Acts 8:5												
Acts 11:22												
Acts 17:16												
Romans 1:15												

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.**



PLEASE SAVE THIS PAGE FOR REFERENCE DURING THE MONTH



HELPING HANDS - July 2020



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

COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Marita Pippin (1st 2 wks)



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

July 05 - Randy & Tracy Ellifrits

July 12 - Eddie D. & Jerry A.

July 19 - John Copple

July 26 - Daniel Turowski



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Suggested July products: mac & cheese, applesauce, pork & beans, canned veggies, salt, cereal, and raman noodles.

Join Us For Adult Bible Studies and Small Groups

Monday - Young Adult @ 5:30 pm, Church Parlor

Monday - Jones/Platt SG - see bulletin for location

Tuesday - Butterfield/Clark SG - 2:00 pm, Parlor

Wednesday - Bible Study @ 6:30 pm, 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, July 5, 2020. The deadline for information for that issue is the prior Tuesday, June 30, and can be brought to the church office or sent to lyndaj@fccnevada.org.

First Christian Church has begun holding open services on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am. Most activities have been resumed. For those of you who prefer to take part in our 10:30 am Sunday service from home, please tune into KNEM/KNMO 97.5 radio or follow the First Christian Church of Nevada, Missouri Facebook page.



7/04 Mindy Barneburg

7/05 Amanda Blystone

Tina Jones

7/07 Charlie Perkins

Ashley Shumaker

7/09 Audra Cartwright

Aaron Greer

Erinn Irwin

Rheagan McKenzie

7/11 Connor Lanham

7/12 L. J. Austin

7/14 Eddie Deming

7/15 Jeremiah Howze

7/17 Aiden Austin

7/19 Amy Shumaker

7/23 Dick Shorten

7/25 Emiley Beemer

7/26 Travis Cauthon

7/27 Forest Pettibon

7/30 Richard Dunn

Dustin Gammon

