



# THE BEACON

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

**MANY PRAISES TO GOD AND THANKS TO TAMMY CLARK AND ALL THE VBS TEAM** for the blessings which began and continue as a result of our *MYSTERY ISLAND ADVENTURE*. Continue to pray for the harvest of souls resulting from the impact of this effort.

**THIS IS MY FINAL BEACON ARTICLE.** Thank you for the privilege of serving with you in the work of the Kingdom of God. Thank you for all of the blessings which you have shared with Sally, my sons and me. If I have offended or failed any of you in any way, I offer my sincerest apologies, asking for your forgiveness. Please let me know if there is some way I may assist in healing the break in our spiritual family.



I have enjoyed our time of serving Christ in this region. Many thanks again to all of the musicians of the church family who have shared in congregational singing, choir programs, bell choir, praise band, specials and more. Continue to lift your voice in praise and play to the glory of God with your instruments, inspiring those around you in the truth and practicality of God's holy word.

And many more thanks to all of the various co-workers of faith who helped by serving with hands, feet, talents, wisdom, experience, time, sacrifice and so much more. Loving God and loving our neighbor involves every aspect of our living: from public to private, day through night and birth until death. Let us all be faithful in serving our Redeemer, unto His return!

The Apostle Paul was facing a death sentence when he composed his letter of 2nd Timothy. There are many aspects of that letter which I pray for you: please take time to read it. And may our Faithful, Loving, Almighty God bless each of you abundantly as you serve Him in Christ.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** as I was walking past the office this morning and observing all of the VBS decorations, a couple of thoughts ran through my head. 1<sup>st</sup>: What kind of bird can fly in pairs? Toucan. 2<sup>nd</sup>: If birds were ordained to marry, which ones should? Parrot.

**YOU WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN OUR PRAYERS,** and we do appreciate your continued thoughts and prayers. At this point, we are still trying to sell our home here in Nevada, but we do have a rental which we are moving to. **Here is our new address: 5732 Valle Alegre Rd NW; Albuquerque, NM 87120.** If you ever get out to the southwest, we would love to see you and welcome you into our home. We trust that we can continue to stay in touch by other means as well. And greatest of all, let's spend eternity together in the service of Almighty God!

**CONTINUE THE CIRCLES OF FIVE,** small groups, Bible Studies, prayer chains, the gleaning and serving food, food baskets, helping each other, doing right, leading our youth, and more. We are tools in the Master's hands.

**Please continue to** exercise caution, good hygiene, and some distancing as we function as the family of God. For those healthy and able, we have Sunday School, Worship, Junior and Children's Church, several adult small groups, including a Young Adult group, Tuesday Ladies' Prayer Breakfast, Soul Sisters, CORD Brothers, Wednesday night Bible Study, and a home group. Watch for possible location changes.

**God never forsakes His servants.** God bless you as you grow in Jesus Christ.

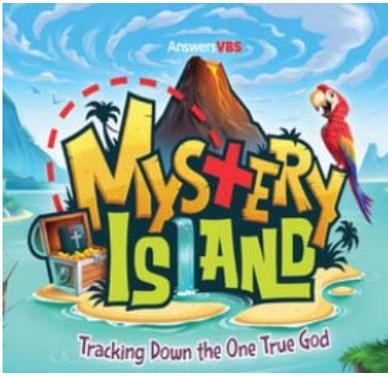
With Christ's love,  
David Rorabaugh

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.**



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 August products:** Chicken helper, canned veggies, peanut butter, ketchup, cereal, applesauce, jelly.





Mystery Island Adventure has been quite successful with about 20 children and 45 adults participating. That may seem like a small number of children, but with all the accommodations for Covid-19, including

pre-registration, it is a good number. Many thanks to all the adults who are helping with check-in, teaching, decorating and clean-up. The kids are enjoying their visit to Mystery Island and are loving what they are learning about God.



On Tuesday, July 21, the First Christian Church Gleaners (the Barneburg, Brooks, Butterfield and Richards families) picked more than 500 pounds of fresh green beans, zucchini, tomatoes, cucumbers, jalapenos and onions. Then, on Friday, July 24 they were called upon again to go out for a special pickup. This time they harvested three pick-up truck loads of melons and veggies. All of this produce was delivered to Community Outreach who distributes it to hungry folks in our community.



Say Goodbye to Our Pastor and Family



Join us  
as we celebrate

## Dave and Sally Rorabaugh's Farewell Reception

Card Shower and Money Tree

Sunday, August 2

5:00 to 7:00 pm

First Christian Church  
Fellowship Hall



# Puzzle!

Using the code, fill in the blanks to discover what we should do each day.

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Answer: Talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)