



# THE BEACON

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### From the Pulpit.....

**REGISTER THE CHILDREN FOR MYSTERY ISLAND ADVENTURE**, July 27-31; 6:00-7:30 pm. **The Deadline for signing up is July 12<sup>th</sup>**. The time, activities, ages and numbers of participants are scaled back in order to still have an activity for our youth. Please note the announcement with major changes and requirements.

**CHOIR MEMBERS: TURN IN YOUR BOOKS AND PRACTICE MATERIALS!**

**THE FOOD TEAMS** continue with helping food distribution from the Osage Prairie YMCA. Connect with Terri Ridenour if you would like to help on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 11:00 to 12:30.

**GLEANNING TEAM** has resumed collecting. Watch for the next 7:30 am Tuesday trip.

**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 @ 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.**

**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.

Our work in Christ is not finished until God calls us from this life or this world. Let us run the spiritual race to the finish line and guard against complacency.

The Apostle Paul urged the church of Thessalonica, "Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more." Then, after several reminders of the lessons of living a sanctified life and praising the church for their love of God and each other, he repeats the exhortation. "But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more." (1 Thessalonians 4:1, 10b)

When we think we have loved and served all that we need to and we need a break, a red flag needs to pop up in our mind. Does God take a break, ease up, or take a nap, saying, "I deserve a little time for Myself," or "Somebody else needs to step up and do their part!" Did Jesus only do half a job, serve only part of mankind, or hold back when His work got harder? You know the answer. Take a moment NOW to open your Bible to Psalm 121, read it and reflect upon it.

**WE CONTINUE TO MEET AS FAMILY**, exercising caution, good hygiene, and some distancing, gathering as the family of God. 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.

With Christ's love,  
David Rorabaugh



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, July 19** immediately after worship service to elect Board members for a three-year term effective August 1, 2020. Nominations include: for **Elder** - Don Andersen and Scott Buerge; for **Deacon** - Steve Austin

and Eddie Deming; for **Deaconess** - Ella Clark, Peggy Deming, Sharon Webb and Sara Turley; and for **Trustee** - John McKinley



We welcome **Sam Phillips** as a new member of First Christian Church. Welcome to FCC!!

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



# REGISTER for VBS



Mystery Island Adventure will happen July 27-31 (Monday-Friday) from 6:00 to 7:30pm for children in grades 1st - 8th. It will be slightly different in order to keep everyone safe in the middle of this COVID-19 pandemic. One of those changes is that **advance registration by July 12 is REQUIRED!**

Despite all the changes, Mystery Island Adventure promises to be **SUPER FUN** for **EVERYONE!** Registration is open through July 12. Please pick up registration forms today!

## VBS NEWS

### Upcoming VBS meetings:

**Cleaning Team** - Sunday, July 12 at 1:30 pm

**The Whole Team (Everyone)** - Sunday, July 19 at 1:30 pm

With a call from the local Mennonite farmers, gleaning has begun in the 2020 harvest season. On Tuesday, gleaners Mindy and Greg Barneburg, Kenny Butterfield, Lori and Brandon Richards, Ellen Brooks and her nephew Kendrick, Terrie Ridenour and Dave Rorabaugh went to the fields. They collected what the farmers had left after harvesting what was needed for market. FCC gleaners brought in 772 pounds of produce consisting of zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers and potatoes. All of this was taken to Community Outreach for distribution to the Vernon County community.

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.**

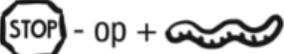




## WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

*Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.*

 + e	Water changes to _____ <span style="float: right;">JOHN 2:1-11</span>
 - k + d	Heals a man born _____ <span style="float: right;">JOHN 9</span>
 - op + _____ - w	Calms a _____ <span style="float: right;">MATTHEW 8:23-27</span>
f +  - d	Catch of _____ <span style="float: right;">LUKE 5:1-11</span>
 - ch + er	Walks on _____ <span style="float: right;">MATTHEW 14:22-33</span>

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water