

Weekly Church Calendar

SUNDAY August 9

9:30am

Sunday School - All ages

10:30am

Worship Service - Sanctuary

MONDAY August 3

5:30pm

Young Adult Group - Parlor

6:30pm

Jones/Platt Small Group - 1913 N. Elm

TUESDAY August 4

6:45am

Women's Prayer Group - Parlor (Susie P.)

WEDNESDAY August 5

6:30pm

Bible Study - Parlor

7:45pm

Cabinet/Board Meeting - Fellowship Hall



First Christian Church

Washington & Austin Streets, Nevada, Missouri

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Bill Platt, Preaching Minister

Elders: Greg Barneburg, Don Cabbage, Doug Gammon,
Wayne Jeans and Rick Jones

Elders Emeritus: Ron Greenway, John McKinley, Glen Noble

WELCOME

August 9, 2020

Susan Swearingen, Piano



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A nursery is provided for newborns to age 3.
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Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by
Joanna Perkins
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Freddie Perkins.

The latest edition of the church newsletter, the Beacon, is available for you to pick up. Copies are located in the NE foyer, the N foyer, the table in the W foyer, the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall, most adult Sunday School classes, as well as the office. You may receive it by e-mail also...just inform us of your e-mail address.

The fields are growing ripe for harvest. Spirit, continue to cultivate your fruits in my life, too.

Sisters and brothers through Jesus Christ,
welcome to worship! Turn and greet one another
in the name of the Lord.

Order of Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

SONG "Blessed Assurance" (V. 1&3) No. 144

DISMISS CHILDREN*

SERMON **KEEP IT SIMPLE** Bill Platt

INVITATION "I Surrender All" (v.1+) No. 252

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION /PARTAKING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG SERVICE

"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" (v. 1,2 & 4) No. 421

"Do It Again" Video

"How Great Is Our God" Video

CLOSING PRAYER

* Please meet your children who attended Children's Church on the top floor in the south end of the Education Wing immediately following this service.

* Please meet your children who attended Junior Church at the south end of the basement immediately following this service.

Congregation: (Everyone stands)

Prayer- Pastor

Bill: (to congregation) You may be seated. *(To leaders)* I now declare you duly installed as leaders of First Christian Church. May the grace of God be with you, and may you enjoy the confidence and loving support of your fellow members.

Leadership will scar you – but it scarred Jesus.

No Scar?

Hast thou no scar?

*No hidden scar on foot, or side, or hand?
I hear thee sung as mighty in the land,
I hear them hail thy bright, ascendant star,
Hast thou no scar?*

Hast thou no wound?

*Yet I was wounded by the archers, spent,
Leaned Me against a tree to die; and rent
By ravening beasts that compassed Me, I swooned:
Hast thou no wound?*

No wound? No scar?

*Yet, as the Master shall the servant be,
And pierced are the feet that follow Me;
But thine are whole: can he have followed far
Who has nor wound nor scar?
By Amy Carmichael*

Keep it Simple

Acts 6:7, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

If Church servant/leadership does leadership well, the history, the present and the future of our church will declare Jesus, ruler, redeemer and realization of God's Word. You may not remember the leaders, but you will never forget Jesus. That is church leadership.

The _____ [Grumbling led to the need]
(vs 1)

- **[LEADERSHIP IN A FLATTENED WORLD By Sally Morgenthaler written in 2008]** Creating interactive, personalized experiences for their customers is primary. But valuing each person's significance and pressing for engagement doesn't stop with the marketplace. Cutting-edge companies take participation to new levels within their organizational structures as well. Reason? When employees are released from bureaucracy to actually create, profits increase.

The _____ – A Call Out
(vs 2-5a)

- Needs tend to lay the groundwork for leadership. What I would have you notice is that leadership in this passage is given away and the Apostles remained focused on their leadership priority.

Church Leadership defined: 1 Corinthians 3:7-13

The _____

(vs 5-6) This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶ **They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.**

Eldership: (The elders will come forward to sit on the front row.)

Bill: Let me remind you that You have been set apart as elder(s). The title of your ministry means “overseer” and “shepherd.” Remember you have been selected by the members of this church to care for their spiritual growth and to lead them toward maturity as Christians. You will build on the foundation of Jesus, the apostles and the prophets. Knowing this, have you prayerfully considered the privileges and responsibilities that will be yours through your service as an elder?

Candidates respond one by one: **We remember.**

Bill: You continue to accept this task and commit yourself to be a shepherd, a guardian, a leader, and an example for this family of Christian believers?

Candidates respond one by one: **We will.**

Bill: You will seek the help of God, through prayer and the study of His Word, so that your service will bring honor to Him and to His Son, Jesus Christ?

Candidates respond one by one: **We will.**

Pastor and elders will place hands upon and pray.

Prayer-Recommissioned

Deacons/Deaconess/Trustees

Chairman/Pastor: (asking those to be ordained as deacons & deaconesses & trustees to stand and approach the front, then addressing the congregation)

Do you, the members of this church, having sought divine guidance, choose the brothers & sisters standing before you to be deacons, deaconesses & trustees in our congregation and to perform their ministry of service as was done in the early church?

Congregation: **We do.**

Chairman/Pastor: Will you encourage and honor them and give your hearty support as they discharge their responsibilities?

Congregation: **We will.**

Chairman/Pastor: (addressing those elected to be deacons, deaconess & trustee)

Have you prayerfully considered the responsibilities and obligations that this ministry, by which you are called, carries with it?

Elected ones: I have.

Chairman/Pastor: Do you accept the ministry of deacon, deaconess & trustee in this church, and promise that you will faithfully endeavor to discharge the duties thereof so as to promote the interests of the congregation and the cause of truth and righteousness?

Elected ones: I do.

Candidates for deacon, deaconess & trustee come forward and kneel (if able) or sit to receive the laying on of hands from the Chairman of the elders and the elders serving.

Pastor's Charge to the Congregation:

Bill: The responsibilities which these leaders are now called upon to assume cannot be discharged by them alone. They have promised to serve their offices well, God enabling them, but their best efforts will be null unless they are supported by the wholehearted and consistent cooperation of the entire congregation.

Do you, members of this congregation, acknowledge and receive these leaders as duly elected officers? If so, answer “We do.”

Congregation: We do.

Bill: Do you promise to give them the honor, encouragement, and cooperation to which their offices entitle them? If so, signify by standing.