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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Whether we leave behind a year of joy or a year of trials and difficulty, the new year reminds us that by God's amazing grace, each day is new - fresh and bursting with His love. From here to eternity.

May your year be blessed in the Lord.

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January 2020

Worship Schedule

5:00 p.m. — Saturday Night Praise Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service*
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages*

*Nursery Provided

Office Hours

Sunday — 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Closed Friday, Saturday & Holidays
(closed daily 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

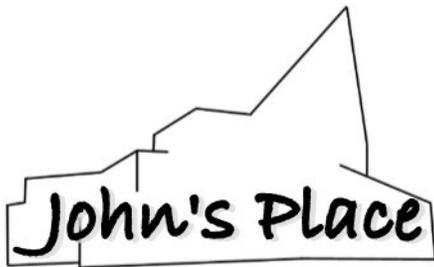
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Moses Save, Custodian



by Pastor John

As we step into this New Year, I have been very intentional about reading and reflecting on a book of the Bible that for many is very frightening and very hard to understand- Revelation. For me this book is a call to faithfulness and hope in a very persecuted first century church. Though a lot of the language is symbolic and can be seen as very dark, the message of God's reign shines through, with the ultimate message that God's love revealed through Christ will be the consuming power that wins out completely in the end.

In Revelation 21:5 we read these words: 'And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' This is a very compelling message for us as we begin a New Year. All too often, we spend far too much time hyper focused on the bad things that happen and then spend too much time pining for a past, that really wasn't as good as we now perceive it. We get lost in a world of fear, rather than stepping more fully into the realm of faith, hope and love.

Yes, we as a church are facing some struggles. Our financial situation has at times faced struggles. We will be fully engaging in the New Beginnings process very soon in the New Year to address how we can best be a 21st Century Church in Las Vegas and the

world. I dare say, it will mean we will be taking a hard look at ourselves and the changes God is asking us to make to be a significant part of a movement for wholeness in this fragmented world.

Considering God is always doing a new thing, however, I am challenging all of us to look at this world, this community and this congregation from a proactive perspective through a short list of resolutions for us as a congregation.

Prayer- Let us resolve to pray without ceasing, for the world, for one another, for the church. Let our prayers, however, not be passive, but lead us to action on behalf of God in this world to do justice love kindness and walking humbly.

Spiritual Growth-While there are many spiritual practices we could engage in, I highly recommend each of us practice *examen* daily, primarily asking the question each evening before we go to sleep, Where did I see God today?

Stewardship-Let us resolve to live as good stewards of time, talent, abilities and financial resources as we live into 2020 and beyond. Instead of solely doing a "Fall Financial Campaign" for our Stewardship, why don't we spend the whole year celebrating our opportunities to give of our best for God's work in this world.

Worship- No matter the form or fashion of worship, let us resolve to come with the expectation that we are going to encounter God and God's people without any preconceived notion on how it will happen.

Love-As Jesus lived and as

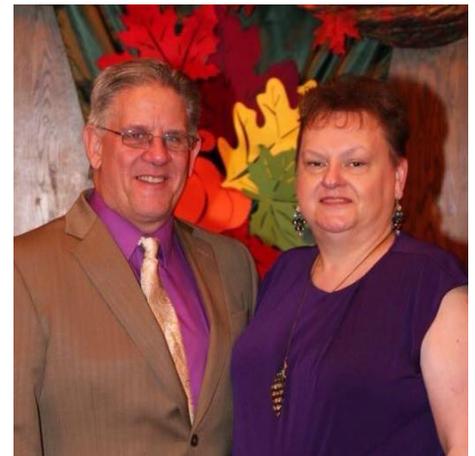
Paul reiterated in word and deed, let us resolve to live the love that believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things as a love that never fails.

God is continuously doing a new thing. We need to develop better eyes to behold, hands to reach in and reach out and hearts that beat always with the impulse of God's love, in our walls and in our world.

Shalom,

John

P.S. Ronni and I want to thank all of you for your cards, greetings, gifts and goodies during our first holiday season with you. Your generosity has been overwhelming!





New Beginnings (The Way Ahead)

In March 2019, Mr. John Derby, an Assessor from Hope Partnership, traveled to Las Vegas and wrote an assessment on our Church. This assessment included a complete tour of our facilities and property, an hour-long meeting with the financial officers, a “windshield tour” of the community to confirm the demographic data of the local area, and meeting that evening with members of the congregation.

In mid-September a group of Church members met with Dr. Ruth Fletcher, who instructed us over a two-day period in the New Beginnings process. Friday evening presentation was an overview of the process and Saturday was spent instructing group leaders how to implement the process and conduct small group sessions. Bottom line goal of this evaluation is to take a hard look at the Church and make decisions on where we want “our” church to be in the next 5 years.

Because of the timing (New Senior Minister, Stewardship Campaign, Nominating Committee, and Advent) the Executive committee decided to push New Beginning to the first part of 2020. A much less hectic time to meet and have quality discussions and meetings. The goal is to have greater than 50% of the congregation participate in these small group (8 - 10 people) over 4 sessions each lasting approximately 90 minutes. Topic discussions are Session 1 – Marks of a Vital Congregation, Session 2 – Interpreting the New Beginnings Assessment, Session 3 – What it Means to be Missional, and lastly Session 4 – Discerning our Future.

Beginning the 1st of the year in the Narthex will be information pertaining to group leaders, location and time the group will meet. We encourage each member, non-member or associate to take an active role in these small group meetings. Once the groups have been formed, the actual small group meeting will be conducted during the “Lenten Season”.

Following the completion of the 4 small group sessions, the group leaders will summarize their groups’ findings, conclusions, the way forward and compare them with the other group findings. This information will be consolidated and then presented to the Congregation for a decision on how to proceed in the future. Please pray for these leaders and small groups as they begin a period of discernment on the future ahead.

2020 OFFICERS and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Executive Committee

Moderator:	Robin Thomas
Vice Moderator Admin/Christian Ed:	Steve Corbett
Vice Moderator Resources/Technology:	Todd Rush
Vice Moderator Special Events:	Janet White
Deaconate Chair:	Mike O’Dea
Treasurer:	Louise Hassell
Secretary:	Jackie Reeley
Senior Trustee:	Patti Van Gundy
Property:	Gary Slavik
Pastor:	Rev. John Bain

Committee Chairs

Christian Ed:	Erin Jamison/Aisha Fanning
Technology:	Todd Rush/Marcus Dwyer
Member Care:	Marge Chilton
Fellowship:	Kelly Martinez/Marty Roark
Evangelism:	Jean & Tina Morgan
Worship:	Susan Corbett
Special Events:	Bessie Aguon
Historian:	Ann Phillips
Scholarship:	Herb Starlin
DMF:	Gene Reeley
CWF:	Ann Phillips

Deacons Training and Sign Up



Sunday, January 12th
after service
in the Sanctuary
see Mike O’Dea for details

UPDATES

DMF NEWS

There will not be a breakfast meeting on Saturday, January 11th, as we will be meeting at 8:00 A.M. to take down the decorations in the Sanctuary. We are hoping that everyone will come out and help.

New officers:

President: Gene Reeley

Secretary: Gary Slavik

Treasurer: Rick Buian



SAINTS ALIVE NEWS

Saints Alive brunch meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8th at 10:00 A.M. in room 3. All over 50's are welcome to join us. Please bring a food dish to share and, if you can, come early to help set up. See Jackie Reeley for details.

Game Night will be on Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 P.M. in room 7. We have fun, join us!



CWF NEWS

The CWF meetings for January will be on Thursday, January 2nd at 6:30 P.M. in room 7 and on Tuesday, January 14th at 10:40 A.M. in room 7 (right after Pastor's Bible Study).

We are still working on our various service projects, so please continue to bring in coupons, baby items and gift cards (these can be the free ones you receive in mail).

Remember all women are part of the CWF, so please join us.



Once again, I am bowled over by the kindness and generosity of our Church family. Thank you all for your generous Christmas gifts, cards and best wishes. I am truly blessed to be your Church Secretary.

God bless you all,

Gaynor

SANCTUARY LIGHTS REPLACEMENT

The property department would like to thank the people who worked so hard to replace the lights in the ceiling of the Sanctuary. These hard-working people were: Gene Reeley, Rick Reeley, Moses Save, Fred Tito, and Frank Tito.

This project was bid out to and local electrical Co. for \$ 3100.00 and, due to the time it took to fund, the company couldn't perform the work.

Based on still the need this group of people saved, by doing it ourselves, this congregation \$ 1600.00.

Great job and thanks again.

FCCLV Property Dept.



Online Donation

There is now a donation button on the church website (fclv.org). So if you want the convenience of giving from home, just click and follow the instructions! Thank you all for your generosity.

FCCLV & YouTube

ONLINE SERVICE BROADCASTS: Just a reminder that we are now broadcasting services on YouTube.

Just go to YouTube.com and search fclv or fclv stream, or copy and paste the link below into your search engine:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzQTZbO1smWIMlfUSuecMaQ>

JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>We do our best to make the calendar as accurate as possible at the time of printing, but changes can occur. Please refer to the bulletin calendar for updated information or call the church office for confirmation</i></p>			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 6:30 p.m. CWF Meeting (Rm 7)	3	4 8:00 a.m. Property Workday 9:00 a.m. HandBell practice (Sanctuary) 5:00 p.m. Praise Service (Sanctuary)
5 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30 a.m. Safety Meeting, Room A	6	7 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Rm 7)	8 10:00 a.m. Saints Alive Brunch (Room 3) 4:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting (Rm 11) 7:00.p.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	9	10 9:00 a.m. God's Groceries Distribution (Rm 1)	11 8:00 a.m. DMF Meeting (Rm 3) 9:00 a.m. HandBell practice (Sanctuary) 5:00 p.m. Praise Service (Sanctuary)
12 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)	13	14 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Rm 7)	15 7:00.p.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	16 3:00 p.m. God's Groceries Distribution (Rm 1) 6:30 p.m. Game Night (Rm 7)	17	18 9:00 a.m. HandBell practice (Sanctuary) 5:00 p.m. Praise Service (Sanctuary)
19 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30 a.m. Elders' Meeting (Rm 11)	20	21 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Rm 7) 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting (Rm 11) 7:00 p.m. Congregational Board meeting (Rm2)	22 7:00.p.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	23	24 9:00 a.m. God's Groceries Distribution (Rm 1)	25 9:00 a.m. HandBell practice (Sanctuary) 5:00 p.m. Praise Service (Sanctuary)
26 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 3:00 p.m. Chapman Concert (Sanctuary)	27 6:30 p.m. Corbett Bible Study	28 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Rm 7)	29 7:00.p.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	30	31	

Finance & Attendance Report for 2019

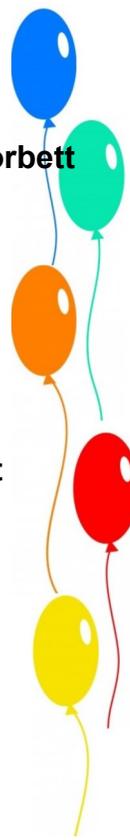
Average Attendance November 2019

Worship	Visitors	Adult Sunday school	Youth Sunday School
143	1	14	8

Finance

	Income	Expense	Difference
Operating November	\$26,475.65	\$23,613.65	\$2,862.00
YTD	\$322,264.42	\$296,872.07	\$25,392.35

Happy Birthday!



Fran Wallace	1/01
Christopher Corbett	1/04
Sandra Gain	1/04
Marcus Rush	1/04
Drew White	1/06
Jerry Sharpe	1/11
Elaine Tripplett	1/11
Ann Alexander	1/12
Sandy Mott	1/14
Perea Gergen	1/23
Cara Sanders	1/26
Lupe Nichols	1/29

Happy Anniversary!

Gene & Jane Kinnee	1/03	34 yrs
Larry & Vangeline Mervine	1/17	23 yrs
Mike & Carrie O'Dea	1/20	24 yrs
Beverly & Jim Nalley	1/27	59 yrs



in our prayers

Healing

Rick Buian
Tim Buntrock
Tyler Cowing
Frank Fite
Phyllis Holdaway
Clint Hulsey
Jim Hulsey
Lloyd Kinner
Efrain Martinez
Vince McMenamy
Larry Mervine
Sandy Mott
Krista Mott-Wilgoren
Sherry Oldham
Charlotte Overmiller
Treva Roper
Todd Rush
Deryl Skelton
Mary Wilson
Alton Aguon
Charlotte and Lane Swanson (*Louise Hassell*)
Ed Garcia (Thomas family)
Keith Bierig's daughter, Michelle
Paul Powell (*Angie Dail*)
Steve Corbett's Sister
Charlotte Overmiller's sisters
Angie & Larry Parks (Roseanna Parks)
Maybee family (Lupe Nichols)
Marta Ochoa (Lupe Nichols)

Grief & Loss

Karen & Herman Imagurs on the loss of their daughter. Sandy

Homebound Members

Jim Bilan
Chuck Gorton
Lois & Tass Hardin
Gene & Jane Kinnee
Marion Di Mario
Bob Isham
Karen Takos

Special Prayers

Morgan's brother, Robert Morgan
Keith & Donna Bierig
Selene (Kathy Mohn)

Continuing Concerns

Ann Alexander
Chris Bilyeu
Gail Connors
Tim Connors
Jack Cost
Alice Coulson
Diane Hassell
Ivan Holdaway
Valerie Melland
Jim Nalley
Bill Nichols
Jerry Schafer
Jerry Sharpe
Betty & Batrice Warrenburg
Cherylin Keister
Savannah, Harriett Buntrock's cousin's granddaughter
Helen McCormick (*Harriett Buntrock*)
Joe Neathery (*Harriett Buntrock*)
Trinity Wood (*Gail Connors*)
Lupe Quijada & family (Connors family)
Connie Henderson's brother, Ricky Clark and his wife, Be
Vikki Allen Kyger & family (*Ann Phillips*)
Judith Dudek's sister, Sharon
Bryana & Alyssa Nichols (*Bill & Lupe Nichols*)
Dennis, Peyton & Brayden Mesinar (*Dianna Menzel's son & grandsons*)
Baby Jayce (*Louise Hassell*)
Kathy Hamilton's friends: Mary Shoop, Frankie Oliver & Joe and Liz Mosier.
Jen Saunders (*George Meese*)
Torie Felton (*Gail Connors*)
Betty Warrenburg's sister, Lou Evans
Joey Decker (*Nettie Driessens*)

