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Highlights from the Board

At the March 13, 2024 Board meeting, the following items were discussed.

Church Report: Church attendance and giving were stable in February. Valentine's cards from Little Tree kids were delivered to seniors in nursing homes. Arrangements have been made for the pulpit to be filled through June.

The Worship Committee will feature special solos for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday by Suzan Gaster and Sara Turley respectively.

The Property Committee reported that the Ford van is having issues. It has been sent for repair. We will check with the plumber to find out when the repair/reconstruction of the church's Main Building gas lines will occur.

The Youth Committee reported that SeekerGen may go skating later in March. They also may attend an FCA event at the Methodist Church hosted by the Cottey FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes).

The Pastor Search Committee reported that they met with Rick Callahan from Vanderbloeman last week. Four possible candidates were presented to the committee. The first round of zoom interviews have been completed for two of the candidates. After the next two, the committee will evaluate and do second interviews. They will probably invite one or two candidates to preach to the congregation. The Search Committee was given the authority to pay to bring candidates to visit with funds from the Sharp Fund, except for any candidate that requires international travel.

The Membership Committee reported that they helped with the Jo Testman funeral and will be helping with the Easter Breakfast. The van will run at the usual time on Easter Sunday.

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A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, April 21 or 28 immediately after worship service for the purpose of voting on a new senior minister. In anticipation of an

approved recommendation to the General Board at its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 10, the Pastor Search Committee wishes to call a congregational meeting for April 21 or 28 for a vote to approve calling Tim McMillan as Senior Minister of First Christian Church. Please watch for more information.

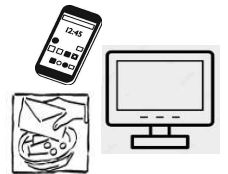


Don't forget to collect Best Choice labels to support our youth. Be sure to include both the Best Choice name and the bar code of

your grocery item. You may give them to Ellen Brooks, bring them to the church office, or place in the box provided at the Welcome Center.



Ways to Give: Online at www.fccnevada.org/give; from your phone at www.fccnevada.org/give; or by check by mail or in the offering bucket.



If you need 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.**



Community Outreach Food Pantry is collecting non-perishable food and dry goods. A box is in the parlor for your donation.

Suggested April products: Tuna Helper, canned veggies, ketchup, cereal, applesauce, jelly, peanut butter, spices.



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The Scholarship Committee reported that the scholarship materials do not mention any limits on what kind of post secondary education a student may wish to pursue. Therefore, they may be used for trade school as well as college.

The Nominating Committee will have names to nominate at the next board meeting. They recommended Ruth Fletcher to finish out Ronda Post's term as Trustee which completes in 2025. The board approved the recommendation.

In New Business it was announced that the Vernon County Ministerial Alliance will be having a Good Friday Service on March 29 at 7pm at the Methodist Church. Mike Gaster presented information on the House of Bounce. A relative uses this as an evangelism tool at his church.

Board meetings happen the second Wednesday of each month (except July) at 7:45 PM in the Church Parlor. All are welcome to attend.



*We Rejoice
in the recent
Baptism of
Luke Bowling!*

"In the Garden"

In 1912, as Charles Austin Miles grabbed his Bible, it opened to John 20. Reading the account of Mary Magdalene outside the garden tomb where Jesus' body had been laid, Miles felt powerfully that he was there. Inspired, he quickly wrote the poem "In the Garden" and later composed the music.

This hymn might seem sentimental and trite, if understood to refer to just any garden. But the song takes on profound meaning when recognized as Mary's personal encounter with the living lord.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me i am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known!



Puzzle!

Fill in the horizontal rows using the clues. Then, using the number codes, complete the squares below to read three Beatitudes from Luke 6:20-21, NIV.

- Grassy area behind a house
- Blooms that have petals
- Spring precipitation
- Puffy and white in the sky
- Soil
- Lawn
- Must be weeded and tended
- Tiptoe through these
- Baby sheep
- We need food and this
- God made this from nothing
- A sign of God's promise
- These, in April, bring May flowers

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Answers: backyard, flowers, rain, clouds, dirt, grass, garden, tulips, lambs, water, creation, rainbow, showers; "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."



