



THE CHURCH VISITOR  
A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FRIENDS  
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
307 W. Jackson, Mexico, Mo. 65265

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*Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.*

**Sunday, July 12, 2020:**

**(Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)**

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11;  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Sunday, July 19, 2020:**

**(Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)**

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### Me Vs. We

Whenever I talk about politics I try to balance things out. I try to find a point of view from both sides of an argument. Right now we have a lot of arguing in our country and it seems like some of the arguments come down to personal freedoms or sacrificing for others.

Here is the thing with Scripture. There just aren't a lot of-if any scriptures that lift up personal freedoms. The ones that do say that personal freedoms are for the sake of others. With that in mind in here are some scriptures to reflect on:

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

**1 Peter 3:8**

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. **1 Corinthians 10:24**

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. **Galatians 6:2**

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." **Galatians 5:14**

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. **Hebrews 13:1-2**

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. **Matthew 7:12**

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves. **Philippians 2:3**

Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. **Romans 15:2**

Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. **Romans 14:13**

Let us Remember as God's people we are called to build God's kingdom and not our own.

Pastor Zane

Memorials  
& Gifts

**Scholarship Recipients**  
**Kay Sterner (S)**

*S) indicates Scholarship fund*

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF**  
**JULY 6, 2020:**

Total income year to date:	<b><u>\$97,458</u></b>
Total expenses year to date:	<b><u>\$106,327</u></b>
Income vs *expenses:	- <b><u>\$8,869</u></b>
Budget needs Weekly:	<b><u>\$4,334</u></b>
Average weekly income:	<b><u>\$3,610</u></b>

We now have an updated address for **Mary Cockelreas** (Birthday: July 21st).

Mary Cockelreas  
C/O Cedarhurst Senior Living  
2333 Chapel Hill Road Apt. 111  
Columbia, MO 65203

Let's also remember **Maxine Pilcher's** birthday is today, July 8th. Her address is 1410 Westwood, Mexico, MO 65265. **Connie Pickering's** birthday is on July 28th. Although he is not a shut-in, he is currently recuperating at Pin Oaks Living Center, 1525 W. Monroe St., Mexico, MO 65265. Let's shower these members with cards to let them know we are thinking about them and since **Wilma Hase** is new to our birthday list, let's welcome and shower her with birthday cards. Her birthday is today, July 8th. Wilma's address is 1403 Arcadia St., Mexico, MO 65265.

Social Distancing Ice Cream Social is on July 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. We hope you will join us for drive thru Ice Cream Sundays and some social distance social from your vehicles in the parking lot. We hope you bring your families and get some ice cream to cool off during the hot days of July.



Vacation Bible School is coming soon with some exciting changes! Family Style VBS will be held on August 2nd, 9th, 15th, and 23rd from 7-8pm in the sanctuary. We will have a family friendly celebration worship with music, games, and stories. Crafts and Bible stories will be sent home for you to enjoy as an entire family all week long. All ages are welcomed to join us during this time of fun!

*Sara Bright—Youth Director*

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