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## FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

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### Pastor's Meditation January 2019

Happy New Year! 2019 is here. Unbelievable! If I make it to August, I'll have been at the First Church of God for 23 years! 2 kids, a building project and lots of memories. It's unreal. I can remember when I was in elementary school, thinking about a year that had "20" in front of it seemed so far away. I've now lived through almost two decades with "20" in front of them.

The world has changed a lot in the 22 years I've been your pastor. One of the biggest is in the area of technology. Mobile phone technology is light years ahead of what it was two decades ago. We've gone from portable phones that took up a small suitcase to phones that fit in our pockets and have more power and memory capabilities than all the computers used in the moon landing.

The other big technological change with phones is the camera and GPS. Data phones are great things, but with a data phone, it seems like nothing is hidden anymore. In 2017 the data company Enigma said there are 250 million surveillance cameras installed worldwide, and that number is projected to grow by 15% every year. In addition to all the surveillance cameras, you've got millions of people the world over that capture images on a daily basis. People take still shots and film of everything from birthday parties to bank robberies.

Whether we're happy about the increased security or holler about the diminished privacy, we can't get around the fact we live in a global, cameras-are-everywhere society.

The New Testament book of Hebrews, specifically in 4:12-16, says that in our relationship with God, we experience a far greater level of exposure and accountability, greater than anything surveillance cameras may see. God's Word, like a sharp, 2 edged sword, penetrates to the deepest level of our being. God's Word, "judges the thoughts and attitudes of our hearts. Nothing is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account" (Hebrews 4:12-13)

Jesus, our Savior, experienced our weaknesses and temptations, but did not sin. That means we can "approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4:15-16) We don't need to fear God, but we can be assured we will find grace when we come to Him. No part of our lives are hidden from God's grace and power. Nothing is greater than God's love. Nothing is stronger than God's mercy and grace. Nothing is too hard for God's power.

If you have an item to put in the newsletter, please submit it to Susie Hoffman by the 3rd. Sunday of the month. Susie's email address is [fcogrisingsun@gmail.com](mailto:fcogrisingsun@gmail.com)

**Sunday January 13th**—Installation of officers will take place at the end of first service and the beginning of the second service.

**Our 2019 officers are:**

**President:** TJ Burnett

**Secretary:** Alana Mellott

**Treasure:** Brenda Creeger

**Life Elders:** Treva Betts, Ron Klotz & Shirley Smith

**Elders:** Judy Worstein, Dave Hoiles & Phil Saunders

**Trustees:** Bob Walker, Jeff Adams, Roger Geyman, and Sandy Stephson

**Deacon:** Kyle Fruth & Tim James

**Deaconess:** Marlene Graber, Cindy Burnett & Amy Miller

**Christian Education:** Sandy Laborie & Robin Stearns

**Youth Representative:** Adam Rutledge & Joe Laborie

**Mission:** Cheryl Rutledge

-> Please keep them in your prayers as they serve this coming year.

The church board is still in need of a deacon. Please pray about it and contact TJ Burnett or the pastor if you have questions or are interested in being a deacon.

**January 19, Corn Hole Tournament**

Registration 4:30-5pm—Play begins at 5pm. \$20.00 Entry fee per team. Teams will consist of one male and one female \$5.00, entry fee per team for kids 6th. Grade & under. \*\* Entry fee includes all you can eat Coney dog bar, chips, sweets, and pop. Fees will be collected the day of the Event.

Prize packs...for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.



**Safety team schedule for Sunday Services:**

Date	1st. Service	2nd. Service
1-6	Phil Saunder	Greg Gonyer
	Jim Dieter	Ronda Klotz
1-13	Don Himes	Greg Gonyer
	Dave Crawford	Randy Edinger
1-20	Brad Bloemer	Pam Knisely
	Tim James	Randy Edinger
1-27	Dean Smith	Pam Knisely
	Dave Crawford	Jeff Adams



**Wednesday January 2, 5:30pm - 7:30pm.**

Safety Training Session for all of our Christian Education Staff, Sunday School, Jr. Church, KFC teachers, assistants, cooks, helpers, nursery helpers VBS helpers.

**This training is very important.**

If you have any questions please contact One of the Safety team members.

**January 12, 8:30am** Men's breakfast at Tim James house.

**FIRST CHURCH OF GOD MEN!**

DINNER IS SERVED!!! SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019. Mark your calendars, more info to follow, but you can count on delicious food and awesome entertainment!

**Health Tip – Chapped Lip Help, Skin Hydration**

What can you do to treat and prevent chapped lips? Consider these tips:

- Protect your lips. Before going out in cold, dry weather, apply a lubricating cream or balm that contains sunscreen; then cover your lower face with a scarf. Reapply often.
- Avoid licking your lips. Saliva evaporates quickly, leaving your lips drier than before. Try to avoid flavored lip balm, which may tempt you to lick your lips even more.

- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids and moisten the air in your home with a humidifier.
- Avoid allergens. Contact with irritants or allergens such as fragrances or dyes can make the problem worse.
- Breathe through your nose. Breathing through your mouth can make your lips drier.

If chapping is severe & persists in spite of treatment, consult your physician. Rarely, it may indicate a serious problem. Does drinking extra water cause hydrated skin? Although proper hydration is important for your overall health, it's not clear if drinking extra water affects skin hydration in healthy people. If the outermost layer of your epidermis doesn't contain enough water, skin will lose its elasticity & feel rough. To maintain hydrated skin, here are steps you can take:

- Avoid exposure to dry air.
- Avoid long contact with hot or chlorinated water or household cleaning products.
- Use a gentle cleanser instead of soap.
- Avoid skin care products that contain alcohol.
- Moisturize immediately after a bath or shower, or washing your hands. Do this regularly throughout the day.
- Use a humidifier.
- Wear a scarf & gloves when going out in cold weather.
- Consider wearing rubber or vinyl gloves when washing dishes or scrubbing floors, etc.

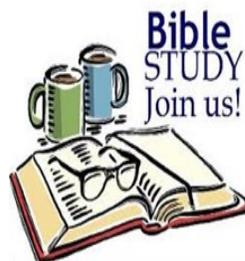
*Mayo Clinic Healthy Lifestyles*

## Praise the Lord!

We have received \$385.84 in Kroger community rewards and \$48.45 in Amazon Smiles money from January through November of 2018. To enroll in Kroger community rewards, log into your Kroger (or create one) account at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and use our code 80046! It is confidential, we do not get a list of name or what was purchased. For Amazon Smiles: When first visiting AmazonSmile, you are prompted to select a charitable organization. Or go directly to the following: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-0948399>. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization. All monies received go to our missions fund and help those in need in our community along with buying food for KFC and Overtime. Thank you for supporting FCOG!

## Kids for Christ resumes

on Wednesday, January 9, 5:30-7pm  
Please keep this ministry in your prayers.



**Bible  
STUDY**  
Join us!

**Bible study** resumes on  
Wednesday, January 9,  
7pm and Thursday,  
January 10, 9am

**HAPPY NEW  
2019  
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