



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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November 29, 2017

## “Christmas In the Chapel”

Saturday, December 2

Time: 10:00 a.m.

The group will leave the church parking lot  
at 7:30 a.m.

Breakfast at McDonald’s, an amazing  
morning of music, and lunch at Ted’s  
Garage in Clinton! You can still go with us,  
but you will not be able to sit with the  
group— don’t let that stop you if you want  
to go!!



## YOUTH SUNDAY

December 3— 9:30 a.m.

The Jr. High and High School Youth will be leading  
the worship service, and the Sunday Morning  
Celebration kids will present, “The Fumbly Bumbly  
Angels.” This is always an enjoyable service, so  
please join us for worship this Sunday!

The Celebration kids will have their **ONE** rehearsal  
on Saturday, Dec. 2, from noon-2:30 p.m. Lunch  
will be served before rehearsal.

On Sunday morning, the Youth group will need to  
be at the church by 8:30 a.m., and the Celebration  
kids by 9:00 a.m.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL SERVICE!!**

**HELP! We are in need of someone to stay in the nursery during the Worship service, as we want all the parents to see their kids. If you would be willing to help out, please call the church office TODAY!! Thanks!**

We are once again posting Christmas cards on the  
bulletin board! If you would like to give a card to the  
congregation, please mail it to the church or leave it  
on Brenda’s desk. The card will be posted, and all  
the names will be published in the SON TIMES.



**Mike Atchison (Bragg's son-in-law's brother-in-law)- had second stroke this year last Sunday morning; in Peoria hospital**  
**Jean Dethloff's new address is: Clark-Lindsey Meadowbrook, Room 308, 101 W. Windsor, Urbana, 61802**

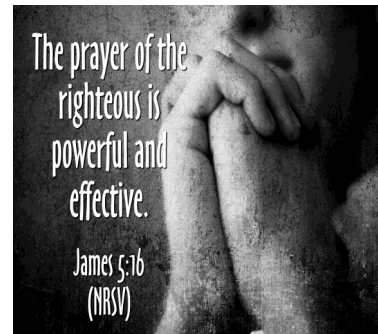
**Praise! Birth of Lucas Scotty Drum, Lloyd & Marilyn Kellems' new great-grandson (see below)**

**Dale Hubert (Garland's husband)- not bouncing back after cardiac ablation; doesn't have a doctor's appointment until Jan. 11**

**Family of John Lillard- Tom Lillard's dad**

**Lola Nowning (Sherry Mulvaney's mom)- moved to Clark-Lindsey Village, Room 215B; not doing well, health problems**

**Gene Wilhoit (Linda Hinkle's brother)- in Sarah Bush Hospital with infection and confusion**



**CONGRATULATIONS to Lloyd & Marilyn Kellems on the birth of their newest great-grandson, LUCAS SCOTTY DRUM, born on November 22. Lucas weighed in at 6 lbs. and was 19" long. His parents are Dustin & Samantha Drum. Best wishes to this family on their new addition!**

### READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

December 1-7

December 1	I Corinthians 9-11	December 5	II Corinthians 5-9
December 2	I Corinthians 12-14	December 6	II Corinthians 10-13
December 3	I Corinthians 15-16	December 7	Acts 20:1-3; Romans 1-3
December 4	II Corinthians 1-4		

### **ATTENDANCE- November 26, 2017**

<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Celebration</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>SMC (Age 3-1st Grade)</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>King's Kids (Gr. 2-5)</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>November Average: 132</b>		<b>Grades 6-8</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>High School</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Offering</b>		<b>Blessed Believers</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Spendable</b>	<b>\$3086.00</b>	<b>Ambassadors</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Missions</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>The Fellowship</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>Chosen Ones</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Benevolence</b>	<b>860.25</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4076.25</b>	<b>November Average:</b>	<b>92</b>

**Choices Pregnancy & Health Baby Bottle Fundraiser: \$440.68**  
**(from our congregation- THANK YOU!)**

## **Book Signing!**



**Jean Forsythe will have an Open House/ Book Signing on Friday, Dec. 1, from 3-6:30 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at her home at 108 E. Madison St., Philo. Her book, The Rainbow in Every Storm, is an inspirational book, with beautiful photos by Steve Summers. Everyone is welcome to this special event!**

# Youth stuff

**The KING'S KIDS Sunday School class (taught by Sarah Cannon) will have their Christmas party during the Sunday School hour this Sunday, December 3. You won't want to miss this fun time!!**

## **VILLA GROVE JR. HIGH HONOR ROLL**

**Brandon Kelly, Dalton Logan, Madison Logan, Logan Lillard, Sabrina Wehrheim, Riley White, Chloe Reardon**

## **VILLA GROVE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL**

**Madeline Shunk, Samantha Trinkle, Sydney Eisenmenger, Samuel Reno, Kathryn Eisenmenger, Erin Shunk, Logan Wehrheim**

## *For Our Ladies*



### Friday, December 1

This is our regular “work day” at Pleasant Meadows Senior Living. However, this time the group will be wrapping Christmas gifts for the residents. If you would like to go and help, be at the church before 8:00 a.m. on Friday!

### Thursday, December 14

Women’s Christian Fellowship will be delivering Christmas gifts to our nursing home and assisted living residents. The bus will leave at 9:00a.m. We will be stopping for lunch at Yoder’s in Arthur. If you would like to go, please call Brenda at the church (832-5231) or Judi Lock (832-9498).



## Tradition or Gospel 11/28/2017

Millions of people celebrated Thanksgiving last week. TIME magazine stated that an estimated 45 million turkeys were eaten. What do you really know about Thanksgiving?

The website [www.History.com](http://www.History.com) offers many facts regarding the 102 Pilgrims who left Plymouth, England in Sept 1620, and landed near the tip of Cape Cod, Massachusetts after a 66-day trip. The hardships they faced, and how they survived is a remarkable bit of history. What you might not realize is... Thanksgiving did not start with the Pilgrims.

*Although the American concept of Thanksgiving developed in the colonies of New England, its roots can be traced back to the other side of the Atlantic. Both the Separatists who came over on the Mayflower and the Puritans who arrived soon after brought with them a tradition of providential holidays—days of fasting during difficult or pivotal moments and days of feasting and celebration to thank God in times of plenty.*

*As an annual celebration of the harvest and its bounty, moreover, Thanksgiving falls under a category of festivals that spans cultures, continents and millennia. In ancient times, the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans feasted and paid tribute to their gods after the fall harvest. Thanksgiving also bears a resemblance to the ancient Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot. Finally, historians have noted that Native Americans had a rich tradition of commemorating the fall harvest with feasting and merrymaking long before Europeans set foot on their shores.*

It is easy to believe traditions rather than discover the gospel truth. The prophet Jeremiah was told (Jeremiah 5:1) to search Jerusalem for one person who “seeks the truth.” If he could find one, God would spare the city. Sadly, not one could be found. Instead the Israelites believed the traditions and lies the false priests taught them. Be that one person who “seeks the truth!” You will only find truth in Jesus Christ.

## Mike

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MORNING WORSHIP	9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL	11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY MORNING CELEBRATION (Age 4-5th Grade)	9:30 A.M.
JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP (12/17)	5:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (12/17)	6:00 P.M.
CELEBRATION CHOIR	6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY (11/29, 12/6)	7:00 P.M.