



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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October 30, 2018

November



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you head for bed on Saturday night. If you don't, you'll be REALLY early for church on Sunday!!

FCC THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 4

12:15 p.m.- Fellowship Hall

Plan to attend & invite a friend!

Turkey, ham and beverages are provided- bring side dishes/desserts to share and your own table service.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 18

7:00 p.m.- First Christian Church

Lenny Summar, minister at the Camargo United Methodist Church will be speaking.

Everyone is invited!

FCC's 2018 "In Thanks-giving" project is to help Oblong Children's Christian Home with their new satellite home in Fairfield. We would like to donate eight headboards to accompany eight beds (donated by Slumberland), and four chests for the bedrooms for 8 girls. The total amount needed is \$1,190.00. We will be collecting now through November 11. We are also collecting desk items- pencils, pens, holders, stationery, stamps, coloring books, small lamp or other items you might think of.

Thank you for your generosity!

"Christmas In the Chapel"

Lincoln Christian University

Saturday, December 1

10:00 a.m.

We'll leave the church at 7:30 a.m., have breakfast at McDonald's in Clinton, experience an amazing morning of music, then lunch at Ted's Garage in Clinton. We have room for 14 (and one driver) in the church van, so see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board! Cost for the tickets is \$12 for adults and \$6 for school-age kids (K-12). Checks should be made out to "First Christian Church."

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Romans 12:1-2

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Family of Ken Dugan- visitation is tonight from 4:30-7:30pm at Morgan Memorial Home, Savoy
Funeral is Wednesday at 11:00am at the church
Robbie Ernst (Frances Dowler's sister-in-law)-
foot surgery postponed; she fell and broke her wrist

Jim & Faye Morgan (Greg Ritter's stepfather and mother)- Jim has dementia

Lois Naddy- hip replacement surgery Nov. 13

Barb Watson- bad reaction to an injection

Election on November 6



If anyone would like to buy one of my inspirational gift books, *THE RAINBOW IN EVERY STORM*, I would like to let you know that between now & Thanksgiving, I have a special Early Buyer Discount. Instead of \$25, you can purchase a book for yourself or for a gift for only \$20. You can call me at 684-2095 or email me at ja4sythe@yahoo.com, if you are interested. Thanks!

Church  Cookbooks

The last of the church cookbooks are at the south door of the church. If you've been waiting to pick one up, better do it quick! The books are free. However, donations are welcome!



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5:00 p.m.- Jr. High Youth Group

6:00 p.m.- High School Youth Group

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Auditorium	108
Nursery	4
Celebration	21
TOTAL	133
Oct. Average	123

OFFERING	\$4770.85
Spendable	\$3434.60
Worship (coffee)	9.00
Missions	
(In Thanks-giving)	830.00
Benevolence	497.25

Sunday School

Nursery	3
SMC (Age 3-1st Grade)	5
King's Kids (Gr. 2-5)	11
Grades 6-8	8
High School	8

Blessed Believers	17
Ambassadors	7
The Fellowship	29
Chosen Ones	8
TOTAL	96
October Average:	93

Living in a Tent World
October 30, 2018

2 Corinthians 5:1 - For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.



This week, the church deeply mourned the death of one of our church leaders. Ken Dugan fought a valiant battle against heart and lung issues. He passed in the early hours of October 29th. During the year, Ken and I shared the reading of a book called The Book of Mysteries by Jonathan Cahn. Each page is a devotional thought from a Jewish perspective. In the devotion titled, "The Tent World," the author reminds us that the Old Testament Israelites lived in a tent world because tents were easy to transport as they journeyed to the Promised Land.

"This life," he said. "Everything in this world is temporary. It's not the place in which we stay. It's the place through which we journey. We pass through this world. It isn't our home. It's the tent world. And all of us are just campers. Everything in this world changes, every circumstance, every experience, every stage of life... they're all tents. We dwell in one tent for a season, and then move on to another. Your childhood was a tent in which once you dwelt and then you moved on. Your good times, your bad times, your successes and failures, your problems, your joys and sorrows, your adulthood, your old age... they're all just tents. Even your physical being, even that's a tent, temporary and always changing. The very frailty of it all is a reminder that we are only journeying through. So, in every way, no matter what happens in this world or in your life, never forget that YOU ARE NOT HOME... you're only journeying through. Keep your eyes focused on the destination. The Promised Land."

Mike

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MORNING WORSHIP	9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL	11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY MORNING CELEBRATION	9:30 A.M.
(Age 4-5th Grade)	
YOUTH GROUP (November 4, 18)	5:00/6:00 P.M.
CELEBRATION CHOIR	6:00 P.M.
BIBLE STUDY- Wednesday	7:00 P.M.