



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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April 21, 2020



****The CHRISTIAN STANDARD/LOOKOUT from April is available at the church. If you would like one, call or email the church, and we will mail one out to you.**

****The communion sets that we have been bringing to your homes are unavailable- they are backordered. Everyone will need to improvise this week. Hopefully, they will come in soon.**

Congratulations to Raeanna & Marissa Boyer, who were both on the East Prairie Honor Roll for the third quarter. Great job, girls!!



Thank you to FCC for your prayers, calls, cards and texts for the last three months, as Ethel was in failing health and through her passing; keep her family in your prayers as they mourn.

MARGARET BLACK

Family of Ethel Harville- Margaret Black's sister

Tom Kaeb (Deanne Rothermel's cousin)- home, on oxygen, recovering from COVID-19 and pneumonia; is weak because of cancer treatments

Angie Sinkes (Stephen Sinkes' mom)- Praise! Had tumor surgery and the tumor is gone; keep Angie in your prayers as she awaits radiation





Staying in Love 4/21/2020



The story is told of a construction worker sitting down for his lunch break. As he opened his lunch box he whined, "I can't believe it, a bologna sandwich again. Every day! Same thing! I'm sick of bologna sandwiches." His co-worker replied, "Well, why don't you ask your wife to make you another type of sandwich." The man replied, "You don't understand. I make my own lunch." It is true, we are responsible for most of the baloney in our life.

One area where the baloney seems to be quite thick is in the area of having a long-lasting, loving relationship. Internet "experts" with thousands of ideas on how to keep love alive are everywhere. One person offered this axiom; *God created us with the ability to choose who we would love. Therefore, choose your love carefully and then love your choice unconditionally.*

That is not only sage advice. It is also Biblical advice. Unconditional love is scriptural. But it isn't natural. It doesn't always feel good, and it isn't always pristine. In fact, it is often messy and requires tremendous mercy, grace, forgiveness and patience. Jesus taught his disciples **Luke 6**, *What good is it to love those that love you or do good to those that do good to you or lend to those that will pay you back. Even sinners do that much. Rather you are to be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful.*

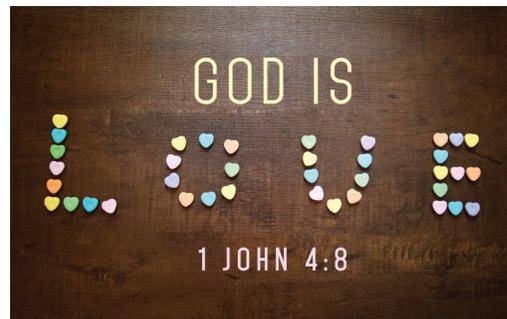
Unconditional love is costly. **1 John 3:16** *"This is what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. This is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our heart condemns us.*

No baloney... Emotional love will fail us. Godly love, the kind God wants us to have for one another, is a choice that springs from the choice to be a disciple of Jesus first.

Mike

April 19, 2020

OFFERING TOTAL	\$5007.00
Spendable	\$4957.00
Benevolence	50.00



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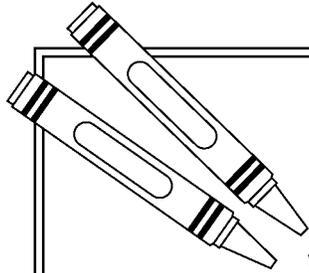
Elders:

Elmer Decker Steve Lacine
John Dilliner Chad Reno
Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

No services at the church building on April 26.
No Shut-in Communion (Assisted living facility is closed.)
Elder-On-Call for April: ELMER DECKER (832-8589)
Mission of the Week: OBLONG CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN HOME
Oblong, Illinois
Amy Kemp, Exec. Director of Operations

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

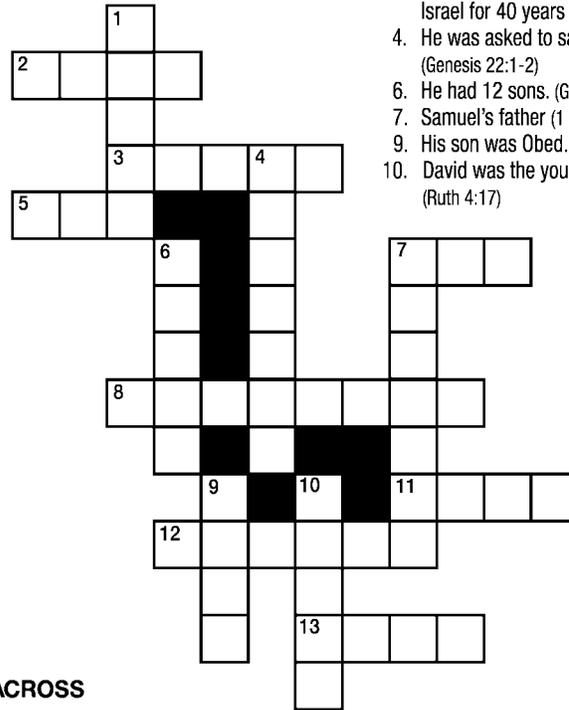
John & Shirley Waldrop
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Just for KIDS

FATHERS IN THE BIBLE

God plans for our fathers to play important parts in our lives. Fill in the puzzle squares with names of important fathers from the Bible. Use the clues and verse references below to help.



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1. King Solomon's father, who ruled over Israel for 40 years (2 Samuel 5:4)
4. He was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac. (Genesis 22:1-2)
6. He had 12 sons. (Genesis 35:22)
7. Samuel's father (1 Samuel 1:19-20)
9. His son was Obed. (Ruth 4:21)
10. David was the youngest of his 8 sons. (Ruth 4:17)

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2. His 3 sons helped him build an ark. (Genesis 6:10)
3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away the birthright of his older son Esau. (Genesis 27:30)
5. The Father of our Lord (Ephesians 1:3)
7. His sons were not like Samuel. They were wicked. (1 Samuel 2:12).
8. David's best friend and father of Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:6)
11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (Genesis 4:25)
12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus. (Matthew 1:20-21)
13. Father of Jonathan, he was chosen by the people as the first king of Israel. (2 Samuel 9:6)

Puzzle!

Search in all directions to find these words from the first seven chapters of Proverbs.

WORD LIST: covenant, delight, discipline, evil, father, fool, forsake, fountain, fruit, heart, honest, humble, insight, listen, Lord, love, neighbor, path, pleasant, poverty, protect, rebuke, sleep, son, teaching, tongue, walk, wisdom, youth



ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE