



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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July 14, 2020



**BACK-TO-
SCHOOL**
Project

It's time to think about school again! We will have collection cans for the Back-to-School Project at both doors each Sunday in July. The Back-to-School Project provides school supplies for students in Villa Grove schools. Thank you from the students and the Back-to-School Project Committee!

SARAH CANNON

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Family of Steve Goodwin- Nancy Jackson's nephew

Steve Lacine's Amish friend has asked for prayers for an Amish family in Pennsylvania, whose 18-year old daughter was abducted

Sandy Mast (friend of Bob & Frances Dowler)- off the COVID ventilator, healing well

Family of Lola Nowning- Sheryl Mulvaney's mom; her funeral is Wednesday

Lois Nussell (Edna Waldrop's sister)- four weeks in isolation, still testing positive for COVID-19 with no symptoms

Larry Stoval (friend of Bob & Frances Dowler)- cancer surgery on July 16

Jim Waldrop (Joyce Ritter's brother)- low blood count; had upper GI testing on Monday

Barb Watson- will be having an MRI on brain; also has numbness in her right foot

ATTENDANCE
7-12-2020

9:30 A.M. Service: 38
11:00 A.M. Service: 38
TOTAL: 76

OFFERING
7-12-2020

Spendable: \$4116.00
TOTAL: \$4116.00



With Respect to Summer Vacations **7/14/2020**

It generally happened in July. Five children, two parents and a couple of dogs would pile into the red and white Volkswagen van and take to the open road for a summer vacation. We usually had a pile of stuff packed on the roof on a couple of metal luggage racks, which were covered by a green, canvas tarp, and tied securely with nylon rope. Tent, poles, sleeping bags, cots, coolers, water containers, cook stove, pillows, suitcases, road games, books, maps and snacks were crammed into every inch of the vehicle, and off we went.

Looking back, I can see now why my mom hated camping. So much work. This was no vacation for her. Financially, we traveled on a shoestring. But, travel we did. And we got to see some amazing parts of this incredible country. The destinations were fantastic. The journey to get there, not so much. We stayed in places that probably weren't real campgrounds. We left our dog at a gas station. We argued and fought. We backed into trees, broke tent poles, blew up car tires, ruined an engine, bought hundreds of bags of ice, and probably had items blow off the top of the van.

What began with excitement soon degenerated into whines of "Are we there yet?" and the inevitable, "Mom, tell her to stop touching me." Just when we began to question the sanity of the whole venture, we would see signs that our destination was close. The enthusiasm built again. The trek was almost complete!

Our spiritual journey is similar. We are born into Christ and begin to live for Him full of anticipation. However, we soon degenerate into fights with other believers, whining about how unfair things are and how bored we are. We are even tempted to "Turn this car around and go back home!" But we don't. We persevere. As we draw close to the goal of our faith, we rebuild eagerness. We are almost to our spiritual objective. The hope of our faith. The promise of eternity with God. What a day of rejoicing that will be.

Mike



Ruby Smith (Brad Smith's mother) will be turning 101 on July 25! Maryanna would like to "shower" her with cards for this special day. If you would like to send Ruby a card, the address is: Ruby Smith, c/o Brad Smith, P.O. Box 218, Hindsboro, IL 61930.

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Elders:

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

Services at the church building on July 19- 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Greeters: JOHN DILLINER & JOE ROTHERMEL (9:30 a.m.)
 DAVE SHUNK & STEVE LACINE (11:00 a.m.)
No Shut-in Communion (Assisted living facility is closed.)
Elder-On-Call for July: JOHN DILLINER (621-9807)

**Mission of the Week: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON MISSIONS (ICOM)**

Clayton, Indiana
David Empson, Executive Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Ken & Awanda Heyen
The Villas of Holly Brook
68 E. Airport Rd., Apt. #8
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Puzzle!

Use the clues to discover these four-letter answers. When read from top to bottom, the first letters reveal a phrase related to the children of Israel's wilderness experience.



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1. Camping shelter _____
2. To track wild game _____
3. Home to Adam and Eve _____
4. Middle Eastern tree _____
5. A form of precipitation _____
6. To follow commands _____
7. Martha's sister _____
8. A false god _____
9. Israel's first king _____
10. Valley in 1 Samuel 17 _____
11. Unable to hear _____
12. Smaller than an ocean or sea _____
13. Jezebel's husband _____
14. Mount climbed by Moses _____
15. Morning's light _____

ANSWER IN NEXT WEEK'S
SON TIMES

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

Puzzle!

After looking up each Bible passage, find and circle the location in the word search. (If a verse lists more than one place, figure out which one is hidden.) Answers can be found horizontally, vertically and diagonally.

- Genesis 2:15
- Genesis 11:9
- Genesis 35:1
- Exodus 13:18
- Ruth 1:1
- 1 Kings 18:19
- 1 Chronicles 11:4
- Isaiah 23:1
- Isaiah 23:2
- Isaiah 23:3
- Jonah 1:2
- Matthew 3:6
- Matthew 4:18
- Matthew 26:36
- Luke 24:13
- John 2:1
- Acts 8:5
- Acts 11:22
- Acts 17:16
- Romans 1:15

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