



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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August 11, 2020

Judi Berry (Naddy's neighbor)-had a major stroke, is in Carle Hospital

Harper Gaston- accident on 4-wheeler, has a broken arm; is recovering

Tom Lillard- had a long surgery on August 5 (9:39am-11:45pm), surgery went great! He's off the ventilator and talking; having some trouble swallowing and is being evaluated; vitals are good, pain under control

Lois Nussell (Edna Waldrop's sister)- out of isolation and is back in the nursing home

Rowan (Glenda Case's great-nephew)- is 15 years old, has a tumor on his pituitary gland; lives in Lebanon, IN, and is great-grandson of Ruth Ann Myers, Glenda's sister



Women's Christian Fellowship
Thursday, August 13
6:30 p.m.

**All ladies are asked to bring
their favorite devotion book
to the WCF meeting.**

Please join us!!

ATTENDANCE
8-9-2020

9:30 A.M. Service: 29
11:00 A.M. Service: 35
TOTAL: 64

OFFERING
8-9-2020

Spendable: \$2188.00
TOTAL: \$2188.00

“We Didn’t Start the Fire”
8/11/2020

In July of 1989, Billy Joel composed a song entitled, “We Didn’t Start the Fire.” In the song, Joel lists celebrities, political leaders, fictional characters, world leaders, movie stars, sports heroes, famous attractions and even ideologies from the 1940’s to the 1980’s. Some were positive, some controversial, some repulsive. The chorus goes, **“We didn’t start the fire. It was always burning since the world’s been turning. We didn’t start the fire. No, we didn’t light it. But we tried to fight it.”**

Wikipedia says that: *Joel got the idea for the song when he had just turned 40. He was in a recording studio and met a 21-year-old friend of Sean Lennon who said, "It's a terrible time to be 21!" Joel replied to him, "Yeah, I remember when I was 21 – I thought it was an awful time and we had Vietnam, and y'know, drug problems, and civil rights problems and everything seemed to be awful." The friend replied, "Yeah, but it's different for you. You were a kid in the fifties, and everybody knows that nothing happened in the fifties." Joel retorted, "Wait a minute, didn't you hear of the Korean War or the Suez Canal Crisis?"*

Every generation has their own crisis, wars, conflicts and “fires” to try to put out. Billy Joel is correct in asserting that these *fires* have been burning since the beginning. Satan lit the fire of doubt, division and deception in the hearts of Adam and Eve. He fanned the flame in Cain who killed Abel. He is still fanning the flame today as people hate, rebel, condemn, and spew vitriolic rhetoric against each other. This fire will not go out until the day God redeems His creation, and tosses Satan into the sea of eternal fire, along with everyone who refuses to believe in God. What can Christians do? Embody Christ to a world lost in darkness. Fight the fire in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Services at the church building on August 16- 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
No Shut-in Communion (Assisted living facility is closed.)
Greeters: 9:30am Dilliner/Rothermel
11:00am D. Shunk/Lacine
Elder-On-Call for August: CHAD RENO (377-9538)
Mission of the Week: Ministerial Association
Villa Grove, Illinois
Villa Grove & Camargo ministers

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS
Sherrill Shunk
Mattoon Health Care Center
2121 S. 9th St.
Mattoon, IL 61938



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



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| school | — ○ — — — |
| paper | — ○ — |
| wisdom | — — ○ — |
| read | — — — ○ |
| play | — — — — — |
| learn | ○ — — — — |
| grow | — ○ — — — — |
| pencils | — — — — — |
| pray | — ○ — — |
| art | — — — — — |
| student | — — — ○ — — |
| kids | — — ○ — — — — |
| apple | — — ○ — — — |

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

ANSWER IN NEXT WEEK'S SON TIMES

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: Talk to God and listen for God. “Be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10)