



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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August 4, 2020



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!!



Mariah Golightly (Lloyd & Marilyn Kellems' granddaughter)-
ran away from home in April; prayers for her safety and
that she can reconnect with her family
Beverly Heflin- has been moved to Tuscola Health Care
Center (1203 Egyptian Trail, Tuscola, IL 61953)- she will be
in quarantine until August 17, and would love to receive a
card!
Tom Lillard- surgery will be Wednesday, August 5
Kate Shunk- home from hospital, recovering
Sherrill Shunk- new address: Mattoon Health Care Center,
2121 S. 9th St., Mattoon, IL 61938

ATTENDANCE
8-2-2020

9:30 A.M. Service: 36
11:00 A.M. Service: 31
TOTAL: 67

OFFERING
8-2-2020

Spendable: \$4030.00
Benevolence: 10.00
TOTAL: \$4040.00



Called to be Great Followers **8/4/2020**

Have you ever stood in the “Self-Help” section of a bookstore? With a book you can master everything from Accounting to Zoology. One topic was glaringly missing. “How to be a Great Follower.” There were dozens of books on Leadership, but not one on Followership.

Our world does not value being a follower. We want our voice to be heard. We want to be in front, stand out from the crowd and be in control. We are challenged to be independent and make our own path, to take charge and blaze the trail. Being a great follower just doesn’t resonate with today’s culture.

It truly resonated with Jesus, though. Twenty-two times in the gospels Jesus gave the command to “**Follow me.**” Guess how many times Jesus called his disciples to be a leader, a master, ruler or lord? None. Why? Because there is only one leader, only one head to the body, only one ruler, Master and Lord. We are called to be great followers.

In **Matthew 8:20-22** Jesus is speaking to a man who claimed he wanted to be Jesus’ disciple. However, he had to bury his father first. Was Jesus uncaring when he said, “Let the dead bury their dead. You follow me.” No. Rather, Jesus is reminding us all that people who follow Christ have a life that transcends human existence.

Being a follower takes precedence over everything. When you follow Jesus, He will make you a leader. His words to his disciples prove that. “**Follow me and I will make you a fisher of men.**” Following comes first, leadership comes later. And, you don’t learn how to lead from a self-help book. You trust Jesus... and, as His follower, He will make you into the leader He needs.

Mike

Thanks to all who donated to the Back-to-School Project. You donated \$538. Together we represent God’s generosity to all of us, and show our support for our school. The students and their families appreciate your giving spirit.

SARAH CANNON



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Elders:

Elmer Decker

Steve Lacine

John Dilliner

Chad Reno

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

Services at the church building on August 9- 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

No Shut-in Communion (Assisted living facility is closed.)

Elder-On-Call for August: CHAD RENO (377-9538)

Mission of the Week: Choices Pregnancy & Health

Charleston, Illinois

Chris Bugle, Executive Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Shunk

Brookstone Estates, Apt. 40

1106 E. Northline Rd.

Tuscola, IL 61953

Puzzle!

Using the code, fill in the blanks to discover what we should do each day.

CODE

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ANSWER IN NEXT WEEK'S
SON TIMES