



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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September 23, 2020



OCTOBER 4-- we will have Worship Service all together again (one service), at 9:30am!! We will still be following the COVID guidelines, but there will be only one service (no Sunday School).

OCTOBER 7-- Bible Study resumes, 7:00pm

**OCTOBER 14-- Elders meeting 6:30pm
Board meeting 7:30pm**

It will be wonderful to be ALL TOGETHER once again!!



Franklin Graham is inviting our congregation to join him and thousands of believers for Prayer March 2020 in Washington, DC on September 26.

On the same day is the Champaign-Urbana Day of Prayer, to correspond with the Washington march. People can meet at Lincoln Square from 1:30-2:30 p.m., in their parking lot.

If you cannot be in either place, please keep these events in your prayers.

BLOOD DRIVE

Villa Grove Community

Friday, October 2nd 4:00-7:00 p.m.
First Christian Church Fellowship Hall
(701 N. Sycamore St.)

To donate, call the Church Office (832-5231) or visit www.bloodcenter.org (using group code 70301)

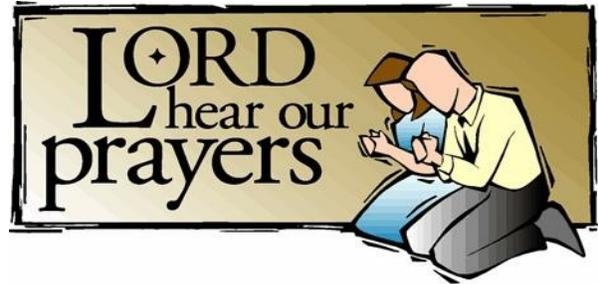


<u>ATTENDANCE</u> 9-20-2020	<u>OFFERING</u> 9-20-2020
9:30 A.M. Service: 37	Spendable: \$4337.00
11:00 A.M. Service: 27	Benevolence: 18.00
TOTAL: 65	TOTAL: \$4355.00



We are once again helping out Choices Pregnancy and Health by filling baby bottles with change, cash or checks! The bottles, along with a sign-up sheet, are located at the south door, and we'll be collecting them, filled with \$\$, to send back to Charleston by the beginning of October. Take as many as you want, fill them up and bring them back to church. Be sure to indicate, on the sign-up sheet, how many bottles you have taken; when you return them, be sure to check your name off the list. THANK YOU!!

Sarah Cannon- no blockages found in heart cath; more evaluations are upcoming
Billy Gilbert (relative of Howard's)- positive for COVID, also has leukemia; in Barnes Hospital
Mark Hefner (Barb Watson's brother-in-law)- cancer
Kimberly Howard (Dwight & Evelyn's daughter)- had open-heart surgery Wednesday, had a bypass; is in Memorial Hospital in Springfield
Jackie Joines (friend of Karen Williamson, cousin of Maryanna Smith & Sandy Moses)- lung issues; is having an invasive biopsy on Sept. 28
Lucille Lacine (Steve's mom)- in the hospital
Steve Lacine- having a second kidney stone procedure
Sherrill Shunk- had a mini-stroke; is in Sarah Bush Hospital
Joshua Stebbins (Doris Black's grandson, Josh Stebbins' dad)- has blood vessel damage from a fall, and has severe depression; still in Carle ICU



I'd like to say "Thank You" for all the birthday cards I received last week. I love our church family and truly feel grateful.

*In Christ's Service,
BOB DOWLER*

Our golfers are amazing!!

LOGAN LILLARD- on 9-17, she tied for 2nd place with a 58 in a meet in Villa Grove against St. Joseph-Ogden. It was her best score of the season!

BRADEN BOYER-in the top 3 at Eagle Creek on Sept. 14 with a 46; at Clinton, he had Tuscola's best score with a 48 on Sept. 21

GREAT JOB, GOLFERS!!



We are in need of volunteers to greet at the exit doors each Sunday, starting October 4. Greeters should make sure the door is opened for those coming in, and to show people where essentials are (masks, hand sanitizer, etc.). We'll be making calls soon, so please don't hesitate to volunteer. This is an easy, but essential job.

Harvest of Righteousness **9/22/2020**

Today is the first official day of autumn. The temps are cooling down. The gardens are ceasing their production. Flower beds are no longer ablaze with blooms. And the field corn and soybean plants are drying and getting ready for harvest.

That is good news for our farmers. Back in the spring, when things were quite wet, many farmers were anxious, wondering what the harvest would be like. Now that harvest is beginning, many farmers are breathing a sigh of relief and experiencing that overwhelming mood of fulfillment. What they have planted has grown and they can now harvest a good crop.

Scripture often speaks of farming and uses planting, growth, and harvest to describe our spiritual life. If I am lazy and don't plant the seed of God's word in my life, there will be nothing to harvest. If I plant, but do not take care of where I plant, then many seeds will be destroyed and won't ever grow to maturity. If I plant sparingly, I will reap sparingly. Even if I plant in good soil, Satan is there to sow weeds to try and wipe out the harvest.

The Bible is clear that our job is to plant and let God be in charge of the growth and increase. Then, at the proper time, I must be vigilant and look to the fields so that I can see when they are ready to harvest. My work is to bring in the harvest of souls for Christ that He has prepared.

The most important harvest I can reap is one that God is doing inside me. **Hebrews 12:7-11** describes God's discipline in believers. The purpose for this painful and unpleasant training is to produce a **harvest of righteousness and peace**. No matter how old we are, God is constantly preparing us to live righteously. Do not scorn this education, embrace it, endure it, because the harvest will be unbelievable.

Mike



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Elders:

Elmer Decker

Steve Lacine

John Dilliner

Chad Reno

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

Services at the church building on Sept. 27- 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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

Elder-On-Call for September: JOE ROTHERMEL (834-3346)

Mission of the Week: COLEGIO BIBLICO
Eagle Pass, Texas
Gonzalo Flores, President

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Shunk

Brookstone Estates, Apt. 30

1106 E. Northline Rd.

Tuscola, IL 61953

Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

FEAST
KHAKI
MOUTH
ESSAY
LLAMA
ORBIT
CARRY
UDDER
BRUSH
ITEMS
APPLE
LEARN
CIDER

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Answer:

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