



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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We are still attempting to get the pictorial directory put together, but COVID-19 has delayed the process. Thanks for your patience.

I want to thank everyone for all the prayers and cards for me. I appreciate them from the bottom of my heart.

DORIS BLACK

I would like to thank the Women's Christian Fellowship for the delicious chili meal that was delivered to me. Thank you to everyone for all the "Thinking of You" cards I have received.

EDNA WALDROP

Women's Christian Fellowship-- Thank you so much for the soup and other goodies. We really enjoyed the food and the thought behind it. It is a wonderful ministry and I know you put a lot of time into it.

VICKI GENTRY

Dear FCC Christians,

I wish to extend a sincere thank you to those who sent cards and get well wishes during my recent illness. What a joy it has been to open cards of spiritual inspiration and read comforting words of encouragement. Thank you for your prayers. I miss everyone. I have beautiful memorials of growing up in this church, and those fond memories are even stronger now. You are ever and always faithful, an example for all Christians to feed their faith and starve their fears. Stay safe and well. God's blessings to you.

SUE TAYLOR



Thanks!

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>
10-11-2020	10-11-2020
Morning Worship: 73	Spendable: \$2374.00
	Benevolence: 5.00
	Memorials 245.00
	TOTAL \$2624.00



Doris Black- still waiting to see her oncologist; has family concerns

Jan Bunky (friend of Paul Smith)- cancer

John Cobb (friend of Paul Smith, Chicago)- difficult surgery this week

Paul Graham (Henry & Betty Graham's son)- does not have COVID-19, but some of his students do

Mel Greeley (Judy Zylstra's dad)- his eye is slowly healing

Cathy Landreth (friend of Jeff & Helen Watson)- home, doing well; still has problems with nausea and eating

Alissa Young (young lady injured in car accident)- moved to a rehab center; has some feeling in her body, so there is still hope that her paralysis will not be permanent

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

6:30 p.m.-- Elders meeting

7:30 p.m.-- Board meeting



Rivalry Within the Family
10/13/2020



In 1949, the Disney studios made a feature length movie called: *The Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad*. The first part was an adaptation of Washington Irving's 1820 short story entitled, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. In Disney's version, Ichabod Crane is hired as a school teacher in the New York district called Sleepy Hollow. Ichabod has many talents. He can sing, dance and is a good teacher, though he tends to favor the children whose mothers are good cooks. One maiden, Katrina Van Tassel, catches his eye. Ichabod sets out to win her heart. There is a rival. Brom Bones is a popular man, who has his eye on Katrina.

During a town party on Halloween night, Brom notices that Ichabod is a suspicious sort, and tells him the story of a terrifying headless horseman who rides through the hollow on Halloween night, searching for another head. Ichabod realizes that the route he must take to get home is the very route the Headless Horsemen travels. The movie comically depicts Ichabod shivering at every forest sound. Finally, Ichabod has decided it is all just a fable. Then he hears a more sinister laugh, and the Headless Horseman appears. A chase ensues, and ends with the horseman throwing a flaming pumpkin at Ichabod. In the morning, all you see is Ichabod's hat and pieces of pumpkin. The narrator explains that no one knows what happened to Ichabod.

In the Bible, Jacob and Esau were men of significant inherited talents. Instead of valuing each other's gifts, one wanted what the other possessed. Their rivalry escalated to the point of Esau seeking to kill Jacob for being deceptive, and stealing his birthright and blessing.

Rivalries happen everywhere. In friendships, families, in the business world, and even in churches. We must realize that God has given us our gifts. He wants us to use them to build the entire church. We are partners in the faith, not rivals. Embrace your gifts, and thank God others have gifts you don't have.

Mike

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Elders:

Elmer Decker

Steve Lacine

John Dilliner

Chad Reno

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

Service at the church building on October 18- 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study- Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.

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

Elder-On-Call for October: ELMER DECKER (832-8589)

Mission of the Week: TCM International
Indianapolis, Indiana
Tony Twist, President

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Beverly Heflin

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