



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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November 2, 2021

LOVE PACKAGES

***Our collection for Love Packages is complete! We will be delivering all the material to Love Packages on Friday, November 5. All the books will be counted, photos will be taken, and we will deliver the financial contribution.
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR DONATIONS!!***



Lincoln Christian University will be presenting "Christmas in the Chapel" for 2021 on the first weekend of December. Their play is entitled, "A Schmaltzmark Christmas."

We will be taking a group on Saturday, December 4 for the 2:30pm show. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to go with the group. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students (grade 12 and under). Masks will be worn by all attendees. We need to purchase the tickets as soon as possible, so be sure to sign-up this Sunday!

This Saturday night as you are retiring, be sure to turn your clocks BACK one hour before you go to sleep.

Being on time to church is a good thing, but being an hour early might be a little TOO much!!



OCTOBER 31, 2021

Worship Service 87

Offering \$4,875.55

Spendable 3,975.00

In-Thanksgiving 800.55

Memorial 100.00

Sunday School 49

Sunday Morning Celebration 3

King's Kids 5

Grades 6-8 2

High School 5

Blessed Believers --

The Fellowship Class 26

Chosen Ones 8



Tyler Bonner (Ray Weaver's 31 yr. old grandson)- out of the hospital, doing fine

Nancy Burkeen- is at her home, doing ok

Jeanette Carroll (Glenda Case's acquaintance, Barb Watson's cousin)- on life support in Carle Hospital

Christine Clark- visited Barnes Hospital; is on liver transplant list

Steve Lacine- was able to have first IV infusion last Tuesday; has another infusion in two weeks

Connie Prosser- stage 4 pancreatic and liver cancer

Zach Ritter (Joyce Ritter's son)- was cleared from COVID-19 on Friday

Ruth Schweighart (friend of Elam's)- rehab at Villas of Holly Brook, Savoy

John Waldrop- Carle Hospital, health is failing; allowed no visitors, which is difficult for his wife, Shirley

John Wax- back in nursing home

Hal & Holly Wiggam joined their membership with our fellowship!!

We extend the hand of Christian fellowship to HAL & HOLLY WIGGAM, who joined with our congregation on Sunday, Oct. 31, their first wedding anniversary! The Wiggam's address is:

1820 Parkdale Drive

Champaign, IL 61821

Email address: halwiggam9@gmail.com

We welcome this family to our congregation!!



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the expressions of gratitude you showed me during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your greeting cards, well-wishes, gift cards, meals out and all of the hugs meant so much to Judy and I. Thanks especially to Women's Christian Fellowship-- I bought a cordless drill with your Menard's gift card. We love you all deeply.

MIKE ZYLSTRA

****There are BABY BOTTLES on the table at the south door for donations to Choices Pregnancy & Health, a mission we support. Save your change for this group, based in Charleston, Illinois. Be sure to write your name on the list, and the number of bottles you have taken. Check your name off the list when you return the bottles. THANK YOU!!**

****On Thursday, November 11, in the VGHS gym, the Villa Grove students will be putting on a special program for Veterans' Day. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited, especially our veterans.**





In Appreciation to the Boll Weevil
11/2/2021

The boll weevil monument is real. It was erected in 1919. The plaque says, ***“In profound appreciation of the Boll Weevil and what it has done as the herald of prosperity, this monument was erected by the citizens of Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama.”*** The monument depicts a female figure in a flowing gown, with arms stretched above her head. She raises high a trophy topped by an enlarged-scale boll weevil. How can an insect, known for destroying entire cotton crops, be “the herald of prosperity?”

Well, the boll weevil appeared in Alabama in 1915 and by 1918 farmers were losing whole crops of cotton and their family’s livelihood. Wikipedia says that *“H. M. Sessions saw this as an opportunity to convert the area to peanut farming. In 1916, he convinced C. W. Baston, an indebted farmer, to back his venture. The first crop paid off their debts and was bought by farmers seeking to change to peanut farming. Cotton was grown again, but farmers learned to diversify their crops, a practice which brought new money to Coffee County.”* This monument pays homage to how something disastrous can be a catalyst for positive change.

In a way, it also speaks of the Christian spirit. We have a timeless message to spread. We do not have timeless methods. Throughout history, people have tried to still the spread of the gospel. Yet, the message has survived, even thrived. When one method is squashed, a new one rises. And today, because of modern methods like computers, cell phones, and radio waves, there is very little excuse a person might have for not being able to hear the gospel message. The only issue is the one spoken by the prophet Jeremiah who, at least 15 times, chastised people for willfully closing their ears to God’s word.

May God bless us as we use times of crisis to seek new ways to make a positive impact for God.

Mike

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Elders:

Elmer Decker	Jerry Hughes
John Dilliner	Steve Lacine
Bob Dowler	Joe Rothermel

Service at the church building on November 7, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Greeters: Linda Stanfield (West); Janet Cassida (South)
Serving: S. Sinkes, D. Logan, K. Logan, D. Hughes
Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Brenda Elam

Elder-On-Call for November: BOB DOWLER (217-549-9791)

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

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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