



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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March 15, 2022

Women's Christian Fellowship is collecting items for Mattoon Haven, a temporary/emergency shelter that helps families and individuals in need. WCF is collecting items until the end of March. There are tubs in the cloak room for items. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to "Mattoon Haven," and you can turn checks into Judi Lock, Brenda Elam or Sara Williamson. We hope you can partner with WCF to provide items for The Haven.

NEEDED ITEMS:

Hairbrushes/combs
Women's deodorant
Toothbrushes
Laundry soap
Dish soap

Paper towels
Toilet paper
Plastic forks
Iron and Vitamin C pills
Tylenol/ibuprofen



From the Missions Department

Please keep the following missions we support in your prayers as they undergo various changes. Full details of the changes are posted on the Missions Board in the Fellowship Hall foyer.

****Lincoln Christian University** will be making some dramatic changes to the campus as enrollment has declined for several years.

****St. Louis Christian College** will be merging with Central Christian College of the Bible after this academic year, for the same reason.

****Little Galilee's** director resigned last month, and the Executive Board will be searching for a replacement.

****TCM International** has several students in Ukraine who have been affected with recent events, and we have provided them with a special gift to assist them in their efforts.

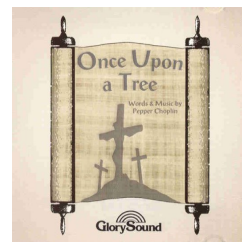


**Easter Cantata
"Once Upon A Tree"**

presented on Sunday, April 10, 4:00 p.m.

Rehearsals continue on Sundays from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

**Dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, April 9,
time TBA.**



MARCH 13, 2022

Worship	72	Offering \$6,349.00	Sunday Morning Celebration	3
Sunday School	52	Spendable 6,345.00	King's Kids	3
		Coffee 4.00	High School	8
			Blessed Believers	16
			The Fellowship Class	17
			Chosen Ones	5

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- doctors have found another small tumor on her brain
Maria Crane (12 yr. old granddaughter of Toni Cassano)- heart surgery on March 22
Beverly Harvey (friend of Garland Hubert and the Rothermel's)- cancer
Jacob & Viola Hughes (Jerry Hughes' brother & sister-in-law, missionaries)- trying to get home to Moldova; will be difficult
Praise! Suzie Mason (Phyllis Henderson's sister)- is walking around her home, doing much better
Family of Janet Paluczak (Edna Waldrop's niece, cousin of Joyce Ritter and Cindy Thomas)- funeral is March 18, in St. Louis
John Wax (Brenda Logan's dad)- having surgery March 24



****Congratulations to MILES SWIGART, one of the February "Students of the Month" in the Villa Grove Elementary School!!**

YOUTH GROUP will meet on Sunday, March 20, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Kurt & Brenda Logan-- it's MOVIE NIGHT!!! Feel free to bring a treat to share.

Deanne Rothermel has a new email address:

deanner67@gmail.com

Please make this change in your 2022 church directory.



Lincoln Christian University will be having their annual Christian Women's Conference on Wednesday, April 27, from 8:30am-4:00pm, in the chapel at the university. Special guest speakers are Liz Curtis Higgs and Rochelle Scheuermann. We will be taking the church bus, and the cost for registration will be picked up by the church. Lunch is included in the day's events. Sign up ASAP- a sign-up sheet is located on the south hallway bulletin board. Registrations are due before April 20.

LADIES- Mark your calendars!! This years WCF Ladies Salad Supper will be held on Thursday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The theme for the evening will be "Sow Seeds of Kindness." More details will be coming. SAVE THE DATE!!

Forgiveness on the Baseball Diamond

3/15/2022

It was a gorgeous summer day. The players were eager. Wads of gum were heartily chewed, and oversized t-shirts with matching logos were proudly worn. It was 2nd & 3rd grade T-ball. The coaches were from the Varsity baseball team, and the stands were dotted with parents and grandparents.

One youngster stepped to the plate, swung with all his might and dribbled the ball to the pitcher's mound. He made it to 1st base on a play that included only 3 errors. The next boy had a more athletic build. He swatted the ball through the infield and into shallow left field. He tore off for first base. The boy on first base ran to second and stopped. The coach standing on 3rd base hollered, "Come on, Come on!" The second boy, having rounded first was right on the heels of the first boy. The slower first boy began running to third, as per the coach's request. The second boy was faster and passed him between 2nd and 3rd base. The coach yelled, "Go back. Go back." So, the first boy promptly went back to 2nd base. The coach then yelled, "Not you, you keep coming." So, the second player rounded 3rd and headed for home to score. The first boy found himself standing on 3rd base. Meanwhile, the ball had been thrown all over the infield with a half dozen errors being committed and no "outs" recorded.

So many rules were broken. What should be done? Some parents in the stands had very loud and specific opinions. The 17-year-old coaches got together at home-plate, conferred for a few minutes, shrugged their shoulders and said, "Play ball!" There would be time to teach these youngsters the rules. Today... grace and forgiveness were extended.

Who needs to receive your grace and forgiveness rather than your condemnation for unknowingly or unintentionally breaking the rules?

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John Dilliner

Jerry Hughes

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Greeters: Bob Dowler (West); J. Ritter & E. Waldrop (South)

Serving: B. Akers, S. Shunk, D. Hughes, D. Shunk

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Nancy Jackson

Bible Study: Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.

Elder-On-Call for March: JOE ROTHERMEL (217)369-5285

Mission of the Week: Christian Campus House (EIU)

Charleston, Illinois

Matthew Thomas, Lead Campus Minister

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Shunk

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