

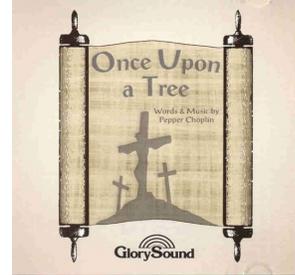


FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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March 29, 2022

**Community Easter Cantata  
"Once Upon A Tree"**  
presented on Sunday, April 10, 4:00 p.m. at  
First Christian Church, Villa Grove



**NOTE TO PERFORMERS:**

The Community Choir will have two final rehearsals before the musical is presented on April 10. On Sunday, April 3, the group will meet from 3:00-5:00 p.m. On Saturday, April 9, the group will meet, complete with the orchestra, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Remember that dress for the performance is all black, or black and white.

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.

A sign-up sheet is located on the south hallway bulletin board.



**YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET ON  
SUNDAY, APRIL 3, AT 6:00 P.M. AT  
THE CHURCH.**

MARCH 27, 2022

|               |    |             |            |                            |    |
|---------------|----|-------------|------------|----------------------------|----|
| Worship       | 84 | Offering    | \$1,779.00 | Sunday Morning Celebration | 4  |
| Sunday School | 52 | Spendable   | 1,573.00   | King's Kids                | 5  |
|               |    | Worship     | 20.00      | High School                | 6  |
|               |    | Benevolence | 186.00     | Blessed Believers          | 10 |
|               |    |             |            | The Fellowship Class       | 22 |
|               |    |             |            | Chosen Ones                | 5  |

*"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."*  
John 14:14, NRSV

Doris Black- recovering from a lung infection

Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- cancer

Maria Crane (12 yr. old granddaughter of Toni Cassano)- will have more surgery in six months

Madison & Brian Fink (Garland Hubert's granddaughter & husband)- left Monday for a trip to Italy-

Garland has asked for prayers for safety and a wonderful trip

Beverley Harvey (friend of Garland Hubert and the Rothermel's)- had a reaction to chemo and is in a great deal of pain- please pray for her comfort; next chemo is April 12

Suzie Mason (Phyllis Henderson's sister)- doing much better

Those displaced by the war in Ukraine

Those struggling with substance/alcohol addiction

John Wax (Brenda Logan's dad)- had his surgery last Saturday; doing well, with a little trouble breathing



Thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards, and the funny ones. The older you get, the funnier the cards get! Also- thank you for the cookies and coffee at Bible Study. I don't know what I would do without my church family.

Love, JUDI LOCK

## FOR OUR LADIES

### WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

\*\*The April meeting of WCF has been moved to April 21st, at 6:30 p.m., because of the Maundy Thursday service on April 14.

\*\*Ladies, mark your calendars! The 2022 Ladies Salad Supper will be held on Thursday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m. The theme is "Sow Seeds of Kindness."

### LITTLE GALILEE EVENTS

\*\*The 2022 Little Galilee Scrapbook & Crafts Spring Retreat will be held on April 8-10. This is a weekend to work on your crafts, and worship together on Sunday morning. The cost is \$55 per person for one night and \$75 per person for two nights. The price includes 4 delicious meals and lodging. To register, go to [littlegalilee.com](http://littlegalilee.com) to the Scrapbook & Craft Registration, and just follow the prompts. Questions? See the poster on the bulletin board.

## **The Truth About Sundays When You Don't Want to Go to Church** **3/29/2022**

5 years ago, April 21, 2017, prior to COVID giving people another reason to stay home from church, Paul David Tripp wrote an article that was reprinted on the website [www.churchleaders.com](http://www.churchleaders.com) entitled, "Why Even Go to Church?" I'd like to share his thoughts.

*While there are many Sundays that we are excited for church, there are those "other Sundays" when you just don't want to be there. On more Sundays than I wish to admit, I grumble my way into the worship service. There are some weeks when I'm just running through the motions, going to church because I'm supposed to. (Sometimes I go because my wife makes me! But I know that has never happened to any of you...) But on these Sundays, something happens: The glory of God confronts my fickle heart.*

*God ordained for us to gather for worship because he knows us and the weaknesses of our grumbling and easily distracted hearts. He knows how soon we forget the depth of our need as sinners and the expansiveness of his provisions in Jesus Christ. He knows that little lies can deceive us and little obstacles can discourage us. He knows that self-righteousness still has the power to delude us. So, in grace, he calls us to gather and consider glory once again, to be excited once again, and to be rescued once again.*

*It's not only that these worship services remind us of God's grace; these worship services are themselves a gift of grace. Going to church is designed to confront you with the glory of the grace of Jesus so you won't look for life, help and hope elsewhere. Are you allowing yourself to be confronted?*

There are valid reasons why some can't attend. For those who choose a plethora of things over church, scripture reminds us that the church body needs the gifts and talents God has graciously given you, so that the church can be blessed. *Don't neglect meeting together... (Hebrews 10:25)*

*Mike*



### **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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Office Hours: 10:00-12:00/12:00-4:30 (M, T, Th, F)

#### **Elders:**

John Dilliner

Jerry Hughes

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

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

**Greeters: Janet Cassida (West); Janice Thode (South)**

**Serving: B. Akers, M. Hughes, R. Duzan, S. Shunk**

**Coffee Fix & Cleanup: John & Linda Dilliner**

**Bible Study: Wednesday, March 30, 6:30pm**

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

**Mission of the Week: CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH**

**Charleston, Illinois**

**Christ Bugle, Executive Director**

#### **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**Beverly Heflin**

**Tuscola Health Care Center**

**1203 Egyptian Trail**

**Tuscola, IL 61953**