



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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June 1, 2022



**2022
Community Vacation
Bible School**

**July 10-14 6:30-8:30 p.m.
VG United Methodist Church**

****Our VBS directors are looking for 6-8 people to help guide students to the various stations each evening. Couples and High School students are encouraged to help out. See Mike Zylstra or Karen Williamson, if you would like to help out.**

****Helpers are needed for VBS decorations-- see Karen Williamson.**

****You can still register your children for VBS by using the QR code that is on the VBS bulletin board in the south hallway of the church.**

Brad Smith's quartet, Sentimental Journey, will be presenting special music during the service this Sunday, June 5. The group will share a couple of pieces during the worship service, which begins at 9:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!



All our men and boys are invited to breakfast at First Christian on Sunday, June 12, at 8:00 a.m. Join us for food and fellowship!!

To volunteer to bring food, sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the south hallway. Questions? Contact Sarah Cannon.

MAY 29, 2022

**Worship 95
Sunday School 56
Offering N/A**

**Sunday Morning Celebration 4
King's Kids 5
Jr. High/Sr. High 9
Blessed Believers 14
The Fellowship 17
Chosen Ones 7**

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Family of Barbara Bowman- Bernadine (Taylor) Andrews' sister
Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- cancer
Glenda Case- upcoming CT scan
Bernice Chambers- health issues
Tay Hamilton (Bob & Frances Dowler's son-in-law- had surgery at Barnes on Tuesday to remove a tumor from his pelvis
Neal Hanley (father of Fran Waldrop's granddaughter-in-law)- advanced cancer, not doing well
Beverley Harvey (friend of Garland Hubert & the Rothermel's)- chemo; not doing well
Alberta Kelly (Bob Kelly's mom)- has cancerous spots on lymph nodes; having a procedure on June 7 to address the problem
Praise! Quinn Lillard came forward and was baptized by her grandpa, Jeff Watson! We welcome Quinn into the fellowship of believers!
Steve Prosser (Hugo)- bad ATV accident, had surgery and has broken ribs; will need more tests
Praise! Paul Smith transferred his membership to our congregation last Sunday! We welcome him into our fellowship!
Jack Taylor (Bernadine (Taylor) Andrews' brother)- cancer
Steve Vollmer (friend of Ritter's)- cancer issues
Sara Williamson- on mission trip in Panama



Church Family, thank you for the scholarship you provided to me. It will help me with college expenses at Illinois State University. I appreciate the support and prayers from my church family. Thank you for your generosity.

TORIE ROTHERMEL

I would like to thank my church family for the plant, the many cards and prayers sent, the hugs, the phone calls and those who fed my family while I was in Florida. It was all very much appreciated.

DEANNE ROTHERMEL

The family of Mary Ellis would like to show our appreciation for all your hard work, good food and support, and the flowers.

PAUL, NANCY & LUCY
(Mary's children)

Thanks to everyone for the many prayers sent up for me when I had heart tests on Friday. I don't know anything yet, but I am sure that your prayers for me will give me positive results!

BRENDA ELAM

Hearing the Parables of Jesus Anew 6/1/2022

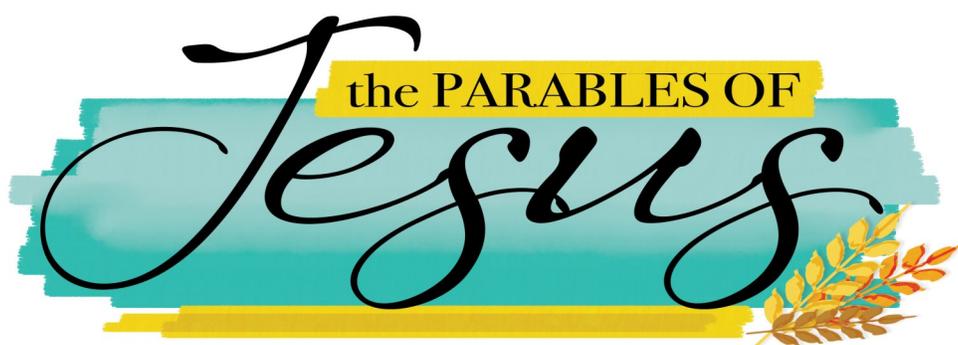
This summer I will preach a series of sermons using various parables of Jesus as my texts. That Jesus was one of the greatest communicators ever is hardly disputed. He always had something relevant to say, and the crowds generally loved it. Of course, they didn't always understand what he was teaching. They didn't always see how it applied to them, and they didn't always spot the spiritual point Jesus was making through the parable. Fortunately, 2,000 years later, Jesus' parables are still relevant and still speak into our lives, into our faith and into the actions and attitudes Jesus expects of modern-day disciples.

When Jesus used a parable, it forced listeners to think about what he was saying, rather than focusing on His oratorical skill and praising Him for the way he said it. The Greek word "parable" is a combination of two words; *para* = alongside, and *bole* = to throw. Thus, a parable is a comparison story. One concept, whose understanding is relatively obvious, is thrown alongside a concept that is less obvious, and likely more difficult to understand. Often the second understanding is spiritual in nature. Jesus used these comparison stories to encourage believers into deeper spiritual thought. Many times, Jesus did not interpret the parable for the hearers. He intentionally left them in the tension of figuring out how to understand and apply the parable's truth to their own life, without giving them the answer.

As we look at these stories, our goal is to realize that Jesus wants to assist us in being His disciples. These stories are lessons we must learn, understand and apply. Allow these parables to speak God's power into your life so that we can all live as Jesus expects.

May God bless us as we learn from some of the best remembered teachings of our master, Jesus!

Mike



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Elders:

John Dilliner Jerry Hughes
Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Greeters: Glenda Case (West); John & Linda Dilliner (South)
Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Brenda Elam/Nancy Jackson
Serving: C. Cannon, R. Duzan, D. Shunk, P. Eisenmenger

Elder-On-Call for June: JOHN DILLINER (217)621-9807

Mission of the Week: ST. LOUIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Florissant, Missouri
Terry E. Stone, President

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