



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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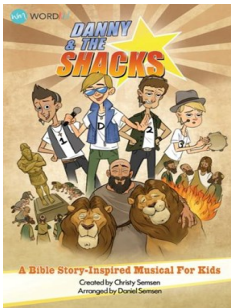
January 11, 2023



****The 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15, at 11:00am. Any annual reports for the meeting need to be in the church office as soon as possible.**

****The January Elders meeting and Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18 at 6:00pm and 7:30pm.**

****On the ballot: Joe Rothermel (Elder); Bill Akers, Curt Cannon, Pete Eisenmenger, Terry Naddy, Jeff Watson (Deacons); Matt Boyer, Garland Hubert, Jeff Watson (Trustee); Kent Elam (Fin. Secretary), Dave Shunk (Missions Treasurer)**



The youth of all the area churches are invited to be part of a youth musical, Danny & the Shacks, to be performed on Sunday, February 12, 2023. Students in Kindergarten up through High School are welcome.

Rehearsals are on Sundays- January 15, 22, 29, and February 5, 12, from 3:00-5:30pm at First Christian Church, Villa Grove. On February 12, we will have a slightly shortened rehearsal, followed by the performance. The musical should be about 45 minutes in length.

The Fellowship & Outreach Ministry will meet on SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, immediately after the Annual Meeting, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring ideas for a February event.



JANUARY 8, 2022

Worship 77
Sunday School 60

Sunday Morning Celebration 2
King's Kids 4
Jr. High & High School 10
Blessed Believers 20
The Fellowship Class 2
Chosen Ones 4

TOTAL OFFERING: \$2077.00



Our January 12, Women's Christian Fellowship meeting will be at 2:00pm. We will be having lunch at 1:00pm. Unless I contacted you to bring something specific, please bring four sandwiches, cut in half. Hope to see you all there! Questions? Call me.

JUDI LOCK
(217)832-9498

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Bill Akers- in Carle Hospital; heart and blood oxygen issues

Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- hospice

Bernice Chambers- not doing well

Family of Sue Ann Dison- Mary Gen Frick's cousin

Carolyn Eckarty (friend of Sarah Cannon)- stage 4 cancer; in Carle Hospital

Della Mae Frahm- back in Eberhardt Village, Arthur

Congratulations to Garland & Dale Hubert on the birth of TWO great-granddaughters! Devyn

Noelle Worley was born on December 31, and Palmer Mae Fink was born on January 4.

Family of Joy LeValley- Mary Gen Frick's cousin

Praise! Erin Shunk has been selected as a member of the Leadership Team for the Christian Campus House at EIU! Pray that she is able to use her faith to influence many lives on campus;

Linsay Swigart is on the board of the Christian Campus House

Tina Strode (former VG resident, sister of Elam's brother-in-law)- stage 4 breast cancer

Wendy (Paula Webber's daughter)- had an MRI on Wednesday at Barnes Hospital

WCF would like to invite all our ladies to become a Secret Sister to another church lady from Feb. 1-Mar. 31. Secret Sisters will give cards, small gifts, or kind deeds during these two months, and can reveal their identity with their last treat in late March.

If you would like to participate, please return the form (found in the folder near the collection plates at both doors) by JANUARY 22.

Questions? Contact a WCF officer: Judi Lock, Karen Williamson, Sarah Cannon or Janice Thode.



**YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET THIS SUNDAY,
JANUARY 15, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CHURCH.
SEE YOU THERE!!**

Little Galilee Christian Camp is hosting Winter Retreats for kids in grades 1-3, grades 4-5, Jr. High and High School. If you are interested, see the poster on the bulletin board in the south hallway, or call the church office!!





Displaying Your Team Spirit **1/11/2023**

We are in the month of football championship games. Last Sunday, South Dakota State beat North Dakota State in the NCAA-FCS championship game. The stands were covered with people wearing blue and white for SDSU or green and yellow for NDSU. Their spirit was loud and proud. Then, on Monday, Georgia beat Texas Christian Univ. in the NCAA-FBS championship game. Again, the stands were full of TCU white and purple or the red and black for the Georgia bulldogs. They wore their team's colors proudly and cheered.

Last fall Judy and I went to Nashville, Indiana where we ate at a restaurant dedicated to the Indiana University men's basketball team and specifically Coach Bobby Knight. Every inch of wall space was covered, and a TV played old clips of Bobby Knight.

In Villa Grove we have a restaurant called *The Corner Beehive*. They proudly support a different team. It is the military (specifically the Seabees). There are pictures of veterans all over the walls. Logos, plaques and memorabilia are obvious. They are proud of this team and quick to proclaim their team spirit.

All of this got me thinking about how different things would be if Christians displayed the spirit of the team they are on (God's team) as obviously. God's spirit is a spirit of power and we can display that. God's Spirit is a spirit of understanding, learning, conviction, self-control, prayer, proclamation, boldness, and love. We can wear that proudly. But... are we? When people see our actions, do they give glory to God? When they hear our words, do they know that they are inspired by the Holy Spirit? Do others know, just by looking at us, that we love our team and our Lord? Do they know that we have been bought with a price and God's spirit dwells in us?

Let's not be ashamed to loudly proclaim our spiritual team spirit.

Mike

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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: Patti Groves (West) Curaleen Gammon (South)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Dilliner/Sara Williamson

Serving: P. Eisenmenger, T. Naddy, D. Hughes, J. Watson

Elder-On-Call for January: JERRY HUGHES (217)369-5495

Mission of the Week: OBLONG CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN HOME
Oblong, Illinois

Amy Kemp, Exec. Dir. Of Operations

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Della Mae Frahm

Eberhardt Village, Room 44

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