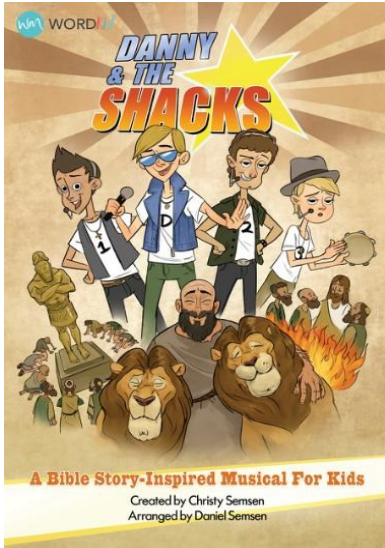




FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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January 24, 2023



You are invited to the
performance of
Danny & The Shacks
Sunday, Feb. 12
5pm
First Christian Church,
Villa Grove
Performed by area youth

February Fellowship & Fun
Sunday, February 19-- Noon
FCC Fellowship Hall

**Please bring an ethnic food such as German potato
salad, tacos, Dutch chocolate...
Table service & drinks are provided.**



JANUARY 15, 2023

Worship 100
Annual Meeting 70

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

TOTAL OFFERING: \$9,160.00

JANUARY 22, 2023

Worship 89
Sunday School 57

Sunday Morning Celebration 2
King's Kids 3
Jr. High & High School 9
Blessed Believers 10
The Fellowship Class 27
Chosen Ones 6

TOTAL OFFERING: \$4,419.60

Spendable \$4,053.00
Benevolence 344.60
Education 10.00
Worship 12.00

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Bill Akers- in Carle Hospital; had surgery on Friday; still in Carle Hospital

Tom Black- hospice (at home)

Family of Nancy Burkeen- Kate Shunk's aunt

Family of Bernice Chambers- funeral will be Thursday, 11:00am, at FCC, Villa Grove; visitation will begin at 9:30am

Ron Clodfelder (friend of John Klucinskas)- back surgery was unsuccessful; is in a wheelchair and in lots of pain

Della Mae Frahm- dental surgery scheduled for January 31

Beverly Heflin- hospice (at Tuscola Health Care Center)

Cynthia Kaag (co-worker of Nancy Jackson)- sees an oncologist in a few weeks

John Klucinskas- surgery Wednesday to have a spinal stimulator implanted in his back to hopefully reduce his pain

George Moran (Tony & Creighton Jackson's grandfather)- heart cath on January 27

Bob & Dorothy Rothermel (Joe Rothermel's parents)- Bob is dealing with melanoma and Dorothy has heart valve issues

Leah Schmidt (Paula Webber's cousin)- esophageal cancer

Family of Lance Tay

**YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET THIS SUNDAY,
JANUARY 29, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CHURCH.
SEE YOU THERE!!**



Sara Williamson will be going to Panama and Togo in Feb. and March. If you would like to partner with her for financial support or prayer support, please let her know. There are support slips on the bulletin board at the church, and you can give these to Sara as soon as possible. THANK YOU!



To my wonderful church family- your prayers, cards and calls were so very uplifting. Thank you so much. Our God is amazing. **FRAN WALDROP**

Thank you to Sarah Cannon for all of the care she so selflessly showed to my great-grandson, Josh. Also, thanks to Women's Christian Fellowship for everything they have done to bless me. **DORIS BLACK**

SHERYL MULVANEY wishes to thank everyone for all the birthday cards and well-wishes!

Thank you to everyone for the lovely birthday cards. They lifted my spirits.
EVELYN HOWARD

I would like to thank my church family for all the prayers, cards and conversations about my Aunt Nancy. She passed away on Jan. 18. I know that she was a believer and we can trust that she is in heaven with Jesus. **KATE & SETH SHUNK FAMILY**



Fascinated by Angels
1/23/2023

Christmas is the season where angels are in the spotlight. Angels spoke to Joseph, Mary, the shepherds, even the Magi. Our world is fascinated by angels. Artists have devised them in a plethora of forms. I'm guessing you have an angelic figurine or necklace, or have watched a TV show depicting them. But what do we really know about angels?

Vine's Dictionary of New Testament Words says: "ANGELS: from the Greek word, "angelos" meaning a messenger sent whether by God or by man or by Satan. It is also used of a guardian, or better yet, a representative, (cf: Matt. 18:10, Rev. 1:20). Most frequently, it is used to describe an order of created beings, superior to man, belonging to Heaven and to God, and are engaged in His service. Angels are spirits, i.e., they have not material bodies as men have. They are either human in form or can assume a human form when necessary. They are called holy and elect. Angels are always spoken of in the masculine gender, the feminine form of the word is never used."

Angels were created by God in the beginning. There is a finite number of them. 1/3rd of them followed Satan, and God kicked them out of heaven. Satan masquerades as an angel of light. Angels aren't the source of our salvation. They cannot forgive our sins. They are not chubby babies. They are not our dead human relatives. They do not receive their wings whenever a bell rings. They do not know the future. They only do what God has revealed for them to do or say. Angels are servant/messengers.

Hebrews 1:14 says, "Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"

Angels are not to be worshipped. Even the shepherds knew that when an angel spoke, all the praise should go to God.

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: David Shunk (West) Toni Cassano (South)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Bob Thomas/Deanne Rothermel

Serving: C. Cannon, S. Sinkes, D. Shunk, R. Duzan

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

Mission of the Week: RURAL GRACE FELLOWSHIP

Murdock, Illinois

Stevie Shearer, Contact Person

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Ken & Awanda Heyen

The Villas of Holly Brook, Apt. 9

68 E. Airport Road

Savoy, IL 61874

Singers Needed for Community Easter Cantata

Directed by Janet McCumber

Rehearsals on Sundays, Feb. 19,26,

March 5,12,19,26 3:00 – 5:00pm

Performance Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

All held at First Christian Church, Villa Grove

ALL VOICES WELCOME Junior High through Adult

Performance will be accompanied by area instrumentalists

For more information, please contact:

Janet McCumber 217-493-2425 or Judy Zylstra 320-224-7665

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