



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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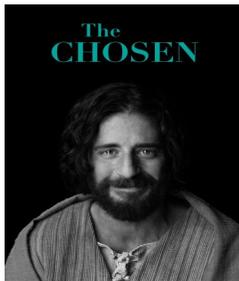
February 28, 2023



FRIDAY, MARCH 3-- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed at Rural Grace Food Pantry

SUNDAY, MARCH 5-- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at the church

THURSDAY, MARCH 9-- 6:30 p.m. Women's Christian Fellowship will meet at the church
Hostesses: Janet Cassida & Brenda Elam, Devotions: Sarah Hughes, Missions: Judy Zylstra



Bible Study
Wednesday-- 6:15 p.m.
Church fellowship hall

The newest edition of OUR DAILY BREAD is available at the south door of the church, and can be picked up at any time.



IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Worship 86

Sunday School 58

Sunday Morning Celebration 2

King's Kids 3

Jr. High & High School 6

Blessed Believers 17

The Fellowship Class 25

Chosen Ones 5

TOTAL OFFERING: \$3,118.00

Spendable 2,674.00

Benevolence 444.00

Tom Black- Transitions Care
Chris Clark- 1) CT scan on March 15, to look for blood clots
2) Doctoring for hip pain 3) Will meet liver donor family in March
Patti Groves- will have second cataract surgery on Thursday
Aliyah Johnson (Judi Lock's 10-yr. old neighbor)- meniscus tear
George Moran (Tony & Creighton Jackson's grandfather)- shoulder surgery on March 8



What Are You "For?" **2/28/2023**

Years ago, a Christian conference workshop leader posed the question, "Does your community know what your church is for? Or do they only know what you are against!" Those are powerful words. Let's be honest, it is easier to list the things we are against. Possibly because the Apostle Paul has primed the pump by providing us with several lists of things Christians should be against. In Ephesians 5, Paul lists: gossip, obscenity, coarse joking, and greed. In Galatians 5, he includes: idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. More than 22 times in the New Testament, the sins surrounding sexual immorality and deviant sexual behavior are things we should be against. If God is against these things, then so should we.

And yet, while God is against sinful behavior, He is FOR every human. He believes that people trapped in sinful behavior can hear His word, believe in Him, repent of sin, confess, invite Jesus to be present in their life, be baptized in Him and, with the Holy Spirit's help and encouragement, live in a God-honoring manner. God is FOR people. As believers, we should be, too. We should love those Satan has ensnared in sinful behaviors as God loves them. We should forgive, as God forgives. We should encourage, as God encourages. We should invite and welcome and teach and uphold and disciple as God does.

If we need motivation to do this, look no further than Romans 8:31 which says, *If God is for us, who can be against us.* God is FOR us. He supports, applauds and cheers us on to greater works of service. When we get discouraged, He picks us up. Let the community know that we are FOR them and desire that everyone follow the example of Christ. This is pleasing to God.

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Elders:

John Dilliner Jerry Hughes
Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8
6:00pm Elders meeting
7:30pm Board meeting

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

Greeters: Bob Dowler (West) Marsha Green (South)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Janet Cassida

Serving: C. Cannon, M. Hughes, D. Hughes, T. Naddy

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

Mission of the Week: COLEGIO BIBLICO

Eagle Pass, Texas

Gonzalo Flores, President

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Ken & Awanda Heyen
Villas of Holly Brook, Apt. 9
68 E. Airport Rd.
Savoy, IL 61874

Daily Prayer Opportunity

Use this guide to pray in specifics. Repeat this calendar every month for a year.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Day 1	Pray a prayer of praise for the character and nature of God.
Day 2	Pray a prayer of confession, acknowledging both your sin and God's goodness
Day 3	Pray a prayer of repentance as you intentionally turn your life to God
Day 4	Pray a prayer asking God for forgiveness and seek to forgive those who hurt you
Day 5	Pray the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-15)
Day 6	Pray for the body of Christ worldwide, especially those persecuted for their faith
Day 7	Pray for the local church and the mission God has given her
Day 8	Pray for ways that God will use your gifts to further His kingdom
Day 9	Pray for the ability to see people groups in town who do not know Christ
Day 10	Pray that people of the area will look favorably on the ministry of FCC
Day 11	Pray for Unity within the body, even when opinions differ
Day 12	Pray for the Elders, by name
Day 13	Pray for the Deacons, by name
Day 14	Pray for the Minister and his family
Day 15	Pray for the Christian Education teachers and Bible study leaders by name
Day 16	Pray for the Youth Leaders by name
Day 17	Pray for the youth and all the children who are growing in their faith
Day 18	Pray for the Missions this congregations supports by name
Day 19	Pray that this congregation be good stewards of the resources God grants us to use
Day 20	Pray that this congregation will know the direction and commission He gives us
Day 21	Pray for the community you live in. Its businesses, schools and leadership
Day 22	Praise God for his love, goodness and kindness shown to you
Day 23	Pray for dedication to read God's word every day
Day 24	Pray for those who are dealing with a disease or physical ailment
Day 25	Pray for peace to come upon those dealing with fear, worry and depression
Day 26	Pray for God to lead new personnel or staff to this ministry
Day 27	Pray for the issues facing our country
Day 28	Pray for those dealing with financial turmoil
Day 29	Pray that you may know God intimately and do what His word says
Day 30/31	Thank God for the salvation he has given you through Jesus' death on the cross