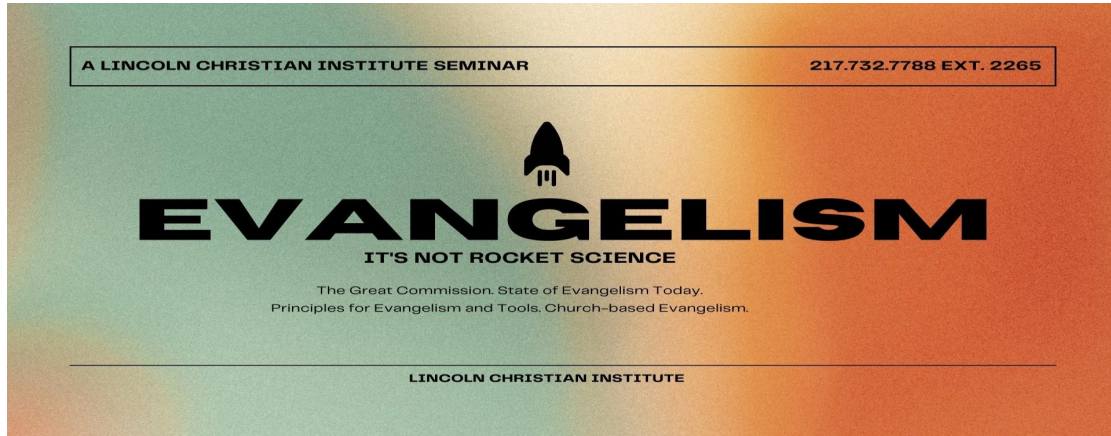




FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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July 18, 2023



HOSTED BY

First Christian Church of Villa Grove
Saturday, August 5-- 9:00am-2:00pm
The seminar is free. \$5 will be asked to cover lunch.
RSVP by Sunday, July 30



Guest Instructor- Jim Estep
Dean of Lincoln Christian Institute
Professor at Lincoln Christian
University
Co-Founder of e2- Effective Elders
Ministry

BASIC OUTLINE

The Great Commission
State of Evangelism Today
Principles for Evangelism
Evangelistic Tools
Church-based Evangelism

JULY 16, 2023
Worship 89
Sunday School 45

Sunday Morning Celebration 4
King's Kids 3
Jr. High & High School 7
Blessed Believers 11
The Fellowship Class 19
Chosen Ones 8

TOTAL OFFERING: \$5,407.89
Spendable 4,479.00
Missions (VBS) 928.89



Wednesday, July 19-- Elders meeting 6:00 p.m.
Board meeting 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 20-- Women's Christian Fellowship
will meet in the fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. This is
the Kick-off meeting for the new year!! Join us!

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Abigail Bliss (Janet Cassida's daughter)- has Lemierre Syndrome (a rare infectious disease); still having IV meds at home

Chris Clark- hip replacement surgery on August 2

Della Mae Frahm - hospice

Angela Percival (Jeretta Mabry's cousin)- having leukemia treatments

Theresa Smith (friend of Holly Wiggam)- recovering from infection in right knee, moving to rehab facility in Paxton

Jeff Watson- nasal surgery later this month

Nancy White (Patti Groves' sister)- having shoulder replacement surgery on Friday

Praise! Successful VBS; offering (over \$900) sent to Togo for a home for women



The 2023-24 school year will begin next month, so it's time to collect donations for the Back to School Project! The BTSP provides school supplies to any student and accepts donations, given to the Ministerial Alliance. We will have collection cans at both exit doors, and envelopes will be in the Sunday School classes through July. If you'd like to write a check, please make to "Back to School Project."

Thank you in advance for helping VG students come prepared to learn. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Cannon.



It was so good to have NANCY JACKSON visiting with us this past Sunday. She would like everyone to know her new address in Arkansas.

NANCY JACKSON
612 BRADEN STREET
JACKSONVILLE, AR 72076

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the dinners at VBS. The volunteers were very appreciative of the dinners they were served each night.

DEANNE ROTHERMEL



Party of One **7/18/2023**

I went with a group to a restaurant, gave the hostess the number of people in the group and my name. After 10 minutes the hostess beckoned, "Harold? Party of one?" A lone diner approached the desk. Then the hostess declared, "Mike? Party of four?" I followed the wait staff to our table. But that phrase, "Party of one" stuck in my brain. How can **one** be a party? In my world, parties require many people.

I know there are many in America who live alone. The 2021 census states that 37 million households are one-person. But, to me, as Harry Nilsson composed in his 1968 tune titled "One." "One is the loneliest number that you'll ever do."

And yet, according to scripture, ONE is not only an important number, it can also elicit a party. For example: When one shepherd left the 99 sheep in the fold and went after the one lost sheep, he rejoiced when he found it. When one woman swept her house to find one lost coin, she called in neighbors to rejoice. And when one father waited until his one lost son repented and returned home, he threw a party. But the greatest example of one being a party is when one sinner repents. Luke 15 reminds us that a party is initiated in heaven. For even the angels rejoice.

Sometimes we apologize to God that we can't do much for Him because we are only one person. With God, one is enough. He used a healed, demon-possessed man to evangelize the region called the Decapolis. He used an outcast, Samaritan woman to evangelize all of Sychar. God listens to one prayer as much as he listens to millions. God loves one as much as he loves billions. Your one voice, one heart, one concern, hurt, sorrow, care and passion are important to God and He can use you. Because, with God, one is a party.

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 (Front) Macen & Shelby Hughes (South)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Frances Dowler/Sue Taylor

Serving: R. Duzan, R. Weaver, B. Smith, M. Hughes

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

Mission of the Week: OBLONG CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN HOME

Oblong, Illinois

Amy Kemp, Exec. Director of Operations

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

SHIRLEY WALDROP

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