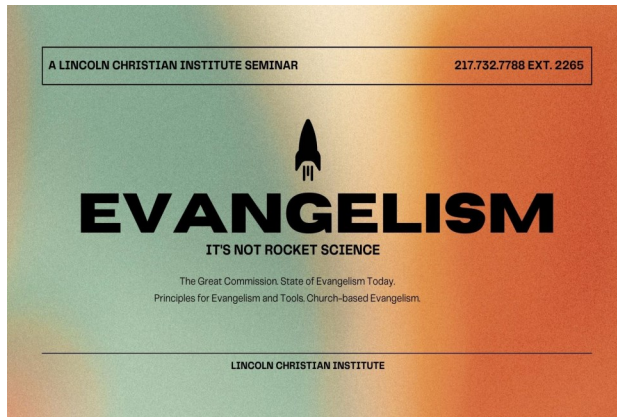




FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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August 1, 2023



First Christian Church, Villa Grove  
Saturday, August 5  
9:00am-2:00pm

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



**Thursday, August 17-- Sara Williamson will be presenting her Panama and Togo mission trips. You will be able to learn about the trips, see opportunities for you to engage in missions, and ask questions. The presentation will begin at 6:30pm, and treats will be served. If you are interested, you can sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board, or e-mail Sara at [williamsonsara21@gmail.com](mailto:williamsonsara21@gmail.com) or call (217)621-3037. Please do this by AUGUST 14.**

**Saturday, September 9-- Please join to complete a Seedsower training and be able to experience what is being presented to women on the mission field. The session will be from 9:00am-2:00pm in the FCC fellowship hall. Cost is \$5 per person, which includes lunch. Please RSVP by September 4 to Sara Williamson- call (217)621-3037, e-mail at [williamsonsara21@gmail.com](mailto:williamsonsara21@gmail.com), or just sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.**

JULY 30, 2023  
Worship 79  
Sunday School 53

Sunday Morning Celebration 2  
King's Kids 3  
Jr. High & High School 8  
Blessed Believers 16  
The Fellowship Class 19  
Chosen Ones 5

TOTAL OFFERING: N/A  
Spendable



WCF will be collecting food for the Rural Grace Food Pantry in August. You may leave your donations in the cloak room (near the south door). If you choose to write a check, please make it out to "RURAL GRACE FOOD PANTRY." Thank you for sharing with others in our community.

Some of the more popular items are: canned vegetables, canned fruit, salad dressings, cereals, toilet paper and boxed pasta meals.

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

Cynthia Baer (neighbor of Patti Groves)- breast cancer; surgery postponed until August 11  
Toni Bee (friend of Lois Naddy, Paris, IL)- heart issues  
Lyla Cannon (Cannon's granddaughter)- prayers for a successful kidney function test when she sees nephrologist on August 10  
Chris Clark- hip replacement surgery on Wednesday  
Family of Sue Cox- Fran Waldrop's sister, Petersburg  
Kenneth Dison (Mary Gen Frick's cousin)- heart issues  
Leeann Frick- had knee replacement surgery  
Marsha Green- second cataract surgery on Tuesday  
Steve & Lani Jones (Dusty Cannon's parents)- leaving August 6 for a seminar in Africa  
Virginia Maxwell (Darrell Hinkle's sister)- not doing well  
Craig & Beth Romine (Sarah Cannon's brother and wife)- home from Chile  
Jeff Watson- nasal surgery in October



**YOUTH GROUP EVENT!**

**Saturday, August 12**

**Bus leaves the parking lot at 1:15 p.m.**

***The group will be going to Brainstorm Escapes in Champaign,  
followed by pizza and arcade games at Jupiter's at the Crossing.  
Please feel free to bring a friend, and money to play arcade games.***

***We need to know how many will be attending by  
10:00 p.m. on AUGUST 9. Sounds like a lot of fun!!***

**PLEASE NOTE: The August Elders meeting and Board meeting have been changed to Wednesday, August 16, 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Be sure to mark your calendar!!**

## Is Satan Scamming You?

8/1/2023

Every week I receive notices that my computer is full of viruses, or my email provider is about to cancel my account unless I click on a link. I've been notified that a Nigerian prince has millions waiting for me. And have received emails and texts, from people I know, asking me to click to get pictures. Scammers are deceiving millions of people out of billions of dollars. They are getting more sophisticated. Now, they are using AI (artificial intelligence) to mimic a relative's voice on the phone and pleading for money to bail them out of jail. It all sounds so plausible that people are falling for the ruse. When the fraud is discovered, there is little that can be done to recover the thousands of dollars lost.

Experts encourage everyone to know the signs of scammers. Do they want you to click on a website with which you are unfamiliar? Do they want to take over your computer to fix it? Are they asking financial questions early in the conversation? Are they requesting personal information? Is there a strong sense of urgency? And so on. The key is vigilance. Except, these thieves are so cunning, that many intelligent, discerning people still fall victim.

There is a spiritual parallel found in this real-world crisis. Satan is quite good at twisting, perverting, confusing and deceiving the truth so we don't see it. What can we do? The apostle Paul challenged Timothy, in **2 Timothy 4:15**, to study and handle the word of truth well, so he isn't deceived. The apostle John urged believers in **1 John 4:1**, *Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.* The deceiver doesn't give up. Neither can we. Read your Bible daily and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance into all truth.

Mike



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#### Elders:

John Dilliner

Jerry Hughes

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

#### NOTE:

**This Sunday, Mike will be combining chapters 29 and 30 from the Quest 52 book, so we will keep on schedule.**

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

Greeters: Marsha Green (Front) Maryanna Smith (South)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Brenda Elam/Glenda Case

Serving: R. Duzan, T. Naddy, J. Watson, B. Smith

Elder-On-Call for August: BOB DOWLER (217)549-9791

Mission of the Week: MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Villa Grove & Camargo, Illinois

Ministers in Villa Grove & Camargo

#### REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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