



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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August 14, 2023

UPCOMING *Events*

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 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, or just sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

***There will be a Fellowship Ministry meeting on Sunday,
August 20, at 11:45 am in the church fellowship hall.***



On Sunday, August 27, David Upchurch, from Lincoln Christian University, will be bringing the message for the worship service. During Sunday School, the adult Sunday School classes will be combined to hear David give us an LCU update, in the sanctuary.

AUGUST 13, 2023
Worship 98
Sunday School 54
Sunday Morning Celebration 2
King's Kids 6
Jr. High & High School 7
Blessed Believers 16
The Fellowship Class 16
Chosen Ones 7
TOTAL OFFERING (8/13) \$1,916.00
Spendable 1,893.00
Worship (coffee) 3.00
Benevolence 20.00

We are looking for someone to run the SOUND BOARD on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in being trained, please talk to Mike, as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: The August Elders meeting and Board meeting have been changed to this Wednesday, August 16, 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Cynthia Baer (neighbor of Patti Groves)- successful breast cancer surgery

Family of Linda Burris

Lyla Cannon (Cannon's granddaughter)- kidney function below par, but nothing to worry about

Ray Dable (friend of Rich & Jeretta Mabry)- aortic valve replaced last Wednesday

Dan Dice (friend of Karen Williamson, from Danville)- in serious condition with lung issues

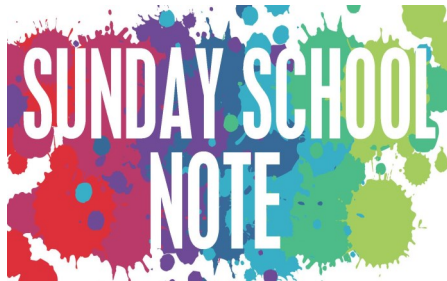
Family of Kenny Frick (Noel Frick's cousin)- funeral is Tuesday in Sidney

Nancy White (Patti Groves' sister)- shoulder surgery was successful

Hal Wiggam- has cataract surgery on Tuesday

WCF is 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.



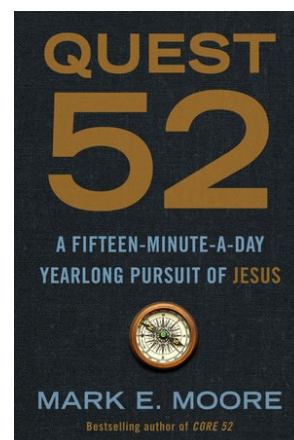
Beginning September 3, there will be two new Sunday School classes for our youth! Sarah Cannon will be teaching grades 4-8, and Maryanna Smith will be teaching grade 3 and under. Be watching for more info about these new classes!!

For those of you who are following along in Quest 52, here is the schedule for the next few weeks:

August 20-- Chapters 32 & 33

August 27-- David Upchurch preaching

September 3-- Chapter 34





Words of Great Price
8/14/2023

The phrase, “talk is cheap” means that it is easier to talk about doing something than it is to actually do it. Sometimes the phrase is used as a challenge to move a braggart from verbal promises to actually following through on their vow. As Christians, it is vital that our words carry the value God wants them to have.

Romans 10:14, “How can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?” Verbal proclamation is God’s chosen vehicle through which the gospel comes to the unsaved. Our words are valuable, and we must see them as significant and priceless to God.

King Solomon reminds us of the value of our words and urges us to use them judiciously:

Proverbs 10:19 - When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.

Proverbs 11:12 - A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his tongue.

Proverbs 12:18 - Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 15:2 - The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.

Proverbs 18:2 - A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.

Proverbs 18:13 - He who answers before listening – that is his folly and his shame.

Proverbs 20:19 - A gossip betrays a confidence; so, avoid a man who talks too much.

Space prevents a larger discourse on what scripture says about our speech patterns. Just know that our words are so valuable, many of the commandments are built around what we say and how we say it.

Colossians 4:6 – *Let your conversation be always full of grace, tasty like a preservative, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

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: Brad Smith (Front) Fran Waldrop (South)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Bob Dowler/Margaret Black

Serving: C. Cannon, K. Logan, D. Logan, M. Hughes

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

Mission of the Week: THAILAND SUSTAINABLE MINISTRIES

Chang Mai, Thailand

Abel & Ruth Sairanttanyu, Missionaries

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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