



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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August 8, 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.



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!!



Women's Christian Fellowship will meet on Thursday, August 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. All ladies are invited!

Hostesses: Karen & Sara Williamson
Devotions: Frances & Nancy Dowler
Missions: Judy Zylstra

AUGUST 6, 2023	
Worship	91
Sunday School	46
Sunday Morning Celebration	0
King's Kids	9
Jr. High & High School	4
Blessed Believers	7
The Fellowship Class	19
Chosen Ones	7
TOTAL OFFERING (7/30)	\$4,128.00
Spendable	3,908.00
Missions	220.00
TOTAL OFFERING (8/6)	\$3,259.00
Spendable	3,248.00
Worship (coffee)	11.00

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!!

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

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

Family of Dale Burnett- Villa Grove

Chris Clark- hip surgery went well; is recuperating at home

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

Sarah Hughes- suffering with migraines and stomach issues

Agnes Kaeb (friend of Rothmel's)- recovering from emergency C-section on August 6; baby is doing well

Steve & Lani Jones (Dusty Cannon's parents)- leaving August 6 for a seminar in Africa; prayers for safety, his message and lessons, that he will be an encouragement to the locals

Family of Becky Lietz- neighbor of Ritter's

Family of Wayne Penny- co-worker with Greg Ritter

Ray Weaver- had dizzy spell on Sunday; better today

Dennis Williamson- dealing with dizziness

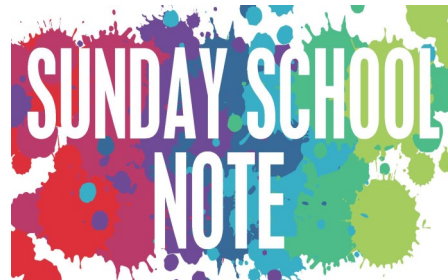
WCF will be collecting food for the Rural Grace Food Pantry in August. You may leave your donations in the cloak room (near the south door). If you choose to write a check, please make it out to "RURAL GRACE FOOD PANTRY." Thank you for sharing with others in our community.

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



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

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!!



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.



Not Everyone Hits Homeruns **8/8/2023**

The baseball season is nearing its end. Teams “in the hunt” have used the trade deadline to bolster their team with an ace pitcher or homerun hitter, so they can make a World Series run.

If this were 50 years ago, one player they might not look at was a pitcher who never won a Cy Young Award, never threw a no-hitter, and never hit a home run, even though he had 1,334 at bats. If you looked deeper, you would see that this pitcher entered the league with the LA Dodgers in 1966 and recorded 209 strikeouts in his rookie season (the first Dodger pitcher to do that). He strung together 18 consecutive seasons with 100+ strikeouts. And was only the fourth pitcher to be included in the 300+ win and 3,000+ strikeout club when he retired in 1988. His name is Don Sutton. He is in the Hall of Fame, being inducted into Cooperstown in 1998.

Not everyone hits home runs! In the history of baseball, 10 players have been up to bat at least 1,000 times and never hit a homerun. Leading the pack is William (Bill) Holbert, who joined the New York Metropolitan on September 5, 1876. During his 11-year career, he had 2,335 at bats and never hit a homerun. But, in 1879, at age 24, Holbert was asked to be a manager/player for his team. He fulfilled that role admirably.

My point is, God doesn't expect everyone in His kingdom to be an ace pitcher or a homerun hitter. He expects us to be faithful, know the gifts He has given us through the Holy Spirit and use those gifts to advance His kingdom, even if those gifts are not flashy and do not make headlines. God wants us to be participants in kingdom work, not just spectators. He needs engaged disciples, not armchair fans.

Mike

***We are looking for someone to run the Power Point on Sunday mornings.
If you would be interested in learning how, see 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: Judy Zylstra (Front) Brenda Elam (South)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Brenda Elam/Sarah Hughes

Serving: B. Kelly, B. Kelly, N. Kelly

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

Mission of the Week: RURAL GRACE FOOD PANTRY

Murdock, Illinois

Stevie Shearer, Contact person

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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