



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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September 12, 2023

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Sunday, September 17

All youth, grades 6-12, are invited to the church to enjoy a time of fun- with snacks, a devotional thought, and a discussion on the direction of your youth group.



Wednesday, September 13 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting
7:30 p.m. Board meeting

Thursday, September 14 6:30 p.m. Women's Christian Fellowship
Hostess: SARAH CANNON
Missions: SARAH HUGHES
Devotions: BRENDA ELAM

Wednesday, September 20 6:15 p.m. Bible Study resumes, church fellowship hall

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Worship 99
Sunday School 49
Sunday Morning Celebration 2
King's Kids 4
High School 6
Blessed Believers 10
The Fellowship Class 20
Chosen Ones 7

TOTAL OFFERING \$2,655.00
Spendable 2,262.00
Missions (Produce) 29.00

Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who helped WCF stock the shelves at the Rural Grace Food Pantry. Ted Shearer and his "crew," who help in anyway, are doing an unbelievable mission. Thank you again.

**WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP**

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Family of Dick Crouse

Joe Dalton (Smith's 46 yr. old son-in-law)- doing better after a stroke; will be having angioplasty

Mary Gen Frick- kidney stone surgery on September 23

Sophie Kaeb – (Deanne Rothermels' newborn cousin)- still in NICU, doing well

Randy Lake (Pete & Linda's son)- will be having triple bypass surgery soon

Family of Patrick Madigan- Lois Naddy's brother-in-law

Michael (Glenda Case's son-in-law)- doing better after heart attack; will be back at work in two weeks

Traci Poe- recovering from reconstructive surgery

Don & Becky Russell- Becky has cancer, not doing well

Ray Weaver- doing better; is now on meds for seizures

Sara Williamson- upcoming Seed Sower mission trip to Benin, October 6-14

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WILLING TO BE TRAINED IN THE USE OF OUR WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, TALK TO MIKE.



CHOICES is having their Annual Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, September 30 at the McKenna-Yost Convention Center at the Hilton Garden Inn in Mattoon. Seating begins at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, PLEASE CALL MARYANNA SMITH (217)218-9233 before Friday, September 15. Carpooling can be arranged at a later date.

Our congregation has been invited to a family entertainment opportunity to see "THE LEGEND OF NOAH ZARK," a new live musical currently being presented at Penn Station Theater in Arthur. The show is never before seen, family friendly and Christian-based. The show runs through October 28. If you would like more information, call (314)200-5272 or visit the web page at pennstationtheater.com





It's All About the Who **9/12/2023**

A High Schooler had a question of a spiritual nature. "Pastor Mike, when Jesus died on the cross, the Bible says there was an earthquake, graves were opened and holy people came out. What happened to those people? How did they look? And why didn't God raise everyone?" Wow, those are interesting questions. The verses in question were Matthew 27:51-53. There are no details given. Just a couple of facts and then the author moves on.

It is human nature to want to know all the details and understand the whys and wherefores. Unfortunately, many people assume that if the answers are not in the Bible, then you can't believe any of it. In this case, because the event seems so outlandish and impossible, and because there aren't detailed answers, it must not have happened. Those who do not want to believe will use this as a test-case of just how ludicrous the Bible is, and how impossible it is to believe these "mythological" stories.

This senior was just inquisitive. My answer was simple, "We don't know. Scripture doesn't give us the what, why, or how. This event is not about details. It is about the who." Then I recommended the student look up John 20:30-31 which are words written about Jesus' miraculous signs. John says that Jesus did many things not written. *But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.*

Lots of amazing things happened in scripture. Their purpose is not to cause us to focus on the event but on the Messiah. Don't get bogged down in the details or lack thereof. Look at scripture until you see Jesus.

Mike

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Office Hours: 10:00-4:30 (M, T, Th, F)

Elders:

John Dilliner

Jerry Hughes

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

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

Greeters: Rich & Jeretta Mabry (South) Ollie Oberg (Front)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Judi Lock

Serving: R. Duzan, K. Logan, D. Logan, B. Smith

Elder-On-Call for September: JERRY HUGHES (217)369-5495

Mission of the Week: COLEGIO BIBLICO

Eagle Pass, Texas

Gonzalo Flores, President

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

NINA BOYER

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