



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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September 5, 2023



FCC'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC!!

Sunday, September 10

12:00 p.m.

Henson Park Pavilion

****Chicken, beverages & tableware provided****

You are invited to enjoy a fun afternoon!

Get to know the FCC folks better.

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.

QUESTIONS? Contact Sara, or call the church office!



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.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Worship 65
Sunday School 41
Sunday Morning Celebration 3
King's Kids 2
High School 5
Blessed Believers 12
The Fellowship Class 15
Chosen Ones 4

TOTAL OFFERING \$3,265.00



VBS MEETING!

Tuesday, September 12-- 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

This meeting is to review this year's successful VBS and to look toward 2024!

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Joe Dalton (Smith's son-in-law)- stroke

Fleming family

Family of Awanda Heyen; visitation Wednesday, 12-1:30pm; funeral Wednesday, 1:30pm

Ken Heyen- in Tuscola Heath Care Center, not in good health, dealing with dementia

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

Michael (Glenda Case's son-in-law)- heart attack

Madeline Shunk- moving to Champaign on September 22; flying to Washington, D.C. on September 24, for a week-long conference



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



Easing the Pain of Change **9/5/2023**

My college Psychology Professor made a statement that has stuck with me for over 40 years. "All change is painful. People will not change until the pain of staying the same is greater than the pain of change."

I have found that to be true. I have counseled people to stop living in a painful situation. Yet they refuse, because they believe the pain of change is greater than the pain of staying in their current horrible situation. It is heartbreaking when someone you love won't change and bring their life in line with the peace that can be found in Jesus.

Jesus knew that frustration all too well. He desires that everyone repent (change) and become His disciple. However, many refuse to change because they believe being a Christian is too painful and restrictive. So, they stay in their sin and in the futility of their own thinking. Satan is delighted when people believe the lie. He wants people to stay hopeless, helpless, without light, purpose, or meaning.

I can't convince anyone to change and be a Christian. All I can do is share the promise that we do not have to carry the pain of change by ourselves. God gives us His Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

Acts 3:19 – *Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.*

Romans 12:2a – *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world; but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

For those who choose to change, there is a promise. In the end, we will live in a place with no pain.

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: Frances Dowler (South)

Macen & Shelby Hughes (Front)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Brenda Elam/Patti Groves

Serving: C. Cannon, B. Kelly, B. Kelly, N. Kelly

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

Mission of the Week: AXIOM CHRISTIAN- University of Illinois

Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

Aaron Bird, Axiom Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

KEN HEYEN

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