



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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October 3, 2023

SOUP SUPPER!
Hosted by the ladies of Women's Christian
Fellowship
Thursday, October 12-- 6:00 p.m.
See the sign-up sheet in this Sunday's bulletin.
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!

Soup
Supper



This year's In Thanks-Giving project is LITTLE GALILEE CHRISTIAN CAMP. We will be collecting up to \$3000 for updating the dean's quarters for the main camp. They hope to add new flooring and bedding before next summer. "Our deans are in charge of our weeks of camp and are invaluable. We want them to feel valued and special by the accommodations we give them." Mike can attest that updating is needed. We will be collecting donations from October 1-November 26. Thank you! There is a container for donations located in the auditorium.

Wednesday, October 4, 6:15 p.m. Bible Study, at the church

Wednesday, October 11, 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting
7:30 p.m. Board meeting

Sunday, October 14, 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Committee meeting, in the fellowship hall



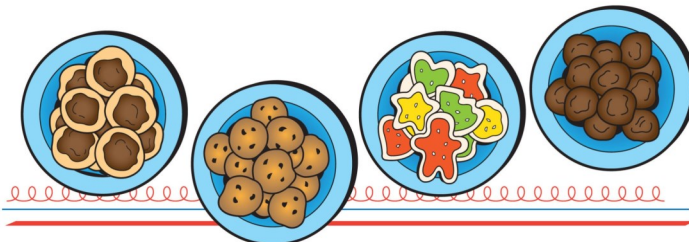
COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 1, 2023

Worship 106
Sunday School 74
Sunday Morning Celebration 6
King's Kids 4
High School 8
Blessed Believers 18
The Fellowship Class 32
Chosen Ones 6

TOTAL OFFERING \$8,343.00
Spendable 8,113.00
Benevolence 20.00
In-Thanksgiving 60.00
Memorial 150.00

If you agreed to bring cookies for the Camargo first responders, please deliver them to the church by Wednesday, October 11. Thank you!
SARAH CANNON



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Roy Dable (friend of Mabry's)- heart surgery

Darlene Greeley (Judy Zylstra's mom)- in hospital with fluid retention

Melvin Greeley (Judy Zylstra's dad)- had defibrillator & pacemaker put in last Thursday; doing well

Darrell Hinkle- leg problems; will be seeing a specialist

Sarah Hughes- leukemia is healed

John Loesch (cousin of Holly Wiggam)- cancer treatments

Family of Virginia Maxwell- Darrell Hinkle's sister

Family of Jim Waldrop- Edna's son and Joyce Ritter's brother

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

Bernie Zylstra (Mike's dad)- has COVID; having infusion treatments for five days



SENIOR SAINTS DAY-- October 11, 9:00am-2:00pm Cost: \$20.00

Speakers: Brent Salm (Senior Minister, College Park Christian Church) & Steve Ingram (retired Senior Minister, South Shores Christian Church); Music is by Heaven Bound

Location is in Self-Control (Dining Hall). Doors open at 8:00am, enjoy a continental breakfast at 8:30am. The program starts at 9:00am with gospel singing, a delicious lunch and great fellowship!

LADIES DAY-- October 14, 9:30am-3:30pm Cost: \$20.00

Dean: Cerita Karr, Speaker: Missy Eversole, author of "Transformed, Not Conformed"

**Locations is Self-Control (Dining Hall); theme is "Transformed, Not Conformed"
Cost includes morning snacks, lunch, afternoon desserts, sessions and more.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER FOR EITHER OF THESE EVENTS, CALL THE CAMP OFFICE
AT (217)935-3809, OR GO TO www.LittleGalilee.org**

A Nitpickers Guide to Church Life **10/3/2023**

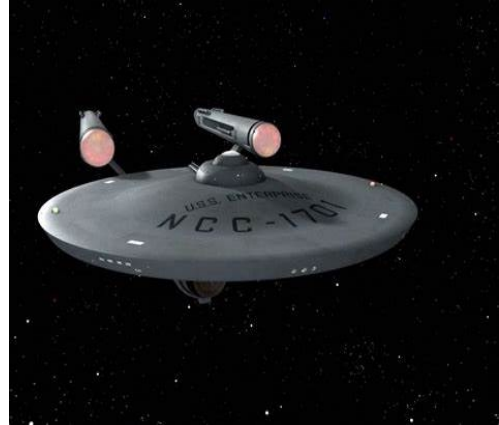
The book title was: "A Nitpickers Guide for Classic Trekkers". It is 380 pages of errors, oversights, omissions, miscues, and unintentional blunders found in the 73 episodes of the original "Star Trek" series. Tremendous energy and tedious hours were spent pouring over every frame of the show, so that as many mistakes as possible could be identified.

Those reading the book might be tempted to watch the show just to see if the "experts" missed any mistakes. One could easily become quite adept at nitpicking. They might even nitpick on their co-workers, friends, and family members. They could truthfully point out a child's errors, or the flaws in their spouse's behavior or words. They could scrutinize the clubs and groups to which they belong and enlighten them on their mistakes. While at it, we might as well nitpick our church. Surely the Elders, teachers and especially the preacher need to be aware of their omissions and oversights. Our criticism would be justified. Besides, if one is finding mistakes in other Christians, then we don't have to look at our own sin.

At least one time, the Apostle John was reprimanded for being a nitpicker. **Mark 9:38-40** – "Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." "Do not stop him." Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us."

Negative nitpicking is easy to do. It is also a habit that is hard to break. Let's look for the good in others, even if they are not "part of our group." Let's be encouragers, lifting up the name and authority of Jesus and building up all who faithfully share His "Good News."

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: Janet Cassida (South) Curaleen Gammon (Front)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Dilliner/Zylstra

Serving: P. Eisenmenger, B. Kelly, B. Kelly, N. Kelly

Elder-On-Call for October: JOHN DILLINER (217)621-9807

Mission of the Week: TCM INTERNATIONAL
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Tony Twist, President

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

NINA BOYER

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