



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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January 16, 2024

Sunday, January 21-- 11:00 a.m.
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
No adult Sunday School- SS will meet for Grades 8 & under

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR 2024
Elder: John Dilliner (1 year) Jerry Hughes (3 years)
Deacon: Stephen Sinkes (3 years) Bill Akers (3 years)
Ray Weaver (3 years)
Trustee: Curt Cannon (3 years)
Jeff Watson (3 years)
Treasurer: Helen Watson (3 years)



The January Elders meeting will be Wednesday, January 17, at 6:00 p.m. Board meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday night Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 24, 6:15 p.m. The group will be studying "Max on Life," a study by Max Lucado.

Copies of the 2024 Church Directory will be available at both exit doors on Sunday. Please take as many as you can use. If we run out, Brenda will make more!

Sara Williamson will be leading a mission team to Benin on March 8-18. The "Train the Trainer" training team will be training ladies in Benin, Africa to become trainers of the previous Seed Sower materials they learned. If you would like to help Sara through prayer or financial support, you can return the form (posted on the bulletin board) to Sara at 7381 Navarre Pkwy. Apt. 1113, Navarre, FL 32566. See all the info on the bulletin board, south hallway, or call the church office.



JANUARY 14, 2024

Worship 66
No Sunday School

Sunday Morning Celebration
King's Kids
High School
Blessed Believers
The Fellowship Class
Chosen Ones

OFFERING N/A



SUNDAY NOON LIVE
Sunday, February 11
12 Noon

Hot meat sandwiches and beverage provided.
Please bring sides or desserts to share.
Fun & Games! Invite your friends!

Sponsored by FCC Fellowship Ministry



IN OUR

Thoughts and Prayers



Family of Michele Bailey- daughter of Pete & Linda Lake
Sarah Cannon- cataract surgery on January 23 and 30
Debbie Crabel (friend of Paula Webber)- cancer
Della Mae Frahm- unresponsive after a stroke
Norma Johnson (Maryanna Smith's sister)- home; still having heart issues
Family of Paul Moore- friend of Mary Gen Frick
Family of Deb Nussell- cousin of Cindy Thomas & Joyce Ritter and Edna Waldrop's niece
Bill Schweighart- not doing well; has not come home



*Grief Share Support Group
Sundays, February 4-April 28
4:00-5:30 p.m.*

Sidney Christian Church, Sidney, IL

Grief Share is a video seminar series that features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a Biblical perspective.

Registration fee: \$20

If interested, call Doug Krukewitt, Sidney CC pastor, at (309)318-0632 or email at sidneycc.doug@gmail.com.

You can also visit griefshare.org, for more info.



The Youth Group will be taking a trip to Butler, Illinois to LOVE PACKAGES. They will be taking used Bibles, Sunday School material and other Christian materials for Love Packages to send across the world to be used by other people.

The church bus will leave on Saturday, January 20, promptly at 6:45am, and breakfast & lunch will be provided on the bus.

Youth Group will not meet on Sunday, January 21.

Speaking God's Word Like a Prophet 1/16/2024

Yesterday was celebrated as Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Though you might not know much about his civil rights activism, you will likely be aware of his most famous speech. On August 28, 1963, King delivered a speech to 250,000 people in Washington D.C. where he proclaimed, "I have a dream." His dream focused on freedom for all. He passionately called for racial, economic, and political equality regardless of race, plus a concerted effort to fulfill the *Emancipation Proclamation* and the U.S. *Constitution* which demands civil rights for everyone. King's "Dream" speech was building for several years. He used that refrain many times prior to 1963. The dream still needs to be realized today as there are racial biases, bigotry, prejudices, and inequality 60 years later.



The MESSAGE from God

In many ways, King's speech is not unlike the prophet's speeches in the Old Testament. God used men like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Elijah, Joel, Micah and others to proclaim His message to the Israelites. He asked each prophet to be bold, committed, and faithful as they spoke God's truth to people who often did not want to hear it.

Is God calling you to proclaim His message? Has he given you an understanding of His truth that He wants you to faithfully broadcast to a people-group who might not want to hear it? Not every prophet was ready for their calling. It took some concessions to get Moses on board. It took a shipwreck and being swallowed by a big fish to convince Jonah. Hopefully, God doesn't have to go to such lengths to get your attention. He may give you His message in a dream. More likely, he is speaking to you through your Bible.

I challenge you to read the Bible every day and listen for the message God needs you to proclaim.

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: Glenda Case (South) David Shunk (Front)

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Dowler & Weaver/Hubert

Serving: R. Duzan, D. Logan, K. Logan, C. Cannon

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

Mission of the Week: INTERNATIONAL CONF. ON MISSIONS

(ICOM) Clayton, Indiana

David Empson, Executive Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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