



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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January 16, 2024



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

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.



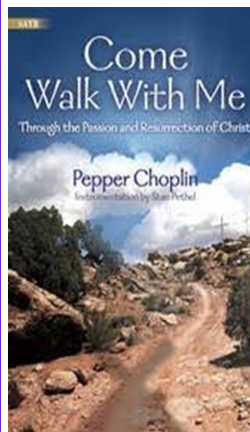
The 2024 Church Leaders' Conference will be held at Lincoln Christian University. The first session begins at 9:00am. The registration cost (includes a box lunch) of \$40 will be paid for by FCC. Please sign up by FEBRUARY 4, if you would like to go. We will take the church bus, leaving the parking lot at 7:00am, and will stop at McDonalds in Clinton for breakfast. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, south hallway.

JANUARY 21, 2024

Worship 98
Sunday School 54
Sunday Morning Celebration 0
King's Kids 3
High School 6
Blessed Believers 14
The Fellowship Class 26
Chosen Ones 5

OFFERING

1/14 TOTAL: \$1,901.00
1/21 TOTAL: \$12,802.03
Spendable: \$12,782.03
Benevolence: 20.00



SINGERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY EASTER CANTATA

Directed by Janet McCumber

Rehearsals on Sundays,

Feb. 11-Mar. 17

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Performance: Palm Sunday,

March 24

All held at FCC, Villa Grove

ALL VOICES WELCOME,

Jr. High to Adult

Performance will be accompanied

by live orchestra of area musicians

For more info, contact JANET

MCCUMBER (217)493-2425 or

JUDY ZYLSTRA (320)-224-7665

or call the church office

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Sarah Cannon- cataract surgery on January 23 and 30

Chris Clark- dealing with severe joint and muscle pain

Debbie Crabel (friend of Paula Webber)- starts treatment for cancer on January 30

Derek Duzan (Rex & Jan's son)- had back surgery on Tuesday at Carle

Frank King (Margaret Black's brother in Texas)- had neck surgery January 23

Sheryl Mulvaney- thanks to everyone for birthday cards and wishes

Bill Schweighart- still dealing with cancer

Edna Waldrop- fell, in Carle Hospital with two fractured ribs



I love my church family!

Copies of the 2024 Church Directory are available at the south door. Please take as many as you can use. If we run out, we can make more!



This is our youth group who went to Butler, Illinois last Saturday, to LOVE PACKAGES. They took used Bibles, Sunday School material and other Christian materials for Love Packages to send across the world to be used by other people.

L-R (first row) Quinn Lillard, Julie Swigart

(second row) Anthony Burnett, Mike & Judy Zylstra, Noah Kelly, Alivia Burnett, Stacy and Addison Obenland

(third row) Tucker Shunk, Miles Swigart, Ryan & Logan Lillard



**Compile A Joy List
1/23/2024**

I recently read a true story written by the author C. W. Metcalf who was working as a hospice volunteer when he met 13-year-old Chuck, who was terminally ill. One day Chuck gave Metcalf half-a-dozen sheets of paper with writing on both sides and said, "I want you to give this to my mom and dad after I die. It's a list of all the fun we had, all the times we laughed." Metcalf was amazed that this young boy, on the verge of death, was thinking about the well-being of others.

Following Chuck's funeral, Metcalf delivered the list to the grieving parents. The memory of that list never left Metcalf. Years later he decided to make a list of his own. Surprisingly, he at first found it difficult to compile his own "joy list." But as he began looking each day for the moments of laughter, happiness, satisfaction and joy, his list began to grow. His attitude changed as well.

It is easy to focus on the negative. To live life complaining. To be frustrated by people who have let us down or have been insensitive to our needs. To find our identity in the grudges we bear. To hold hurts as leverage against others. And to refuse forgiveness, choosing rather to hold on to anger, bitterness and frustration. In our self-centered world, some have made "negativity" their go-to reality. These pessimistic people aren't in conversations long when they must tell you the latest bad thing happening to them.

Maybe it is time to compose your own JOY LIST, a hand-written chronicle of the blessings God has brought into your life. A focus on the times you have laughed, smiled, danced, and cheered. An inscribed memory of all that is good, beautiful, pleasant, fun, delightful, exciting, entertaining and brings you joy. It is even biblical.

Philippians 4:8 - *Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

Mike

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Secretary: Brenda Elam

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: Janice Thode (South) Bill Akers (Front)

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Dilliner/Zylstra

Serving: S. Sinkes, S. Shunk, M. Hughes, P. Eisenmenger

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

Mission of the Week: CHRISTIAN CAMPUS HOUSE

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL

Matthew Thomas, Lead Campus Minister

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

NINA BOYER

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