



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

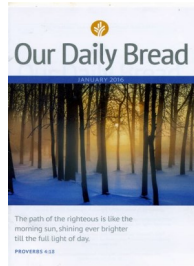
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February 20, 2024

Wednesday, February 21-- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study  
meets at the church

Sunday, February 25-- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Cantata  
Rehearsal, at the church

Sunday, March 3-- 11:45 a.m. Fellowship  
Committee meeting, fellowship hall



The March/April/May "DAILY BREAD" will be available  
at both exit doors this Sunday.  
They will be available at the south door after Sunday.



For those of you who may not know, the  
church has a great website! It is:

[www.fccvg.com](http://www.fccvg.com)

We are now in the process of updating  
photos and getting information up-to-date.  
Check it out!!

**MARCH SERMONS**

- 3/3 *Shed the Weight of Judgementalism*
- 3/10 *Shed the Weight of Bitterness*
- 3/17 *Shed the Weight of Bad Speech*
- 3/24 *Shed the Weight of Expectations*
- 3/31 *Shed the Weight of Rebellion*

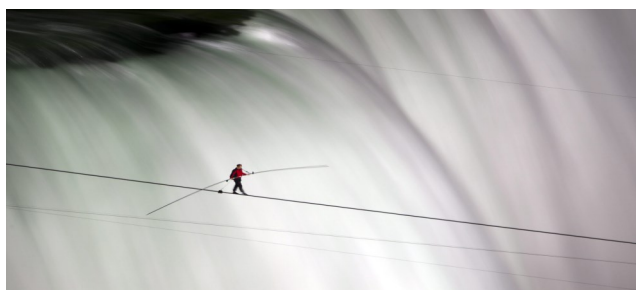
**FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

- Worship 73
- Sunday School 39
- Sunday Morning Celebration 2
- King's Kids 0
- High School 6
- Blessed Believers 8
- The Fellowship Class 18
- Chosen Ones 5

OFFERING TOTAL: N/A  
Spendable:



Sandy Bragg- at Charleston Rehab & Health Care,  
Charleston  
Chris Clark- saw rheumatologist Tuesday  
Mary Gen Frick- home after successful surgery  
Family of Brandon Hardway  
Family of Tom Madden- Bailey Ritter's maternal  
grandfather



## **Step Out in Faith with Focus** **2/20/2024**

Nik Wallenda is a 7<sup>th</sup> generation acrobat. His great-grandfather Karl Wallenda founded the *Flying Wallendas* in 1920. Nik walked across Niagara Falls in 2012 on live TV. He traversed the Grand Canyon in 2013, and set two World records with his crossing between two skyscrapers in 2014. He set another record with his 1,800 foot crossing of the Masaya Volcano in Nicaragua in March of 2020. He currently holds 11 records in the Guinness Book.

But if you ask Nik to describe himself, he would say that he is a Christian and a humble servant of Jesus Christ. He has been a believer in Jesus since the age of 4. His faith is a central aspect of his life.

One example of his humility was reported by the *Buffalo News*, following his walk across Niagara Falls. They reported that Wallenda was seen picking up cigarette butts and other trash long after most of the media had left. He grabbed a shovel and helped fill in the hole left by apparatus. "It's just something that has to be done," he said. "I'm not scared of working."

In a 2020 interview with the *Billy Graham Association*, Nik said that the worst part of the Niagara Falls walk had nothing to do with the raging winds, heavy mist constantly slamming his face, or the wire swinging 10 to 12 inches side-to-side, bobbing up and down. Wallenda said, "But the one thing I didn't expect was there was nowhere to focus." He said, "Failing to have the proper focus can turn everything upside down if you're not careful. I think that in our walk with Christ, there are so many distractions in this world, trying to pull us left and right, trying to distract you," he said. "It's about focusing on the other side—staying focused on our Lord."

There is only one way to navigate the perils of life. Step out in faith and stay focused on Jesus.

*Mike*

### **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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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: Patti Groves (South) Ray Weaver (Front)**

**Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Sarah Hughes**

**Serving: S. Sinkes, S. Shunk, R. Graham, B. Akers**

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

**Mission of the Week: RURAL GRACE FELLOWSHIP**

**Murdock, Illinois**

**Stevie Shearer, Contact Person**

### **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

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