



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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March 19, 2024

Derek Duzan - had surgery on March 12, is in ICU
Brenda Elam - recovering from knee replacement surgery
Sarah Williamson – PTL - She is back in the US after a wonderful mission trip to Benin, Africa.
Judi Locks' cousin, Brenda, passed away about 3 weeks ago.
Brenda's 18 year old grandson, Jared Morrison, took his own life by suicide on Monday. The whole family is devastated. Prayers for comfort as the Morrison family grieves.
Dan Jones - (acquaintance of Dave Shunk) recovering from quadruple bypass surgery
Brad Smith - Cancer treatments
Charlie - (Hinkle's' grandson in law) recovering from liver & kidney transplant surgery
Ron Winn - (Patti Groves friend) Not doing well



Please sign up
To provide food for the Easter SonRise breakfast.
Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the south hallway.



Tuesday, March 19- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
Wednesday, March 20 - 6:15 p.m. Bible Study
Saturday, March 23 - Cantata Rehearsal



MARCH 17, 2024
Worship 94
Sunday School 51
Sunday Morning Celebration 3
King's Kids 6
High School 6
Blessed Believers 9
The Fellowship Class 21
Chosen Ones 6

OFFERING TOTAL:
Spendable: NA

EASTER WEEK EVENTS

March 24 - Palm Sunday
4:00 p.m. Community Cantata Performance

March 28 - Holy Week Communion Service

March 29 - Good Friday

March 31 - Resurrection Sunday
No Sunday School
7:30 a.m. SonRise Service
8:00 a.m. Breakfast

Commended Speech

4/19/2024

Last Sunday we looked at Biblical truths about our speech and how we use our tongue. Because scripture has so much to say on the topic, I thought I'd use this column to describe how the Bible wants us to use our words...

...**Honestly**. While many scriptures warn us against lying. Others commend honesty. Zechariah instructed God's people: "These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another." Paul commands Christians, "Let everyone of you speak truth to his neighbor."

...**In rebuke**. Solomon says, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend." (Proverbs 27:6). Jesus urges rebuke designed to restore a sinful brother back into the church (Matthew 18). And Paul rebuked Peter when his doctrine was wrong (Galatians 2:11-13).

...**In public arguments against sin and heresy**. Jesus publicly confronted the doctrinal errors of religious leaders. Much of Paul's writings challenge the cultural worldview and false teachings that were inconsistent with the gospel.

...**In comedy, satire and metaphor**. Elijah taunted the false prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:27). Jesus spoke in riddles and parables. Paul used sarcasm and word pictures to get God's point across. Humor that honors God is useful speech.

...**In civility and respect**. Peter urges believers to be courageous and civil in spreading the gospel (1 Peter 3:15). Paul told both Timothy and Titus to be gentle as they preached and taught. Jesus urged disciples to be as innocent as a dove.

...**In informed speech**. Often uninformed words are equated with fool's words. James rebukes those who speak before thinking (James 1:19).

...**In humility**. "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." (Prov 3:34; James 4:6,1; 1 Peter 5:5). Humility shows that we understand our own fallen nature and resist the temptation to use our words in a judgmental fashion.

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Elders:

John Dilliner

Jerry Hughes

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

MARCH 24, 2024

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Greeters: Oliver Oberg (South) Margaret Black (Front)

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Judi Lock/Patti Groves

Serving: S. Shunk, D. Shunk, R. Graham, S. Sinkes

Elder-On-Call for March: JOE ROTHERMEL (217)369-5285

Mission of the Week: COLEGIO BIBLICO

Eagle Pass, Texas

Gonzalo Flores, President

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

DORIS BLACK

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTE

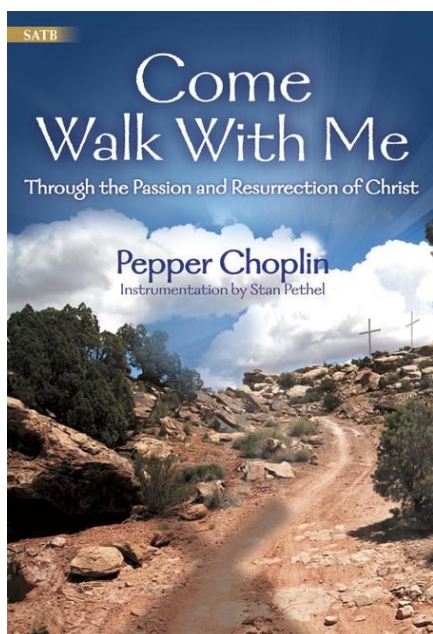
YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO STUDY WITH THE FELLOWSHIP CLASS:

The Fellowship Class will be starting a new study on April 7th. This study will last about eight weeks. We will be looking at the events that take place in "THE END OF TIMES". We will be looking at the following events:

- FIVE SIGNS OF END OF TIMES
- SEVEN TRUTHS ABOUT THE RAPTURE
- DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RAPTURE AND SECOND COMING OF CHRIST
- THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST
- THE TRIBULATION PERIOD
- THE ANTICHRIST
- THE FALSE PROPHET
- ARMAGEDDON
- THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST
- THE MILLENNIUM & THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT
- THE NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH

If you are not attending Sunday School now, come and join us for this study. If you come once, you will want to come back because we have a good time learning from God's word and from each other.

In Christ, Bob Thomas



Community Easter Cantata

The public is invited to come hear this community cantata. We have 45 singing voices, 6 narrators and voice actors, plus 16 instrumentalists in our live orchestra. Janet McCumber is the director and Judy Zylstra the accompanist.

[Come on Palm Sunday - March 24th - 4:00 p.m.](#)

The event is free but an offering will be received to help defray some of our expenses.

Doors will open at 3:30 p.m.
Overflow parking will be in Paul's Machine lot.

Bring your friends. It is a great way to prepare for Easter.