



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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March 26, 2024



Derek Duzan - Recovering recovering at Northwestern
 Brenda Elam - home, recovering from knee replacement surgery
 Dan Jones - (acquaintance of Dave Shunk) recovering from quadruple bypass surgery
 Brad Smith - Cancer treatments
 Bill Schweighart - more chemo at Carle
 Keith Heckle family - (Linda Soard's brother) mourning his death on March 21st. He was 57
 Linda Soard - diagnosed with Parkinson's
 Ron Winn - (Patti Groves' friend) passed away Monday
 Marilyn Kellems - surgery to put a stent in her carotid artery on Thursday, April 4th in Texas.



MARCH 24, 2024

- Worship 88
- Sunday School 46
- Sunday Morning Celebration 4
- King's Kids 2
- High School 5
- Blessed Believers 9
- The Fellowship Class 19
- Chosen Ones 7

OFFERING TOTAL:
Spendable NA

MARCH 17, 2024
OFFERING TOTAL:
Spendable: NA



EASTER WEEK EVENTS

Wednesday, March 27- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, March 28 - 7:00 p.m. Holy Week Communion Service

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

Sunday, March 31 - Resurrection Sunday
 7:30 a.m. SonRise Service
 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Prayer time
 9:30 a.m. Worship
 No Sunday School



Living In Celebration

3/26/2024

It had to be an incredible scene. Paul and Silas were in chains and locked away in a Philippian jail. Why? Because they had cast a demon out of a woman who kept annoying them (**Acts 16:18**). The woman was free, but scripture focuses on the negative financial effect the healing had on her handlers. With their source of income gone they blamed Paul and Silas. The two were arrested on trumped-up charges, stripped, beaten with rods, flogged, and the riotous crowd demanded the “criminals” be incarcerated. Verse 25 describes their night in jail. **“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.”**



What did these two have to celebrate? Their life was anything but cheerful at that moment. Some might say they were a tragic failure. Yet, they celebrated and sang.

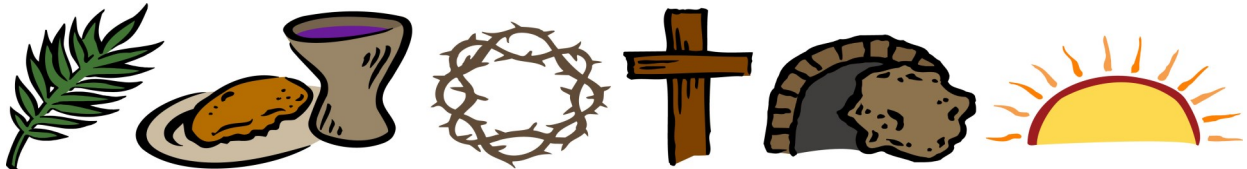
Maybe they celebrated what Jesus had done for them. He had died on the cross for their salvation. He had finished the work of atoning for their sins. He had redeemed them. He had given them a ministry. The same power that broke the bonds of death for Jesus had freed a woman trapped in bondage to Satan.

Maybe they celebrated what Jesus was doing for them right now. He had not forsaken them. He had kept them alive through their torture. Plus, He provided them with a new audience to preach to.

Maybe they celebrated what Jesus would do for them in the future. Jesus promised to go ahead of His disciples and prepare a place for them and his church. That is worth celebrating. Maybe they celebrated the future impact the gospel message would have on the attentive prisoners. Maybe they celebrated the expansion of God's kingdom.

Their circumstances didn't lend themselves to celebration. Yet, sing they did. You may believe your life is a tragic failure. But, in Christ we have lots of reasons to celebrate.

Mike



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Elders:

John Dilliner

Jerry Hughes

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

MARCH 31, 2024 RESURRECTION SUNDAY

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

Greeters: Molly McClintock (South) Bob Dowler (Front)

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: No Sunday School/No Coffee

Serving: R. Duzan, C. Cannon, M. Hughes, B. Smith

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

Mission of the Week: LINCOLN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Lincoln, Illinois

Dr. Silas McCormick, President

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

VICKI GENTRY

1005 N. Fox Run Rd.

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UP COMING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

ALL ARE INVITED TO STUDY WITH THE
FELLOWSHIP CLASS:

Bob Thomas will begin an eight week study
that will look 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.

Bible Drive

March thru April

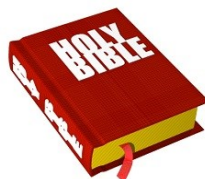
Bring new or used Bibles,
any translation, any
condition.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

First Christian Church
Mr. Kestner's class at the VGHS

Bibles will be donated to
Love Packages for overseas distribution.

Sponsored by:
F.C.C. Youth Group
VGHS S.W.A.T.
(Students With A Testimony)



TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

Recently, Frontier sold their email accounts to Yahoo. Our email has not worked properly since March 21st. We can send emails out from the office address but not receive any. Mike's address neither sends nor receives email. Until we can resolve the issues, please contact us via text or call the office. Thanks for your patience.

Office Staff