



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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April 9, 2024



WCF is planning a trip to tour Candles Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute, IN on April 20, 2024. Church bus will leave at 9:00 a.m. and return between 3:30 - 4:00. We will stop and have a late breakfast in Paris around 10:00. After the tour, you can shop at the Open Door Christian Book Store and Gift Shop. Cost is \$5.00. Give it to any WCF officer. Any questions call Sarah Cannon!

Tony and Jessalyn Jackson, son and daughter-in-law of Nancy Jackson, will be adopting 4 siblings, ages 2-6, on April 30!! Their names are Nevaeh, Spencer, Olive and Piper. Some of us would like to encourage them with a GIFT CARD SHOWER! Nancy reported that Tony would like to get the kids a swing set from Amazon. They also shop at Walmart and Sam's Club. The kids love McDonalds, and Tony and Jess like Cheddar's on the rare occasions they eat out alone. If you would like to participate, buy any gift card and send it directly to Tony and Jess. Their address is: 610 Poinsetta Dr., Little Rock, AR 72205. Questions? Contact Sarah Cannon or the church office.



Sunday, April 28, 9:30 a.m. During the worship service on April 28, we will be honoring our graduates from Jr. High, High School and College. During the fellowship time between church and Sunday School, cupcakes will be served.

APRIL 14, 2024

Worship 100
Sunday School 58

Sunday Morning Celebration 4
King's Kids 3
High School/College 5
Blessed Believers 12
The Fellowship Class 26
Chosen Ones Class 8

OFFERING (4/7/2024): \$6,347.00
Spendable: \$6,347.00

OFFERING (4/14/2024): \$2,0148.00
Spendable: \$2,0148.00



PARENTS! If you have a child graduating this spring (or since spring of '23), please notify the church office. We don't want to leave anyone out of graduation recognition on April 28. **THANKS!**

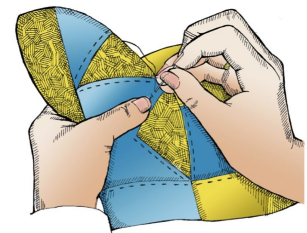
SARAH CANNON

PRAYER
Requests

Jan Duzan- successful surgery; is at home
Darrell & Linda Hinkle- thank the church for prayers for their son-in-law,
who had successful transplants
Kate Lally (family friend of John & Mary Klucinskas)- medical treatments
Izzy Lamb (5 year old, friend of Jeri Michael)- meningitis, has been sent to
St. Louis Children's Hospital
Brad Smith - cancer treatments



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
May 9, 2024-- 6:00 p.m.
Ladies Salad Supper
"God Pieces Our Lives Together"
Speaker: Trisa Martin of
Trisa's Quilting Corner



DON'T FORGET!!
Youth Group meets on Sunday,
April 21, at 6:00 p.m., at the church!!

Be sure to check out the church bulletin board-- Sara Williamson has sent us a note, with details from her trip to Benin in March. Take a minute to check it out!!



God Loves You Because He Wants To 4/16/2024

A young couple sat in my office. Exuberance radiating from their faces. I asked them to respond to the question, "Why do you want to get married?" After a bit of a pause, the man said, "Because we love each other, and we want to spend our lives together." Not a bad response. But I pressed the question one step further. "What is this love of which you speak?" The couple shifted uncomfortably. They were sure I was looking for a specific answer, but they were baffled as to what that might be. After a moment of silence, I let them off the hook by saying, "The Bible tells us that God is love. That means that love is spiritual and originates from God. If you say you love someone, you are really saying that you intend to act Godly towards them." Then I asked, "Do you know why God chose to love you?" After some hesitation, the woman ventured a timid, "Because he wanted to?" I smiled and said, "You could not have spoken truer words."

God loves us because he wants to. Not because of our work ethic, our intellect, our dedication, our heritage, our generosity, or our willpower. God chose to love you because, in grace, he wants to. We didn't earn God's love. We can't merit God's love. We don't deserve God's love. All we can do is receive God's love as a gift and respond to it.

How will you respond to God choosing to love you? Will you rebel, reject, ignore or refuse that love. OR, will you live in that love, react to that love with humble submission, return God's love by loving his word, his people, his church, the lost, his Spirit, and his Son?

Say it out loud, "God chose to love me because he wanted to." Now, bask in that truth.

Mike



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Elders:

John Dilliner Jerry Hughes
Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

APRIL 21, 2024

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

Greeters: (South) Sarah Hughes (Front) Bill Akers
Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Dilliner/Sue Taylor
Serving: S. Sinkes, R. Duzan, R. Graham, P. Eisenmenger

Elder-On-Call for April: BOB DOWLER (217)549-9791

Mission of the Week: COLEGIO BIBLICO
Eagle Pass, Texas
Gonzalo Flores, President

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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