



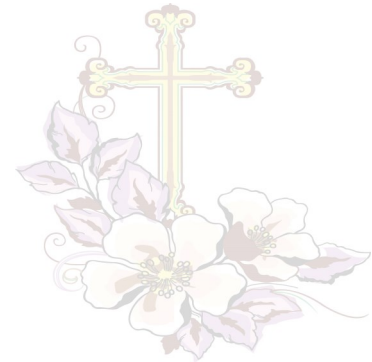
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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April 2, 2024



Derek Duzan - transferred to Shirley Ryan Rehab in Chicago  
Brenda Elam - home, recovering from knee replacement surgery  
Brad Smith - Cancer treatments  
Bill Schweighart - more chemo at Carle  
Marilyn Kellems - surgery to put a stent in her carotid artery on Thursday, April 4th in Texas.  
Connie Berry - Cancer treatments



April 2, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts meet at FCC Bldng.  
April 3, 2024 - 6:15 p.m. - Bible Study **Spring Break Party!**  
Bring a snack and enjoy the fellowship!  
April 10, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. - Elders meeting  
7:30 p.m. - Board meeting  
April 11, 2024 - 6:30 p.m. - Woman's Christian Fellowship



**Women's Christian Fellowship** 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!

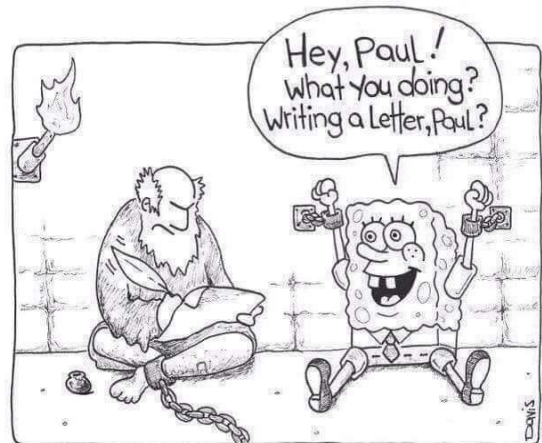
**MARCH 31, 2024**  
SonRise/Worship 115  
OFFERING: \$2,020.00  
Spendable: \$2,070.00  
Benevolence: \$50.00

**MARCH 24, 2024**  
OFFERING: \$2,325.00  
Spendable: \$2,857.00  
Benevolence: \$532.00

**MARCH 17, 2024**  
OFFERING: \$2,210.00  
Spendable: \$2,210.00



**To my Church Family,**  
Thanks so much for your thoughts & prayers for me while in the hospital & since coming home. The cards I received are wonderful! I'm doing much better and hope to be back to work very soon! Thanks again! Brenda



"... I was given a thorn in my flesh, a Messenger from Satan, to torment me. Three times I...."

## Viewing a Solar Eclipse 4/2/2024

On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cast a shadow on a path that will stretch from Texas to Maine. It is scheduled to pass over Carbondale, IL at 2:00 p.m. and will last just over 4 minutes. Here, in Villa Grove, we will see a partial eclipse. But you still have to wear the special glasses if you want to look directly at it. The last time the eclipse crossed Illinois was August 21, 2017. The next time the event happens will be August of 2044.



A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the sun and the earth and, for a short time, completely blocks the face of the sun. Some say that a solar eclipse happened when Jesus died on the cross and the sun went dark. It is highly unlikely since an eclipse only lasts a few minutes while the darkness at Jesus' death lasted hours. Some believe this eclipse is a sign that the Lord will return. Some think it is a sign of God's impending judgment on countries in its path. Many are simply in awe of the celestial event. Of course, a total solar eclipse happens somewhere in the world every 18 months so, it isn't as rare as people may think.

I prefer to see the eclipse the way the Psalmist viewed creation in Psalm 19:1, ***"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."*** Many will travel to be in the path of the eclipse. For about four minutes they will stare at a wonderful demonstration of God's power and creative work!

Even a total solar eclipse doesn't hold a candle to the power of God to free us from our bondage to sin and Satan's darkness. Jesus' resurrection and victory over death remind us that he removes darkness so that His light may shine through us.

*Mike*

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#### Elders:

John Dilliner

Jerry Hughes

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

### APRIL 7, 2024

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

**Greeters:** (South) Glenda Case (Front) Joe & Fran Waldrop

**Coffee Fix & Cleanup:** Dilliner/Wiggam

**Serving:** R. Graham, D. Logan, K. Logan, B. Akers

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

**Mission of the Week:** ONE MISSION SOCIETY

Greenwood, Indiana

Sara Williamson, Missionary

### REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

**JOE HOLSAPPLE**

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