



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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September 24, 2024



There will be a BRIDAL SHOWER in honor of Molly McClintock (Macen Hughes' fiancée) on Saturday, September 28, at 2:00 p.m. at First Christian Church. Everyone is invited.

Molly is registered at amazon.com.

The Fellowship Class will start a new series on October 6. The class will cover the following topics:

- Angels in the Bible
- A Place called Hell
- The Present Heaven
- The New Heaven and the New Earth

If you would like to learn what the Bible has to say about these topics, then join the Fellowship Class. We will learn from the Bible and from each other as we study together. If you come to the class for one Sunday, I promise you will want to come back. We will have fun together as we learn from God's Word. Give us a try and find out for yourself!

BOB THOMAS

Fellowship Class



My dear church family,

I will be traveling to Togo on September 27 and returning home on October 8. Please keep me in your prayers. Please pray that our trip is safe and we are able to carry out the mission set up before us with the coordinators throughout Africa regions as we gather in Togo for training. Please pray that it is a pleasant reunion with friends from afar and that God is blessed through it. Thank you for your continued love and support. **SARA WILLIAMSON**

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Worship	87
Sunday School	50
Preschool Class	3
Sunday Morning Celebration	4
King's Kids	3
High School/College	7
Blessed Believers	11
The Fellowship Class	15
Chosen Ones Class	7
OFFERING:	\$2,307.00
Spendable	2,207.00
Building & Grounds	100.00

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Worship	95
Sunday School	68
Preschool Class	2
Sunday Morning Celebration	3
King's Kids	6
High School/College	10
Blessed Believers	14
The Fellowship Class	26
Chosen Ones Class	7
OFFERING:	\$1,913.00
Spendable	1,421.00
Benevolence	492.00

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Debbie Crabill (friend of Paula Webber)- cancer
Jacob Hatfill (nephew of Mary Gen Frick)- home
Dale Hubert- in Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital
Greg Ritter- home, doing well
Becky Russell- health concerns
Barb Watson- struggling with depression and anxiety
Sara Williamson- leaves Friday on mission trip to Togo, Africa



To my church family, Thank you for the calls and texts, the beautiful flowers and all the prayers. My brother from Florida was grateful that you support me so much. Thank you for always being there.

*Love you all,
JUDI LOCK*

I would like to thank the congregation for prayers, phone calls, kind words and cards. Greg is home; sore, but doing fine.

JOYCE RITTER

Women's Christian Fellowship will be hosting their annual SOUP SUPPER on Thursday, October 10, at 6:00 p.m. This is for everyone.

The speakers for the evening are from East Central Illinois Christian School in Newman, a non-denominational, independent, private school for students in Grades K-8. Our speakers are Pam McDowell (member of the Board of Trustees) and Matt McGregor (Vice President of the Board of Trustees).

We hope you will join us for some good soup, good fellowship, and learning about this Christian school right in our area.

An insert will be in the bulletin to sign up.



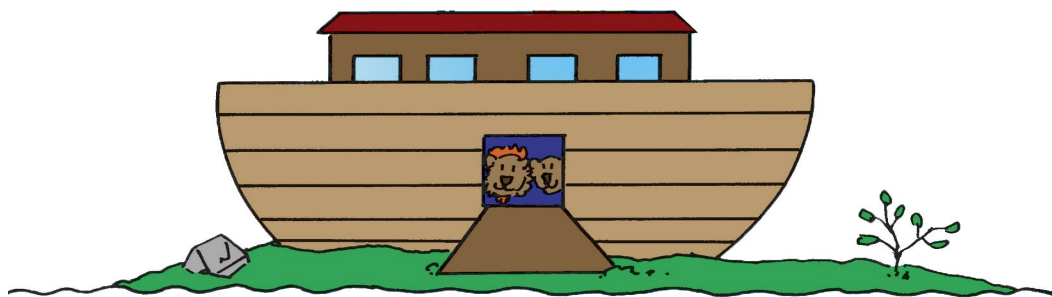
COMING UP AT LITTLE GALILEE:



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3- Senior Saints Day, 8:00am-2:00pm
Special Speaker is Dr. David Faust, author and former Cincinnati Bible College President. Special music will be provided by Heaven Bound Quartet and His Strings. Light breakfast and lunch is provided. Cost is \$20.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5- Ladies Day, 9:00am-3:00pm
The theme is "DISCIPLESHIP," and speakers are the Discipleship Group from Broadway Christian Church. Cost is \$20, which includes snacks, lunch and a dessert bar.

REGISTER FOR BOTH AT LITTLELALILEE.ORG



Every Heart is Inclined to Evil

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We know the story about Noah. God decided to destroy all humans on the earth with a global flood. He had a righteous man, Noah, spend over 100 years building an ark. God brought every kind of animal, clean and unclean, plus Noah and his family (8 in all) into the ark to save them from the devastating, planet-covering flood. The water stayed for over a year before man and animals left the ark. In worship, Noah offered a sacrifice to God and God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of the covenant he made that He would never destroy the earth with water.

What I find interesting are the words of Genesis 8:21, as Noah was offering the sacrifice to God. *The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done."* We remember the promises and often forget the disclaimer. God won't curse or destroy the world with water again, even though humans, from childhood, will not stop sinning.

We want to believe that children are innocent! Maybe they are for a short time. But, like every child, the evil inclinations of the heart show up quickly. Every child displays times of selfishness, stubbornness, lying, rebellion and deceit from an early age. And no amount of punishment will break us of our sin nature. The only hope humans of all ages have is being given a recreated heart.

This is why every parent must help their children to see the sin that so easily entangles us. Especially at the child's most impressionable years (before age 5). Though our hearts are inclined to evil, our Lord is inclined to forgive, purify and lead us into a better way.

Mike

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Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

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

Greeters: (Front) Sarah Hughes (South) Swigart Family

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Janet Cassida

Serving: R. Graham, P. Eisenmenger, D. Shunk, S. Shunk

Elder-On-Call for September: JERRY HUGHES (217)369-5495

Mission of the Week: LITTLE GALILEE CHRISTIAN CAMP
Clinton, Illinois
Gabe Rutledge, Camp Manager

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

VICKI GENTRY

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