



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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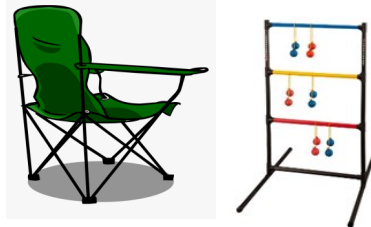
September 3, 2024

## FCC'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC!

Sunday, September 8  
12:00 p.m.

Henson Park Pavilion

Tableware, chicken & drinks are provided-- please bring dishes to share, lawn chairs and lawn games. You are invited to enjoy a fun afternoon and get to know the FCC folks better!



## HOPE AND A FUTURE

*Choices Pregnancy & Health invites you to their  
Annual Fundraising Dinner  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28*

*McKenna Yost Convention Center at the Hilton  
Garden Inn, Mattoon, Illinois*

*Seating begins at 6:00 p.m.; Dinner and Program is  
from 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

*An opportunity to make a financial gift will be  
extended- the dinner is complimentary  
(adults only)*

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE SEE  
RICH OR ANGELA GRAHAM BY SEPTEMBER 11!**

### SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Worship 91  
Sunday School 56

Preschool Class	2
Sunday Morning Celebration	4
King's Kids	4
High School/College	8
Blessed Believers	13
The Fellowship Class	20
Chosen Ones Class	5

OFFERING: N/A  
Spendable  
Benevolence

## Thank You!



To my church family;  
Thank you for the many cards, the beautiful flowers,  
the gifts, all the visits, and most of all, your prayers. I  
love each and everyone of you.

FRANCES DOWLER



Jacob Hatfill (nephew of Mary Gen Frick)- in Children's Hospital;  
has lymphoma

**Chonda Pierce, Christian comedienne, will be performing at the  
Maranatha Church in Decatur on Sunday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Tickets are \$29.75, and we have 5  
committed to attend, and 5 tickets to sell.  
If you would like to attend, please contact Karen  
Williamson or the church office.**



## YOUTH GROUP MEETING!!

**Sunday, September 8, 6:00 p.m.  
at the church**

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!**

**Wednesday, September 11**  
**Elders meeting- 6:00 p.m. Board meeting- 7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, September 12- Women's Christian Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.**

**Hostess: Karen Williamson**  
**Devotions: Frances Dowler**  
**Missions: Janet Cassida**



*Coming  
Next Week*



...HOW WIDE AND LONG  
AND HIGH AND DEEP  
IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV



## ***What Scientists Can't Explain as Fact*** **8/3/2024**

Scientists are some of the most intelligent and trusted people in America. That said, there are things that scientists cannot explain as fact. They do not know as fact:

The universe or its origin – They have theories and hypothesis.

The “fine tuning” of the universe – Everything necessary for life is exactly right on earth. To deviate even a single degree would make earth uninhabitable.

Consciousness – some call it the “soul”. Scientists know biology and biological processes. They know anatomy and how the brain permits higher thought. But they do not know how humans received a soul.

Morality – Knowing right from wrong and having a moral compass makes us different from all other animals. Why only humans developed morality they do not know.

Materialistic desire – Why do humans desire more than they need to survive? No other animal has that desire.

DNA design and complexity – Scientists are making great strides in mapping out the human genome. But it is still a work in progress. Plus, the whole design of it baffles them.

Human connection – Why do we desire relationships beyond the basic animalistic need for procreation and protection of our species? Why do we “love” one another? Why do we desire love and where did love come from? Scientists do not know.

Miracles – Scientists define miracles as those surprising outcomes that defy scientific conventions, laws and theories. They happen. Scientists cannot explain how or why.

What happens after we die? There are theories, but scientists don't know.

The meaning of life – Science can explain the “how” of life but not the “why” or the purpose of life.

God has given us a purpose for life. According to Romans 8:28-29, our purpose is to be conformed to the likeness of Jesus Christ. We are to think, act, love, forgive, and serve God like Jesus. Fulfilling that purpose reminds us that God is the answer to all of life's unanswerable questions. We live by faith and not by sight.

*Mike*

### **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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#### **Elders:**

John Dilliner                      Jerry Hughes  
Bob Dowler                        Joe Rothermel

### **SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

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

**Greeters: (Front) Margaret Black (South) Brad Smith**

**Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Judi Lock**

**Serving: S. Shunk. D. Logan, K. Logan, J. Watson**

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

**Mission of the Week: MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION  
Villa Grove & Camargo, Illinois  
Villa Grove & Camargo Ministers**

### **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**SHIRLEY WALDROP**

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