



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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October 1, 2024

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



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.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Worship	91
Sunday School	54
Preschool Class	3
Sunday Morning Celebration	4
King's Kids	3
High School/College Class	6
Blessed Believers	11
The Fellowship Class	23
Chosen Ones	4
OFFERING:	\$10,626.09
Spendable	10,565.14
Benevolence	20.00
Memorial	25.00
Worship	15.95



Congratulations to MATT BOYER, who received a Presidential Distinguished Service Award, in recognition of his service to Eastern Illinois University. The award was given by Jay Gatrell, President of Eastern Illinois University. CONGRATULATIONS, MATT!!

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Debbie Crabill (friend of Paula Webber)- cancer
Darla Frasier (neighbor of Bob & Frances Dowler)- surgery in stomach area, in a lot of pain
Angela Graham- prayers for healing after thumb surgery; is very painful
Dale Hubert- in Oddfellows Home in Mattoon, for rehab
Family of Paul McCland- friend of Sheryl Mulvaney's sister, Lisa Jones
Becky Russell- health concerns
William VanWassenhove (friend of Sonja Jones)- in a regular room; will have artery
repair surgery on Thursday
Dennis & Karen Williamson- recovering from COVID-19
Sara Williamson- on a mission trip in Togo, Africa



Wednesday, October 2-- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study meets at the church

Sunday, October 6-- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at the church

Wednesday, October 9-- 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting
7:30 p.m. Board meeting

IN THANKS-GIVING!!

***"Operation Christmas Child"
with Samaritan's Purse***

BE WATCHING FOR INFORMATION!!



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

EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV

The “Easy Button”

10/1/2024

In 2005, the marketing department for Staples Office supply came up with the “Easy Button” ad campaign. The ads featured a bright red button with the word “easy” in raised white letters. The button contained the magical ability to solve all office supply related issues. Need printer ink, file folders, pens, shelving, or sticky notes? Press the easy button and all is instantly made right. Eventually, the ads expanded into people pressing the “easy” button to handle difficult things in life. Like: heart surgery, breaking a horse, changing the diapers of twins, even being called on by your 5th grade teacher to answer a math equation. The question at the end of the ad was, “Wouldn’t it be nice if there was an easy button for life?”

Many Christians believe that God is the “easy” button in handling the spiritual life’s difficult situations. Just throw up a quick prayer, and God instantly takes away our hardships.

In Matthew 11:20-30, Jesus spoke of two groups of people, the condemned and the accepted. He mentions entire cities who, though Jesus had performed many miracles and taught within those cities, refused to repent and were thus condemned. On the flip side were those who accepted Jesus with childlike faith. Rather than relying on their own wisdom, they chose to be fully dependent on God. Rather than relying on salvation by obedience to the law, a yoke too burdensome for anyone to bear, Jesus urged them to take his yoke, a yoke of grace and love, upon themselves. Why? Because His yoke is “easy, and His burden is light.”

Jesus has always encouraged the burdened to come to him and find a gentle spirit and a humble heart. Your troubles will not magically disappear, but, “take heart,” Jesus says, “I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)



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John Dilliner Jerry Hughes
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OCTOBER 6, 2024

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

Greeters: (Front) Dennis Williamson (South) Steven Gordon

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Dilliner/Thomas

Serving: S. Sinkes, R. Duzan, D. Logan, K. Logan

Elder-On-Call for October: JOHN DILLINER (217)621-9807

Mission of the Week: AXIOM CHRISTIAN
University of Illinois/ Urbana-Champaign
They are looking for a director at this time

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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