



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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October 8, 2024

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.



### IN THANKS-GIVING!!

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

*If you would like to fill a shoebox with gifts for a child, there are lists of suggested items for several ages located in the work room at the church; please add \$10 for shipping, if possible. If you would like to give a monetary donation, there is a box located in the auditorium. Boxes and donations will be collected until November 10.*

### NOTE:

Elders meeting & Board meeting have been cancelled for October.

#### OCTOBER 6, 2024

Worship	92
Sunday School	60
Preschool Class	2
Sunday Morning Celebration	4
King's Kids	0
High School/College Class	4
Blessed Believers	10
The Fellowship Class	31
Chosen Ones	9
OFFERING:	\$5,892.25
Spendable	5,897.25
Benevolence	25.00



*First Christian Church,  
Thank you so much for all the cards, encouragement  
and prayers for my recent knee surgery and  
quadriple surgery. I appreciate your support. I also  
want to thank Mike for his visits.*

DALE HUBERT



IN OUR

# Thoughts and Prayers



Debbie Crabill (friend of Paula Webber)- cancer  
Congratulations to John & Rachel Henderson, who were married on  
September 29; John is Phyllis Henderson's son  
Hurricane Helene victims and families; prayers and safety for those who  
will be experiencing Hurricane Milton  
Praise! Howard Osborne transferred his membership to our congregation on Sunday!  
Greg Ritter- will be starting therapy in two weeks  
Becky Russell- health concerns  
Bill Schweighart- holding his own; has good and bad days  
William VanWassenhove (friend of Sonja Jones)- doing well; is in rehab  
Sara Williamson- returning home from Togo on Tuesday

# UPCOMING

## Events

**Sunday, October 27: 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

***The VG United Methodist Church will be having an INDOOR TRUNK OR TREAT at their church. The community is invited and it will take place, rain or shine! You are invited to bring treats to pass out, and you can decorate your table, or even come dressed up yourself! If you would like to take part in this, contact the Methodist church office (217)832-3971- leave a voice mail if no one is there. Please RSVP so they know how many tables to set up.***

**Tuesday, November 5**

***ELECTION DAY-- DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!***

**Sunday, November 10-- 12:00 p.m.**

***Annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner! Turkey, ham, dressing, drinks and table service will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Invite your friends and neighbors! There will be an insert in the bulletin on Oct. 13 & 20- please fill this out so the committee will know how much meat to buy and prepare.***

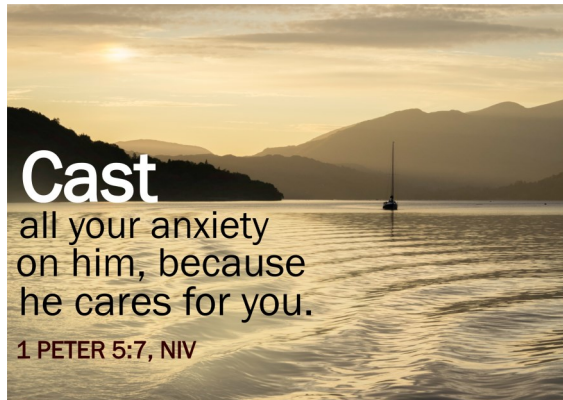
## Why We Care for One Another

### 10/8/2024

"Not another hurricane!" It seems the storms just keep coming. So, I "Googled," "Are hurricanes more frequent now?" The answer I got from multiple sources was, "No." Apparently since satellite tracking began in 1980, the average number of storms hasn't risen. The intensity of the storms has increased. So far in 2024, we have had 10 named storms, six became hurricanes and two are major hurricanes. Experts are telling us to prepare for two or three more major hurricanes before the season is over. The devastation from Helene is still being calculated. 220 people are dead with about as many still unaccounted for. The damage is in the billions of dollars. And now, hurricane Milton is headed for the Florida peninsula, with more death and devastation expected.

Millions of generous people are sending money, truckloads of supplies, temporary shelters and doing whatever they can to help those struggling. Ever wonder why? Why do we feel compelled to assist our fellow man? If all we are is the product of evolution, why should we care what disasters befall others? Evolution requires that the process of "natural selection" occur. There should be no grief for those suffering. Except, we aren't a product of evolution. God put within us compassion and morality. We hurt when others hurt, and want assist complete strangers because we feel a moral obligation to do so.

Why wait until there is a crisis to become a better representation of who God wants us to be? Paul teaches, **1 Corinthians 12:24b-26**... *God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*



Mike

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#### Elders:

John Dilliner      Jerry Hughes  
Bob Dowler      Joe Rothermel

#### OCTOBER 13, 2024

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

**Greeters: (Front) Judi Lock (South) Janice Thode**

**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: COLEGIO BIBLICO  
Eagle Pass, Texas  
Gonzalo Flores, President**

#### REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

**KEN HEYEN**

**Tuscola Health Care Center  
1203 Egyptian Trail  
Tuscola, IL 61953**