



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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July 16, 2024

Community
Vacation Bible School
July 14-18
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Villa Grove United Methodist Church



Sunday, July 21
3:00-6:00 p.m.
First Christian Church, Villa Grove
Outdoor games and a cookout!!

For more information, call Judy Zylstra (320-224-7665) or Mike Zylstra (320-223-0184)

JULY 14, 2024

Worship 84
Sunday School 55

Sunday Morning Celebration	3
King's Kids	5
High School/College	8
Blessed Believers	12
The Fellowship Class	17
Chosen Ones Class	10

OFFERING (7/7/2024): \$7,464.02
Spendable 7,460.02
Worship (coffee) 4.00
OFFERING (7/14/2024): \$1,741.00
Spendable 1,541.00
Education (VBS) 200.00



Sunday, July 21-- Fellowship Committee
meeting after Sunday School at 11:45 a.m.

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Glenda Case- travel mercies for her daughters, coming to Tuscola this week
David Hettinger (Marsha Green's son)- prayers for good recovery after surgery on Thursday
Praise! Ben & Kilee Simpson are parents of a baby girl! (see birth announcement below)
Becky Russell- health concerns

Our congratulations go out to Ben & Kilee Simpson on the birth of their baby girl, FELICITY QUINN, born on Thursday, July 11 at 2:38 p.m. Felicity weighed in at 7 lbs., 8 oz. and was 21" long. She has a big sister, Rosalee. Kilee and Felicity were able to come home on Sunday. We're so happy for this family on their new addition!



Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the cards, thoughts and prayers after my knee replacement surgery. I appreciated each one. Love you all!

PATTI GROVES

Dear Friends at FCC of Villa Grove,
Thank you for your participation in our Baby Bottle Blessings fundraiser! We are grateful for you total donation of \$622.66! Your support helps provide accurate information and caring services to those who come for free and confidential help in their unplanned pregnancy. You make a difference!

CALI, CLIENT SERVICES DIRECTOR
Choices Pregnancy & Health



BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT

It's time to collect donations for the Back to School Project! You may place your donation in the cans by the collection baskets, or in your Sunday School class, or donations may be deposited directly to the Back to School account at the Villa Grove State Bank. Please make checks payable to the "Back to School Project." Above all, please pray for our students and school staff.

Thank you in advance for supporting our students.

With thanksgiving,
SARAH CANNON



BACK-TO-SCHOOL
Project

With Pardon Comes Peace

7/16/2024

In his book, *The Gift for All People*, Max Lucado tells this story. Once, a monk and his apprentice traveled from the abbey to a nearby village. The two parted at the city gate, agreeing to meet the next morning when their tasks had been completed. According to plan, they met and began the long walk back to the abbey. The monk noticed that his apprentice was unusually quiet. He asked him if anything was wrong. The apprentice shot back tersely, "What business is it of yours?" Now the monk knew that his apprentice was troubled, but he said nothing. On the path, the apprentice walked slowly, so as to put distance between himself and his teacher. As the monk arrived at the gate of the abbey he waited for the young man. "Tell me, my son, what troubles your soul." The apprentice saw only compassion in his teacher's eyes, and it melted his stubbornness. "I have sinned greatly," he sobbed. "Last night I slept with a woman and abandoned my vows. I am not worthy to enter the abbey at your side." The wise teacher put his arm around the boy and said, "We will enter the abbey together. We will enter the cathedral together. We will confess your sin together. And no one but God will know which one of us fell."

Scripture is clear that all have sinned against God. All have done what we ought not to do. None are worthy of entering Heaven. Yet, God walks with us in the form of Jesus, to confess our sin, repent of our mistakes and ask for forgiveness. Plus... God provides atonement for our sin. He accepts the shame of our evil on himself. He redeems us from our sin. And by His blood we can receive pardon and peace.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mike



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Elders:

John Dilliner Jerry Hughes
Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

JULY 21, 2024

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

**Greeters: (South) Allison Eisenmenger
(Front) Joe & Fran Waldrop
Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Dilliner/Sue Taylor**

Serving: B. Kelly, B. Kelly, N. Kelly, R. Graham

Elder-On-Call for July: JOE ROTHERMEL (217)369-5285

**Mission of the Week: COLEGIO BIBLICO
Eagle Pass, Texas
Gonzalo Flores, President**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

**JOE HOLSAPPLE
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