



Next Meeting

Valentine's Day Party (for the kids) **and Round-Table Discussion** (for the adults)

Thursday, Feb 9 at 7:00 PM.
Fairview Heights Church of Christ
9955 Bunkum Rd.

[♥] **Children 5-12* are invited to join us for a fun night!** [♥]

*exceptions may be made for younger children with a suitable assigned sibling helper, but activities are geared to school age children.

Games Activities Snacks
Fun session of "Mock Legislation"
The Great Valentine Exchange

Bring

- 25 Valentines to pass out
- a mailbox to collect them in
- a mail bag for easy delivery

Sign up to help us plan!

We are using google forms for our sign up, just click [this link](#) and fill out the info to sign up.

Note: This is a fundraiser for our students traveling to TeenPact in March to help cover the cost of lodging, gas and parking.
However, SCCCHE is making a donation on behalf of our SCCCHE families so any additional donation is an extra blessing, but not necessary.

Upcoming Meetings

Ladies' Tea Party

March 11, 3:00 PM
Generations Church
7517 N. Illinois St.
Caseyville, IL 62232

Open to all women of SCCCHE, and any guests they may wish to bring.
Childcare will be provided.

This will be a proper English afternoon tea, complete with music (Girls in Black string trio), a guest speaker, and a brief lesson on tea culture and history.
Feel free to dress up nicely or just come as you are. We want you to be comfortable and enjoy the afternoon without having to do anything except smile and enjoy!

But we need some help as well. If you would like to bring a proper English treat to share, you are welcome to do so. [This website](#) has some GREAT ideas for tea treats, but of course, you can bring your own if you wish.

We also need a few butlers – men who will don suit and tie and serve the tables, pour the tea, and help set-up and clean up.

No cost to attend the tea, but please get your tickets here.
Butlers and helpers also sign up on the same link.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Great Homeschool Convenion

March 16-18, in St. Charles, MO at the St. Charles Convention Center.

All the info you need is on their [WEBSITE](#).

Cherry Pie Day is back!!!

I received a special Email from Kirk Smith of ICHE (Illinois Christian Home Educators) that Cherry Pie Day will be live and in person once again! Tuesday, April 18.

As the Homeschool group that provides the most pies for this event, we'd really like to push this hard again this year.

However, we'll be doing only home-made pies this year - no store-bought pies. I realize that may decrease the number of pies we'll be able to send, but I would encourage you to gather a few families together to chip in for ingredients and have a pie-baking party and try and pump out a handful of pies.

What is Cherry Pie Day?

The homeschoolers of Illinois head to Springfield to try and meet with our government representatives and let them know that we greatly appreciate what they do, especially in making homeschooling so easy for us. We give them each a pie and a packet (from ICHE) and hand deliver them to each office. It's a wonderful time for the homeschoolers of Illinois to get together and have a powerful influence in our state government.

[Website here.](#)

Graduation

SCCCE graduation will be Saturday, May 20.
Location TBD (last time I heard).

It is now past time for any new people to get in on the ceremony, but [Margaret](#) and [Katie](#) just might squeeze you in if you haven't signed up for it yet.

Worldview Academy

A few members from SCCCE are already signed up for this - why not make it a few more?

What is Worldview Academy?

Students age 13 - 18 come for a week-long camp for an immersive, one-of-a-kind experience full of learning, discipleship, and spiritual formation.

[Website HERE](#)

The Thorn

The Thorn tells the epic story of God's love for the world and the spiritual battle for all humanity. The Thorn is often described as cirque meets the passion of Jesus; it combines dance, martial arts, aerial acrobatics, and emotionally powerful performances witnessed live by more than 1 Million people.

For the first time ever, The Thorn is coming to movie theaters across the country for TWO NIGHTS ONLY, March 6 & 7. This never-before-seen film will put you right in the center of Jesus' story. See The Thorn in spectacular HD and get an up-close view of the show.

[Watch a teaser trailer](#)

[Locations/Tickets](#)

Want to bring a group? Let us know here and we'll help you with group tickets.

We hope you have a great week!

Lindy Sullivan
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Old School Survival Camp

Here's a different one for you!
I haven't thoroughly vetted this one, so I don't know how family-friendly they are, but their website looks pretty good.

Old School Survival Boot Camp is a 3-day hands-on self-reliance event that will take place May 12-14, 2023 in the Hocking Hills region of Ohio. This is not a "sit, listen, and take notes" kind of event. You will be an active participant in the classes and receive skill building hands-on training.

138 hands-on survival, blacksmithing, homesteading, bushcraft, butchering, off grid living, prepping, herbalism, emergency medical, wilderness survival, homeschooling, foraging, and martial arts classes will be offered by 40+ experts from around the country.

Old School Survival Boot Camp is a hands-on learning experience for the entire family. There are 30 classes and activities offered each just for the kiddos!

[Website HERE](#)

Field Trip

Hidden Valley Ski Field Trip

When: February 23 rd , 2023

Time: 1pm – 9pm

Cost: \$50 (includes ski rentals and lift tickets)

Optional costs:

Helmet rental: \$6

Tubing @ 5pm for \$24

Ways of payments:

Paypal: @KimberlyRathke

Cashapp: \$Kimberly Rathke

Zelle – 618-791-0850 (Kimberly Rathke)

Apple pay

RSVP: Text your name and how many people will be skiing to Kimberly Rathke @ 618-791-0850 by February 15 th . Payments are due by February 17 th .

Additional information:

In years past we had the resort to ourselves for a period of time, however the do not offer that at this time. It is also unclear if they will give instructions as they have in the past. The instruction portion will depend on if they have enough staff.

English Country Dancing

Let's Dance!

English Country Dance:

February 17 at Copper Creek Christian Church is FULL.

Upcoming dances will have registration links posted at a later date.

March 10: LeClaire Christian Church in Edwardsville, max 200

April 14: Copper Creek Christian Church in Maryville, max 150

May 19: LeClaire Christian Church in Edwardsville, max 200

Cost is \$5 per dancer; \$15 max per family. Pay cash at door.

Register [HERE](#)

Register by family/household.

Friends may be invited, provided they are fellow believers. If you are bringing friends, please do not include them in your household registration, but have their parent sign them up. Walk-ins will be accepted, space permitting, but will be asked to complete the on-line registration form at the door.

Attire: modesty is required. Casual is fine. Swishy skirts are fun when twirling! Expectations include: shoulders covered with at least 3" of fabric, tops with appropriate necklines and back coverage, bottoms at least knee length even when twirling. Comfortable shoes are recommended. If dancing barefoot, make sure to put shoes back on before leaving the sanctuary and especially if going outside during a water break.

Spectators: are welcome, but keep in mind that there is not a good place for littles to play. We have access to the sanctuary and foyer, but not to the grass or play area outside.

Let me know if you have questions.

Rebecca Phillips 618-206-8652 home 618-334-7249 cell

Formal Dress Sale

Here is a great opportunity to shop for formal dresses at reasonable prices.

Saturday, February 18th from 10am to 3pm

Sunday, February 19th from 12pm-3pm

in the gym at Zion Lutheran Church, 101 S. Railway, Mascoutah.

A variety of dresses are available; adjustments to the dresses can make them modest. We are also accepting donations of dresses on Friday, Feb 17th from 5-7pm. Donators will be given a 50% off coupon to use at our sale. Dressing rooms available. Cash or check only. Thank you for supporting our youth group.

From the Coordinators

A younger couple in a previous church we attended mentioned that they had gone to see a certain movie. I was taken aback, thinking that this particular movie wasn't one that any Christian ought to watch, and I wondered how deep was their relationship with God.

After a while, I then began to wonder if there were things about me that other people saw that would cause them to wonder about my own relationship with God. Did I watch movies that a Christian ought not to watch? Did I read books that ought not be read? What about my words and actions and thoughts?

Certainly I am a sinner, and I continually fail to live a perfect life, but are there things in my life that I *think* are acceptable just because that's how I grew up? What if I found out that God himself disapproved of some of my actions that I thought were OK?

Where do we get our values anyway? Certainly our culture shapes us from the first. If the entire culture thinks it's OK to swear, then it's perfectly 'normal' for anyone raised in that culture to do the same, regardless of their religious beliefs.

But are not we believers called to a higher standard? "Be in the world, but not of the world." Have you ever stepped back and wondered just what the daily life of a "really good Christian" ought to be? How would he start and end his day? What kind of relationship would he have with his family? How would he treat co-workers, neighbors, and (most importantly!) his fellow drivers on the road? How would he react when wronged? What would he do for entertainment and relaxation?

When I compare myself with that ideal Christian, I can see areas that need improvement, some more than others.

But then the hard part comes: Am I going to do anything about it, or just think that someday I ought to do something about it?

There are two questions I like to ask teens and younger folk:

1. What kind of person do you want to be? Smart or dumb? Wise or foolish? Pleasant or rude? Humble or arrogant? Godly or evil?
2. What are you doing TODAY to become that person?

If you do bad things in your garden, you will get bad results.
If you do good things in your garden, you will get good results.

But if you maintain neutrality in your garden, you will get bad results, for there are weeds, bugs, and dryness to contend with. You have to work just to maintain neutrality. Even more work is needed to get the good results.

So the final question for you: If you had no other input into your life other than the Word of God, what would your beliefs be about every area of life? Family, government, relationships, work, entertainment, etc? You may find areas that need some work so as to build a closer relationship with Christ.

God bless!
Josh Peterson

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