



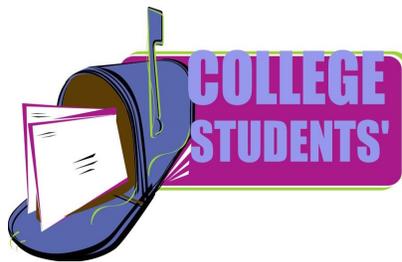
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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January 20, 2021

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

*Doris Black- will have cataract surgery soon; dealing with lung cancer*  
*Tom Black- has eye pressures problems- saw his eye doctor on Wednesday*  
*Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- will have a scan to see if chemo is working*  
*Family of Laura Coile- Patti Groves' niece*  
*Mary Ellis- suffered a fall, is fine*  
*Della Mae Frahm- has COVID-19*  
*Darlean Greeley (Judy Zylstra's mom)- successful cancer surgery (see note on back of this page)*  
*Helen Huston (Janet Cassida's mom)- doing well*  
*Jessalyn Jackson (Nancy Jackson's daughter-in-law)- home, doing well after COVID-19; her husband, Tony, is now symptomatic for COVID-19*  
*Lois Nussell (Joyce Ritter's aunt)- pain under control, on oxygen, sleeps most of the time*  
*Sue Ramme (Jerry Cassida's sister/Lindsay Knoll's mom)- home, doing much better*  
*Greg Ritter- heart procedure went well; will have echocardiogram in three months and if all is good, will be weaned on most medications*  
*John Wax (Brenda Logan's dad)- has COVID-19, having trouble breathing; has been in Savoy nursing home since early December recovering from broken ankle; is also dealing with diabetes*



Women's Christian Fellowship would like the names and addresses of all our college students, for an upcoming special project. Please call the church office or email at [fccvg@frontier.com](mailto:fccvg@frontier.com) with that information. THANK YOU!!

Sunday, January 17

Attendance  
Worship Service 62

<u>Offering</u>	
Spendable	\$4601.00
Benevolence	5.00
Memorial	75.00
TOTAL	\$4681.00



## Notes of **THANKS**

Dear FCC Family,

*Thank you so much for all the prayer and support you have extended to me and to my parents. My mom was told they removed all the cancer and is now waiting on chemo plans. My dad had another procedure on his eye, and they are quite hopeful this one will work. His smashed thumb is healing well. While I was there, I relayed to them when I received texts or messages, asking about them and praying for them. They were SO grateful! Your prayers are powerful. Thank you so much!*

Love,  
JUDY ZYLSTRA



The 2021 Church Directory (our little phone book) will be available on the table at the front of the church auditorium, next to the 2021 offering envelopes. Please feel free to take as many as you can use. If we run out, we can make more!

## **Citizens of Heaven** **1/20/2021**

The Presidential inauguration is today. Some are ecstatic. Some angry. It is sad that our country, which boldly proclaims itself as UNITED, is so easily divided. Worse, are those who believe that division pleases God. There has to be a better way. Here are a few suggestions:

Stop seeing yourself as an American who happens to be a Christian. Philippians 3:20 reminds us that **... our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ...** Believers are Christian first, and then American. Our true allegiance is to God. He is our King. We belong to His kingdom first.

View yourself as a foreigner. Follow the pattern of the O.T. patriarchs. Hebrews 11:9- **By faith he [Abraham] made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs of the same promise.** We should enjoy living in America, but do not worship America. God doesn't bless America and forget about everyone else. Believers live in faith that they will receive a permanent home with God.

Be a beacon of light shining into a sin-darkened world. Calling our Governmental leaders names; refusing to pray for them; mocking their idiosyncrasies... none of these reflect the image we bear. God's image. If we aren't reflecting God to the world, we must repent and turn to the one who is Sovereign over all Kings, Emperors, rulers and Presidents.

Colossians 4:6 – **Let your conversation ALWAYS be full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer EVERYONE.** (emphasis mine). Be involved in politics, but do not sound or act like the secular world. We are different, so live out that difference. Let people see your good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven.

*Mike*



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#### **Elders:**

Elmer Decker

Jerry Hughes

John Dilliner

Steve Lacine

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

**Service at the church building on January 24, 9:30 a.m.**

**Greeter: SARAH CANNON**

**Bible Study-- Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.**

**Elder-On-Call for January: JOHN DILLINER (621-9807)**

**Mission of the Week: ST. LOUIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**

**Florissant, Missouri**

**Terry E. Stine, President**

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

**Ken & Awanda Heyen**

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