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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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January 26, 2021

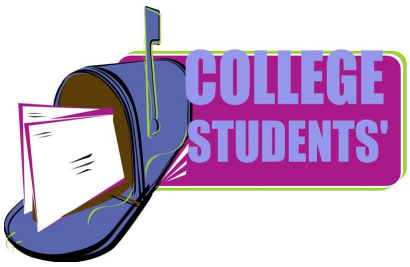
Church Leaders for 2021 Church Board

Elmer Decker- Chairman of the Board
Steve Lacine- Vice Chairman of the Board
John Dilliner- Chairman of the Elders
Bob Dowler- Vice Chairman of the Elders
Joe Rothermel- Board Secretary

Congratulations to ERIN SHUNK, who was quoted on the "Big 10" page of the Sunday News-Gazette-- what she is looking forward to after COVID-19 is visiting her grandpa!

Thanks to Deanne Rothermel for letting us know that RIANNA made the Dean's List at EIU for the first semester!! We really appreciate when parents let us know of their student's accomplishments! Congratulations, Rianna!!

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* with that information. THANK YOU!!



Sunday, January 24

Attendance	
Worship Service	*65*

Offering	
Spendable	*$9,754.99*
Benevolence	*340.00*
Memorial	*50.00*
TOTAL	*$10,144.99*

The 2021 Church Directory (our little phone book) is 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 you would like one (or more) mailed to you, please call the church office.

Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- will have a scan on February 10; chemo is continuing
John Carlson (Julie Lacine's dad)- biopsy shows stage 4 pancreatic cancer; will start chemo in two weeks if his pain is under control
Juanita Dowler- in hospital; her room number at Hilltop has been changed to 302
Sydney Eisenmenger- has COVID-19; rest of her family has been tested
Tony & Jessalyn Jackson (Nancy Jackson's kids)- both are home, healing from COVID-19
Rachel Romine (Sarah Cannon's niece)- will deliver a baby boy on January 28; her mom flew to Chile to help her out
Family of Frannie Sanford- Hank Sanford's mother (Hank is Stanton's son-in-law)
Stephen Sinkes, Sr. (Stephen Sinkes' dad)- has COVID-19 pneumonia; is in Danville hospital

Church Leadership

The 2021 Church Leaders' Conference, normally held at Lincoln Christian University, will take place as a simulcast on Saturday, February 20, from 9:00am to noon. The theme of the day will be *Leading Through Crisis: What COVID Taught Us About Conflict, Commitment and Staying on Course.*

More information will be available after we register for the simulcast. Be watching the SON TIMES and bulletin for complete details!!

Re-Developing a "Can-Do!" Attitude
1/26/2021

We all know someone with a "can-do" attitude. They look at situations and see possibilities. They are not paralyzed by fear, but truly believe that things can be done. These people are exciting to be around because their minds are always working with options, prospects and opportunities. Just when someone says, "I can't do it," they chime in with, "Yet! You can't do it yet."

In many ways, COVID-19 has sucked the "can-do" attitude out of many churches and many believers. Some don't come to church because they think we can't do church safely, can't hug, can't shake hands, can't sing without masks, can't have children's programming, can't do live streaming, can't have our whole church congregation together, can't have coffee and donuts, can't…can't…can't…can't…can't. Depressing for sure. This "can't" attitude emphasizes barriers, obstacles and difficulties.

I think it is high time we intentionally get out of our funk and re-develop a "CAN-DO" attitude. We can start with what we have. We have six Elders who are in church most every Sunday. They are praying for the congregation and making calls on the shut-ins. They are leading as best they can during this pandemic. We have a congregation of 65 people who are worshipping together each Sunday. They are exalting God, encouraging one another and, even though distanced, they are connecting to each other. We have Youth Leaders and Sunday school teachers who are doing Zoom gatherings, mailing out lessons, calling and texting their students, offering support and loving on each other. We have possibility thinkers who are looking at new ways to do ministry and community outreach. Our WCF (Women's Christian Fellowship) is amazing in their "CAN-DO" attitude. They have done things NEVER done here before. It is incredible.

A church that promotes a culture of pessimism will die spiritually. Churches that maintain a "can do" attitude will become champions of the gospel.

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Elders:

Elmer Decker	Jerry Hughes
John Dilliner	Steve Lacine
Bob Dowler	Joe Rothermel

Service at the church building on January 31, 9:30 a.m.
Greeter: BRENDA ELAM
Bible Study-- Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.

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

Mission of the Week: TCM INTERNATIONAL
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Tony Twist, President

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