



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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January 6, 2021

The Annual Meeting will be held on January 10, 2021. Elections will be held during this meeting. Those on the ballot are:

Elder: JOHN DILLINER, JERRY HUGHES

Deacon: STEPHEN SINKES

Trustee: CURT CANNON

Treasurer: HELEN WATSON

We ask the congregation to pray for these people who have volunteered to serve.

2021 Offering Envelopes are available at the front of the auditorium.

Annual Meeting



Tom Black- cataract surgery Jan. 12; has lymphedema in arm & hand

Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- inoperable cancer

Marilyn Decker- recovered from cataract surgery

Bob, Frank & Nancy Dowler- recovering from COVID-19

Juanita Dowler- has COVID-19; is in hospital to work on removing excess fluid

Darlean Greeley (Judy Zylstra's mom)- recovering from breast cancer surgery

Patti Groves- has stress fracture & partial tear in her right foot

Bev Harvey (friend of Deanne Rothermel)- cancer surgery

Family of Terry Hinsley- Tony Jackson's father-in-law

Oakland Christian Church- several COVID-19 illnesses and deaths

Greg Ritter- heart procedure on January 15

Angie Spanos (dear friend of John & Mary Klucinskas)- dementia

Sheila Stevens (Camargo neighbor of John Klucinskas)- high blood pressure; having tests

Eli Walker (9 yr. old great grandson of Janice Thode's brother)- home, monitoring after pain and fever with COVID-19

Family of Damon Zucco- family friend of Glenda Case

Christmas Cards



Arb Little
Carl & Judy Lohmeyer
Rose Oskard

ATTENDANCE

12-27-2020

Morning Worship: 58

OFFERING

12-27-2020

Spendable \$11,440.00

Benevolence 185.00

Memorials 275.00

TOTAL: \$11,900.00

ATTENDANCE

1-3-2021

Morning Worship: 52

OFFERING

1-3-2021

Spendable \$2,990.00

Memorial 240.00

TOTAL: \$3,230.00

Gift Disappointment **1/5/2021**

You may have watched the “Progressive Insurance” commercial, where one child opens a Christmas gift and finds an insurance bundle. He is raving about how great it is. The parent asks their other child what he got for Christmas. The child disgustedly says, “I got a bike,” kicks at a brand-new bicycle and walks away in disappointment.

Gift disappointment seems to be something we can all relate to. One Christmas, as an 8th grader, I wanted gray, wool socks to keep my feet warm while delivering newspapers. Instead, I received thick, red, cotton socks. They were a gift from my older sister who had drawn my name. I voiced my disappointment, and my sister began to shed tears. The pain in her eyes is so indelibly burned into my brain that I’ll never forget how deeply I wounded her. I tried my best to apologize. But the damage was done.

Imagine the wounding Jesus feels every time people, who have received the gift of adoption and claim to children of God, quarrel, hold grudges, belittle, be unsupportive, do not pray for one another or love one another. They act disappointed with the gift of inclusion into God’s family. Worse... is the pain God feels when we look at His gift of grace, mercy, and salvation from sin, via the sacrifice of His son on the cross, and voice disappointment that we didn’t get what we thought we really wanted, salvation through our own effort, good deeds and righteousness.

Thankfully, there is hope. In time, my sister did forgive me. I did wear those socks and they were warm. In our spiritual life, God forgives us of our selfishness when we repent and yield to His wisdom and accept His gift with every ounce of our being.

Mike



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Elders:

Elmer Decker	Steve Lacine
John Dilliner	Chad Reno
Bob Dowler	Joe Rothermel

Service at the church building on January 10, 9:30 a.m.

Greeter: JUDY ZYLSTRA

Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 6.

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

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

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Beverly Heflin
Tuscola Health Care Center
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