



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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## 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.*

We have already registered for this event, and more information will be available soon. Be watching the SON TIMES and bulletin for complete details!!

*These earrings were found in one of the pews on January 17. If they belong to you, please let us know. Right now, they are on the table by the south entry. Thanks!*



Dear FCC family,  
Thank you so much for your birthday greetings and wishes for me. Every card, text, message, post or gift was a blessing to me. You helped make it a great birthday.

Love,  
JUDY ZYLSTRA

### Sunday, January 31

Attendance  
Worship Service 63

Offering  
Spendable \$5,310.00  
Benevolence 25.00  
TOTAL \$5,335.00



*Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- cancer  
John Carlson (Julie Lacine's dad)- biopsy shows stage 4 pancreatic cancer; no chemo because of liver damage; home, with hospice  
Joe Cassano (Toni's dad)- hernia surgery later this month  
Frances Dowler- sees knee doctor on February 17  
Juanita Dowler- home, with hospice  
Sydney Eisenmenger- has COVID-19; rest of her family tested negative  
Brenda Elam- cataract surgery 2/9 & 23; will be quarantining before each surgery  
Rachel Romine (Sarah Cannon's niece)- had her baby; all are doing well*

*Stephen Sinkes, Sr. (Stephen's dad)- has COVID-19 pneumonia; is now in OSF Hospital in Urbana after a stroke*

*Larry Stovall (neighbor of Bob Dowler)- has COVID-19; off the ventilator and may be at home*

*John Wax (Brenda Logan's dad)- in Sherman Hospital in Elgin, IL; fluid build-up in lungs, breathing is labored; he is currently stable, but there are lots of concerns regarding his health*

**VILLA GROVE/TUSCOLA HONOR ROLL**

**Villa Grove**

**Kate Eisenmenger, Erin Shunk, Logan Wehrheim, Dalton Logan, Madison Logan, Brandon Kelly, Logan Lillard, Sabrina Wehrheim**

**Tuscola**

**Braden Boyer, Marissa Boyer, Raeanna Boyer**

**CONGRATULATIONS to ALLISON EISENMENGER, winner of the Villa Grove Spelling Bee!**



**BLOOD DRIVE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**BE WATCHING FOR DETAILS!!**

## How Big is God? 2/2/2021

A group of children was asked to describe God. Their answers were: God is... A grandpa who lives far away and talks to angels. He's looking for people to punish. He gives people presents and food. He is perfect and he wants me to be perfect. He is love, like my mama's hugs. He gives us lots of rules and is disappointed when we mess up. He goes to my church. He is like a police officer telling everyone what to do. The last boy said, "They say he is a father, though I've never had one, so I don't know what that means."

Who is God to you? Some see him as myth, fiction or fantasy. Some see him as disappointing, favoring the rich or the elite. Some see him as mysterious, or an altogether negative force in their lives. To some he is a crutch for the weak-minded. To others an easy-going buddy.

Are any of the gods mentioned above worth worshipping with our whole, entire being? Hardly. The God we worship needs to be bigger than anyone can imagine. He is not a dictator, spoilsport or egotist. He does not take advantage of his position or abuse in any fashion. He is all-wise, all-powerful, all-knowing, all-loving, always just, always present, always listening, always holy, truthful and righteous. Always merciful, gracious, and forgiving. He is always good. He is not limited by what religion says or by what human minds comprehend. He is not confined to a particular time, era or culture. He is not limited to one nation, land or people. God revealed himself in three (Father, Son and Spirit) for our benefit, while never losing any of his oneness.

We need an unlimited God that transcends everything. Because a God limited by our minds is not worth worshipping.

**Mike**

*We serve a*  
**BIG GOD**

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### **Elders:**

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

**Service at the church building on February 7, 9:30 a.m.**

**Greeter: FRAN WALDROP**

**Bible Study-- Wednesday, February 3, 7:00 p.m.**

**Elder-On-Call for February: JERRY HUGHES (369-5495)**

**Mission of the Week:**

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS (ICOM)  
Clayton, IN-- David Empson, Executive Director**

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

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