



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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April 20, 2021

**Christian Women's Conference
at Lincoln Christian University**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

****Registrations need to be sent in by
May 5- please call the church if you
would like go.**

****Cost of the conference will be picked
up by the church.**

****Lunch is included in registration.**

****Students will not be present.**



*Dear Friends at First Christian Church,
Thank you for your contribution for the women of Kivu.
Praise the Lord, we reached our goal and received the
matching funds. The money has already arrived in the
Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the women are so
happy to have a new dress to wear.
Thanks again for partnering with us to restore dignity to
these women.*

*Sincerely,
SAM
(Dynamic Women)*

APRIL 18, 2021

Attendance: 62

Total Offering: \$4,231.50



Our Prayer List

Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- now in the Cancer Treatment Center in Chicago; surgery

May 11 to remove tumors in her lungs

Tom & Karen Felkner- recovering

Della Mae Frahm- was taken to Carle Hospital on Sunday for tests, therapy and fluids

Jaxon (3-years old; father is a co-worker with Mark, Judi Lock's son-in-law)- bowel is twisted and has lost most of his small intestine, has fluid on his lungs and infected incision

Brandi Johnson (Wiggam's daughter)- surgery was postponed until this week

Family of Diana Metheny

Fred Metheny- moved to Hilltop Nursing Home in Charleston for rehab

Janet Paluczak (cousin of Joyce Ritter & Cindy Thomas)- has stage 1 breast cancer, saw surgeon on Monday; still dealing with stage 4 lung cancer

Family of Debbie Rahn

Becky (Robinson) Russell- healing from surgery at home

Steve Vollmer (friend of Joyce Ritter)- esophageal cancer has spread to his stomach



Note from Jerry & Shirley Hines' daughter...

Mom & Dad's 65th anniversary is on June 2nd. My plan is to do a memory board for them. They love their church family at VG First Christian Church. If you have any pictures or memories from special times at the church, please bring them to your church office. This will make their anniversary very special. Thank you for your help.

LINDA



My Father's Eyes **4/20/2021**

The story is told of a teenage boy and his single dad. The boy was undersized for his age, but he loved the game of football. He worked hard at every practice yet, never played a single High School game. His dad attended every game, cheering and encouraging his son.

When the young man went to college, he tried out for the football team as a walk-on. The coach gave him a roster spot because he always put his heart into every practice. The father attended every game, cheering loudly. Though the young athlete worked hard, he never played a single college game.

One day, as the boy approached the practice field, the coach met him with a message. The young man's father had died. The boy mumbled, "Coach, is it all right if I miss practice?" The coach said, "Take whatever time you need. You don't even need to be here for Saturday's playoff game."

Saturday arrived, and the game was not going well. The team was ten points behind. In the third quarter the young athlete appeared on the sidelines in full football gear. "Coach, please let me play. I've just got to play today." The coach pretended not to hear him. He had no intention of putting his worst player in this close game. The young man persisted. Feeling sorry for him, the coach gave in. Before long, the coach, the players and everyone in the stands could not believe their eyes. The boy was doing everything. He was unstoppable. He intercepted a pass, caused a fumble, caught a touchdown pass and brought his team a victory.

The crowd and his teammates went wild. Later, the coach found the young man alone. "Kid, I can't believe it. You were fantastic! How did you do it?" With tears in his eyes, the boy said, "You know my dad died. But you didn't know that he was blind. Dad came to all my games, but today was the first time he could see me play, and I wanted to show him I could do it!"

Our heavenly Father always sees us and will never be blind to what we do for Him.

Mike

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Elmer Decker

Jerry Hughes

John Dilliner

Steve Lacine

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

Service at the church building on April 25, 2021

Greeter: BOB DOWLER

Wednesday (4/21) 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Elder-On-Call for April: ELMER DECKER (832-8589)

Mission of the Week: AXIOM CHRISTIAN

University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign

Aaron Bird, Campus Minister

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Beverly Heflin

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