



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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April 27, 2021

*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



**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.**

**APRIL 25, 2021**

**Attendance: 79**

**Offering: \$4,614.25**

**Benevolence: 185.00**

**TOTAL \$4,799.25**

**"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."**  
John 14:14, NRSV

Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- surgery May 11 to remove tumors in her lungs  
Juanita Dowler- some sleeping problems; had medications adjusted  
Kent Elam- having an MRI on Thursday  
Jaxon (3-years old; father is a co-worker with Mark, Judi Lock's son-in-law)- was moved to ICU2 from ICU3, walked in the hallway, had some ice chips, fluid gone from lungs  
Brandi Johnson (Wiggam's daughter)- had surgery last Monday; having more treatments  
Steve Lacine- still unable to see  
Susan Matthews (Ray Weaver's sister)- had COVID-19; still on ventilator, but making progress  
Mrs. Miller (Cindy Reno's mom)- in the hospital, not doing well; prayers for entire family as important decisions are being made  
Janet Paluczak (cousin of Joyce Ritter & Cindy Thomas)- stage 1 breast cancer, had surgery on Tuesday; still dealing with stage 4 lung cancer  
Becky (Robinson) Russell- healing from surgery at home  
Shirley Waldrop- kidney cancer surgery on Wednesday  
Barb Watson- staying with her son and family in North Carolina

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

***Congratulations to RIANNA ROTHERMEL, recipient of EIU's Emerging Leader Award- for outstanding activity in the Civic Engagement and Volunteerism Office, and dedication to making a difference in the lives of others as a student at Eastern Illinois University throughout the 2020-2021 school year. We're proud of you, Rianna!!***



Thanks!

Thank you for all the cards, thoughts and especially the prayers on my behalf following my recent illness. I have an MRI this week to determine a cause.

**KENT ELAM**

## May Sermon Series - *Guardians of the Galaxy*

A movie came out in 2014 from the Marvel Studios, called *Guardians of the Galaxy*. Briefly the plot is: Peter Quill, an earthling, finds an orb that a fanatical warrior named Ronan wants so he can give it to Thanos in exchange for destroying the planet Xander. Soon several people are chasing Peter, including a couple of bounty hunters. Eventually, they all end up in space prison where they discover how much they do not like each other. After a crazy prison escape, the group of 5 ends up on Peter's spaceship. They decide to travel to see *The Collector*, who shows them the Infinity Stone inside the orb. He describes its power to destroy planets. Ronan's men show up, a chase ensues, and the orb is taken from Peter. Ultimately, Peter and the others, who have very little in common, learn how to band together and trust one another. They go after Ronan and defeat him. Of course, there is plenty of suspense as it looks like Groot is destroyed in the process. What does happen is Ronan is killed before he can use the stone to destroy entire civilizations. This ragtag group becomes the Guardians of the Galaxy. Even Groot is regrown from a shoot of the previous tree.

Scripture reminds us that there are precious things God wants us to guard. Throughout May, we will look at some of these in a series of sermons called ***Guardians of the Galaxy: What God Wants Believers to Protect***. Some of the topics are: Guard your tongue; Guard your heart and mind; Guard Against Sin; Guard the Deposit Guaranteeing your Salvation.

Join us at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday as we are encouraged to be guardians of those precious things God has entrusted to us.

**Mike**



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### Elders:

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

Service at the church building on May 2, 2021

Greeter: JOYCE RITTER

Wednesday (4/28) 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

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

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

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