



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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May 18, 2021



# OUR GRADUATES

## CONGRATULATIONS, 2021 Graduates!!

**\*\*THIS SUNDAY, WE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OUR GRADUATES\*\***

Villa Grove Jr. High- NOAH KELLY  
Home School (Jr. High)- SHELBY HUGHES  
Villa Grove High School- KATE EISENMENGER & ERIN SHUNK  
Tuscola High School- BRADEN BOYER  
Home School (High School)- DUNCAN HUGHES

**The congregation is invited to these parties for our High School grads!**

**BRADEN BOYER: Sunday, May 30, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at his home, 701 E. Scott, Tuscola**

**ERIN SHUNK: Sunday, May 30, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the church**

**DUNCAN HUGHES: Sunday, June 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the church**

*This Sunday (Pentecost Sunday), we will be taking an offering for IGNITE, a church-planting mission out of Chicago. The offering will be for starting a church for Farsi speakers in Chicagoland. James Shahabi is the planter for this new work. He grew up in Tehran, as a Muslim. He was introduced to Jesus by a local missionary. James, and his wife, Joy, moved to the US in 2012 and began working with former Muslims who had come to know Jesus. He currently pastors an online church that is made up of Farsi speakers in 7 different countries across Europe and the Middle East. James has started meeting with this people group in Chicagoland, for the purpose of starting a church in 2021.*

*With our offering, we can help them lay the foundation for the birth of a church. It will help them do two things: start a church for former Muslims and launch their plan for a series of churches in the city of Chicago.*



### MAY 16, 2021

**Attendance: 70**

**Spendable: \$5,754.52**

**Benevolence 25.00**

**TOTAL: \$5,779.52**

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- tumor in colon to be addressed later

Family of Jerry English- Vicki Gentry's brother

Our 2021 graduates

John Klucinskas- severe lower back pain and left leg issues

Family of Eileen Miller- Cindy Reno's mother

Marta Tullis (Bob Dowler's classmate)- had pacemaker put in on Monday

Brandy Waldrop (Joyce Ritter's niece)- spot on spine (not cancer); will have esophagus tumor removed on May 24 at Barnes Hospital

*Thank You!* 

*Thank you so much for awarding me the FCC scholarship. It will be a great help, as I strive to achieve my goals.*

*Thank you, again!*  
**ERIN SHUNK**

*I thank you so much for the beautiful plant. It was very kind of the church to remember me at this time of sadness. I love flowers and the plant is beautiful, and such a nice expression of all your kindness and prayers.*

**VICKI GENTRY**

*Thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls and well-wishes as I am going through my heart issues.*

**EVELYN HOWARD**



**COMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6-** In-person Sunday School will resume!! Classes will meet from 11:00-11:45 a.m. If people are going to be up and around in class, they are encouraged to wear masks.

**ADULT CLASSES:** teachers are Bob Dowler & Brenda Elam (Standard lessons), and Steve Lacine

**HIGH SCHOOL:** will be taught by Pete & Cecile Eisenmenger

**JR. HIGH:** will be taught by Seth & Kate Shunk

**Grades 2-5:** will be taught by Sarah Cannon

**Preschool-Grade 1:** will be taught by Sarah Hughes

**ALSO ON JUNE 6-** Servers will pass the communion emblems to the congregation.

Reminders to servers, greeters, communion preparers, etc. will be on the back of the calendar, starting in June. After May 30, prepacked communion sets will be available in the auditorium, if you would rather use them.



**FAITH --- With Additives**  
**May 18, 2021**

“All I need is faith.” True. However, Peter offers a list of things that should be added to our faith to make it more effective and pleasing to God. **2 Peter 1:5-7**

- 1) **GOODNESS** = This additive describes the core of who we are, not just our behaviors. Faith needs good people, not just good behaviors, to be more powerful.
- 2) **KNOWLEDGE** = This additive is more than intelligence. This knowledge does not puff-up, but humbles us as we realize that our knowledge pales in comparison to God’s.
- 3) **SELF-CONTROL** = This additive speaks to the control we need to have to recognize the greatness of our salvation and resist the schemes of Satan to pervert everything Godly.
- 4) **PERSEVERANCE** = This additive asks that we strive for excellence in all things. We are called to stay the course and refuse to quit, regardless of circumstances.
- 5) **GODLINESS** = This additive describes a whole-hearted commitment to live after God’s character. We intentionally display God-likeness.
- 6) **BROTHERLY KINDNESS** = This additive mirrors Jesus’ 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest commandment, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” It requires that we care deeply for all other humans.
- 7) **LOVE** = This additive uses the Greek word, *agape*, to describe love that isn’t based on feelings or emotions but based on the conscious choice of our will to love at any cost, just as God loved us. We are to love the outcasts, our enemies, and those most unlike us.

Peter concludes this list with important words: ***“For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.”***

*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 23, 2021

**Greeter: CURT CANNON**

**Wednesday (5/19) 7:00 p.m. Bible Study**

**Elder-On-Call for May: BOB DOWLER (217-549-9791)**

**Mission of the Week: TCM INTERNATIONAL**  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Tony Twist, President

**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

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