



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

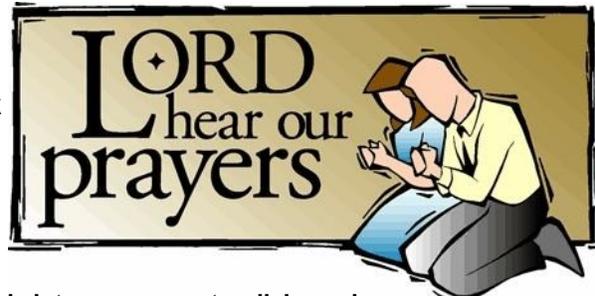
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September 28, 2021



**Blood Drive**  
**Thursday, October 7 4:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**First Christian Church Fellowship Hall**  
*Masks and appointments are required.*  
*To schedule, please call ImpactLife at*  
*(800)747-5401 or register online at [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org)*  
**Donors get their choice of a retro t-shirt**  
**or a gift card!**

Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- cancer  
 Donna Dowler (daughter-in-law of Bob & Frances Dowler)- in car accident last Tuesday, ribs and back muscles are healing; prayers for the truck driver  
 Barbara Dutton (Holly Wiggams' mom)- in hospital in Bloomington  
 Congratulations to Lloyd & Marilyn Kellems on the birth of their newest great-grandchild!  
 Mike Maness (Marilyn Kellems' great-nephew)- blood clot surgery went well, has a long recovery  
 Connie Prosser- at home  
 Samantha (Kellems' granddaughter)- hysterectomy on Wednesday  
 Jordan & Taylor Smith (Paul Smith's grandson and wife)- Jordan has a hole in his eye, Taylor is pregnant and due in October  
 Paul Smith- upcoming heart tests  
 John Wax (Brenda Logan's dad)- back at Chrisman nursing home; will have tricky surgery at Carle on Monday



**SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

**Worship Attendance: 80**

**Offering Total: \$4013.00**

**Spendable 3651.00**

**Benevolence 362.00**

<b>Sunday School:</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Sunday Morning Celebration</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>King's Kids</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Grades 6-8</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>High School</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Blessed Believers</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Chosen Ones</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>The Fellowship</b>	<b>14</b>

# LOVE PACKAGES

## Annual "In Thanks-Giving" Project

Steven Schmidt founded *Love Packages* in 1975 when God showed him the abundance of Christian literature he had and the lack of the same in 3<sup>rd</sup> world nations. *Love Packages* collects Bible donations- as well as donations of Christian books, Sunday school materials, and more – from people and publishers across the US, and ships it to a network of distributors all over the world. They ship more than 1,000 tons of recycled literature on the mission field every year.

### WHAT THEY CAN USE:

Bibles – New or used, any translation, New Testaments, portions, gospel booklets

Reference materials – any

Books – Christian adult/children, Non-fiction

Magazines, Daily devotionals, tracts – Any from Christian publishers

Sunday school materials – Adult quarterlies, Teacher's manuals, full student materials

CD, DVD, Blu-Ray – Music, movies, teachings from well known speakers (Billy Graham, Swindoll ...)

Puppets, nativity sets, etc. – Bible games, puzzles, anything to help teach the gospel

### ITEMS THEY CANNOT USE:

VHS/Tapes/records/8-tracks

Guideposts

Handiwork or busy papers from Sunday school

Secular books (other than dictionaries)

Donations can be dropped off in the containers in the coat room at FCC through October.

*Monetary donations are being collected now—a special collection container is located in the church auditorium.*

Darrell & Linda Hinkle will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on October 6! If you would like to send them a card, their address is: 2906 S. Fourth St., Effingham, IL 62401



***We are in need of volunteers to ring the Sunday School bell. If you would be willing, please see Mike Zylstra.***

Women's Christian Fellowship will meet on Thursday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m. If you are planning to attend, and weren't at our Sept. meeting, please call Judi Lock at 832-9948. We are having a cookie exchange!

**Women's  
Christian Fellowship**





**God Calls us to Aspire to Servanthood**  
**9/28/2021**

The end of the summer of 1997 was difficult. Two very powerful, influential, public and “cause-driven” women died in the same week. One on August 31<sup>st</sup>, the other on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

The first was wealthy, beautiful, classy, stunning, poised and approachable. Her care for the needy and those deemed untouchable was world renowned. She related to young and old alike. She attained celebrity status and hobnobbed with the elite. People wanted to own the dresses she wore and have their hair styled as she. They dreamed of living her fairy tale lifestyle and princess notoriety. Lots of people aspired to be her. Yet, no one could.

The second woman was barely 5 feet tall. She had little external beauty. Her care for the needy and those deemed untouchable was also world-renowned. She fearlessly touched society’s “castaways.” She was tough, weathered, hunched, focused and not perfect, by any means. Some would say she was a bit harsh. No one wanted her clothes, as she owned only three dresses. No one wanted her hair style and very few aspired to be her. Yet, everyone could.

The first woman was Diana, Princess of Wales. The second was Mother Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu better known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta, India. Both women served the needy. However, their lifestyles were worlds apart.

God has called His disciples to be the “servant of all” Mark 9:35. Service is hard. It is filled with long hours of anonymous, difficult work that frequently is rebuffed by those who need it the most. If we serve, we want the press to be there. We want success. We want to be recognized and paid well. We want the princess lifestyle, not the leper colony lifestyle. What does God want you to aspire to?

*Mike*

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