



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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October 5, 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*

**Donors get their choice of a retro t-shirt
or a gift card!**

Women's Christian Fellowship will meet on Thursday,
October 14, at 6:30 p.m. We are having a cookie
exchange! For complete information, contact Judi
Lock at 832-9498.

**Women's
Christian Fellowship**



*Sunday, October 10, 6:00 p.m. The Youth Group will be having a bonfire
at the Logan's. For more information, contact Brenda Logan.*

*Wednesday, October 13, 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting
7:30 p.m. Board meeting*

**NOTE: Brenda will be out of the office next week (October 11-15). If you have any information
or prayer needs for the bulletin, please call the office and talk with Mike.**

OCTOBER 3, 2021

Worship Attendance: 75

Offering Total: \$4,848.00

Spendable 4,648.00

Benevolence 200.00

Sunday School: 51

Sunday Morning Celebration 6

King's Kids 8

Grades 6-8 3

High School 4

Blessed Believers 12

Chosen Ones 7

The Fellowship 11

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tom & Cristie Anders (friends of Garland Hubert)- Cristie has a bad ankle sprain; Tom fell and broke his hip

Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- cancer

Stewart Elam (Kent Elam's brother)- dealing with COVID-19 and other needs

Connie Prosser- awaiting cancer test results

Joyce Ritter- kidney stones

Gavin Smith (Brad & Maryanna Smith's grandson)- going to St. Louis Children's Hospital for open-heart surgery

Ruby Smith (Brad Smith's mom)- COVID-19

John Wax (Brenda Logan's dad)- had surgery on Monday at Carle

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 3rd 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.

“Shifting Gears; Building Disciples” **10/5/2021**

I have a plaque in my office dated Oct. 2018. It is a thank you to Judy and me for our “dedicated service to the Lord.” On the plaque is a gear shift knob with the words *Shifting gears, building disciples*. The plaque means a lot to me. It reminds me that shifting gears is necessary if a car is going to move forward. The same is true if the church is to do the same. The goal of that shift is “building disciples,” not building programs.

This was emphasized as I read an article in the Sept/Oct edition of the *Christian Standard* by Mark Taylor entitled, A Posture, Not a Program. Taylor reveals the outreach efforts of several megachurches. Each one is shifting gears from a program mentality to a posture mindset. Outreach isn't limited to what's done inside the building by a committee or a staff person. It isn't relegated to big events, crusades, seeker services, VBS or even a well-crafted sermon or innovative Marriage Enrichment class. These aren't bad methods, and have their place.

Real outreach is connecting believers with people who have real needs within the community, shifting focus from, “How can the church feed me and meet my needs?” to, “How can I meet the needs of a lost community?” This external focus urges believers to connect to the mission of Jesus, which is to “seek and save the lost.” The local church then equips the saints for ministry and service. For this shift to work, all believers need to have a real passion for the Great Commission. We must get out into the community, ask questions and listen to determine the heartfelt needs; build relationships with those outside of Christ; seek any training necessary to serve well, and BE the outreach God requires to build His kingdom. This type of outreach is messy, but it is exactly what God calls His disciples to do.

The harvest is ready. Be one of the workers God sends into that harvest.



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Elders:

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

Service at the church building on October 10, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Greeters: Joe & Fran Waldrop (West); Bob Dowler (South)
Serving: S. Sinkes, B. Kelly, B. Kelly, M. Hughes
Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Frances Dowler & Ray Weaver

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

Mission of the Week: CHRISTIAN MISSION TO THE ORIENT
Chang Mai, Thailand
Abel & Ruth Sairanttanyu, Missionaries

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