



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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May 3, 2022



**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
SERVICE**

**Thursday, May 5, 7:00 p.m.
First Christian Church**

LADIES SALAD SUPPER

Thursday, May 12-- 6:00 p.m.

For the ladies of FCC and their guests

Sign up sheets will be in the bulletin

Speaker: Barb Shearer Jeske

Join us for an evening of good food & fun!!

QUESTIONS?? Contact the office or Judi Lock.



**Sow Seeds
of Kindness**



**Graduation Party for
Torie Rothermel!!**

Saturday, May 14, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

The Rothermel Home

320 CR 2300 E

Broadlands, Illinois

**CONGRATULATIONS TO TORIE, who is a winner of the Women's Business
Council of Champaign County Jumpstart Scholarship!**

APRIL 24, 2022

**Worship 68
Sunday School 62**

Offering \$3,520.00

**Sunday Morning Celebration 1
King's Kids 1
Jr. High/Sr. High 10
Blessed Believers 21
The Fellowship 23
Chosen Ones 6**

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Patty Barron (Dwight & Evelyn Howard's niece)- had emergency surgery of a bleeding bowel

Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- cancer

Maria Crane (Toni Cassano's granddaughter)- successful heart surgery; she is in a lot of pain

Family of Debbie Davis- Leslie Harris' mother; her memorial service will be Saturday, May 7, 1:00 p.m. at Edwards Funeral Home in Arcola

Barbara Dutton (Holly Wiggam's mother)- pancreatitis, and diagnosed with a tumor on her kidney (which causes pain in her back), heart problems and high enzymes in her liver

Praise! Steven & Lora Gordon had a new granddaughter two weeks ago- her name is Bonnie Mae

Beverley Harvey (friend of Garland Hubert & the Rothermel's)- chemo

Janice Thode- was in a car accident; is recovering, but has severe restrictions

Hal Wiggam- on the mend



***Sign-up for VBS by using
your phone to scan the QR
code located on the right.***

**2022
Community Vacation
Bible School**

**July 10-14
6:30-8:30 p.m.
VG United Methodist
Church**



OUR GROUP



Compare and Complain **5/2/2022**

It is one of those short stories in scripture that show just how human Jesus' disciples were. And, it speaks deeply into our own human condition. In Luke 9:49, the apostle John comes to Jesus and says, "**Master, we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us.**" That's it. Not a lot of details, but we can all relate.

It is easy to be proud of our Christ-honoring group. We love our group. We believe God loves our group too. Which makes it hard when we see another group succeed in ministry. What do they have that we don't? To get an answer, we begin to compare. John did. It is human nature to want all of God's blessings.

The other thing we do is complain. John couches his complaint in a plea for acceptance. Maybe he thought Jesus would give him a pat on the back for trying to put a stop to the outsider's ministry. The event would almost be comical except that it happened right after Jesus had chastised these same disciples for arguing among themselves about who was the greatest. Pride, pride, pride. We all suffer from it.

We don't have what others have and so, instead of celebrating the people who are won to Christ, we complain and hope Jesus will stop them and grant us that measure of success. It doesn't even have to be groups. We compare our personal Christian life to others, and complain that God blesses them but not us.

Rather than compare and complain, let us submit and rejoice. Submit to the will of our Master and rejoice that He is the author of salvation. Rejoice that those who are not against Jesus are for Him.

Mike

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Elders:

John Dilliner

Jerry Hughes

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Greeters: Raymond Weaver (West); Brenda Elam (South)

Coffee Fix: Bob Dowler Clean-up: Bob Dowler & Margaret Black

Serving: P. Eisenmenger, D. Hughes, T. Naddy, R. Duzan

Bible Study- Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Elder-On-Call for May: JERRY HUGHES (217)369-5495

Mission of the Week: NEW CHURCHES OF CHRIST EVANG.

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Matt Schantz, Executive Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Shunk

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