



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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April 18, 2023



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 -- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study -Church Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 21--6:30 p.m. Sarah Hughes Piano Studio will present a musical -
"Kidnapped on I-land," by Ron Hamilton. The performance will be at the church.
Everyone is invited!!

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 --10 a.m. Hymns for Him - Please join us to sing old hymns,
And enjoy some sweet treats!

THURSDAY, MAY 11 -- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Salad Supper! More details to come!

APRIL 16, 2023

Worship 76
Sunday School 46

Sunday Morning Celebration
King's Kids 4
Jr. High & High School
Blessed Believers 13
The Fellowship Class 23
Chosen Ones 6

TOTAL OFFERING: \$5,483.00
Spendable \$5,433.00
Memorial \$50.00

BRANDON J KELLY

SUNDAY, May 21--2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Open House at First Christian Church
Fellowship Hall

GRADUATION



CELEBRATION!!

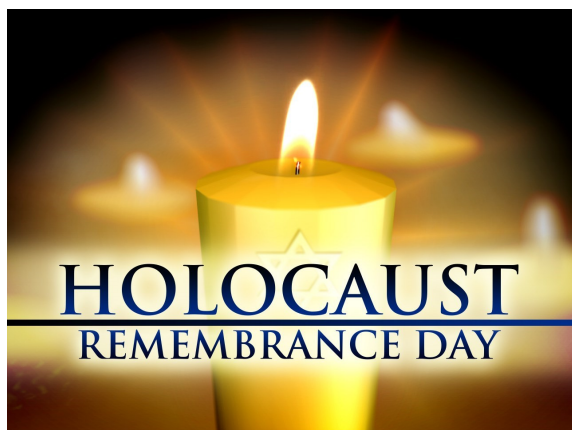
IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Dan Crawford- suffering from Sundown dementia and neural dysfunction
Frances Dowler- revision surgery on left knee April 20 at Sarah Bush Hospital
Brenda Elam- recovering from knee replacement surgery
Sheryl Mulvaney- recovering from diverticulitis
Bob & Dorothy Rothermel (Joe's parents)- Bob is having immunotherapy infusions due to melanoma
Ray Shunk- health concerns; in Carle Hospital
Joe Waldrop- in Champaign Rehab Center
Lyla Cannon - more tests for kidney problems
Doris Black - fell, has a lump on her forehead
Della Mae Frahm- hospice
Evelyn Howard's Brother - Roy Eggers has Covid, Roy's wife, Dee has a severe cold. They live in Greenup, IL
Nancy Jackson - Moving to Arkansas on April 21st.



Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, calls, & encouraging words. Thanks for the spring garden flowers. All the family appreciated Mike coming & praying with the family, the nice service, & Linda for the music. Thanks to the ladies for the wonderful dinner.

Love in Christ,
Margaret & Family



Remembering the Holocaust 4/18/2023

April 18th is national Holocaust Remembrance Day. It is a day intentionally set aside to recall the millions of innocent people who were mercilessly killed.

The word "holocaust" elicits strong emotions. And it should. The basic meaning is, "*destruction or slaughter on a mass scale, especially caused by fire or nuclear war.*" In describing the holocaust that happened during

WWII the dictionary also included these words, "*the mass murder of Jewish people under the German Nazi regime during the period 1941–45. More than 6 million European Jews, as well as members of other persecuted groups such as Romani, gay people, and disabled people, were murdered at concentration camps such as Auschwitz.*"

What I did not know was that the dictionary also included a historical meaning for the word holocaust. A holocaust is, "*A Jewish sacrificial offering that was burned completely on an altar.*" Wow! That means God expected His Hebrew children to participate in a holocaust to atone for their sins. They had to burn an unblemished, sacrificial lamb. That shed blood covered their sin and provided forgiveness.

Granted, Christians don't live under the O.T. system. But there is still a blood sacrifice required if we want our sins forgiven. Jesus paid that sin debt for us. Now, we are required to lose our life in Jesus. Three gospel writers quote Jesus as saying, "***For those who want to save their life will lose it, but those who lose their life for my sake will find it.***" (Matthew 16:25; Mark 8:35; Luke 9:24). How do we lose our life? We die to self and live to Christ so that He can free us from an eternal holocaust.

There is another holocaust every Christian must endure. The Holy Spirit burns away the "dross" and purifies our faith (1 Peter 1:6-7.) Are you willing to undergo spiritual holocaust so that you may live for Jesus?

Mike

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John Dilliner

Jerry Hughes

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

NEXT VBS MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25, AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE CHURCH.

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

Greeters: Dave Shunk (Front) Glenda Case (South)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up:

Serving: C. Cannon, T. Naddy, S. Sinkes, P. Eisenmenger

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

Mission of the Week: Choices Pregnancy and Health
Charleston, Illinois

Chris Bugle, Executive Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Shirley Waldrop

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