



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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May 16, 2023



Tuesday, MAY 23 - 7:00 p.m.
Vacation Bible School meeting

Friday, MAY 26 - 7:00 p.m.
Judy Zylstra's students Recital

SUNDAY, MAY 21--
Mike and Judy will be going to a wedding in Minnesota,
and PHIL LAKE will be preaching for him.

GRADUATION PARTIES!!



BRANDON KELLY
SUNDAY, MAY 21
2:00-5:00 p.m.
First Christian Church

DALTON & MADISON LOGAN
SUNDAY, MAY 28
4:00-6:30 p.m.
The Corn Crib
107 E Yates St.
Newman, IL

MACEN HUGHES
FRIDAY, JUNE 9
6:30 p.m.
First Christian Church
Ceremony, followed by
lots of food!!

MAY 14, 2023
Worship 86
Sunday School 46

Sunday Morning Celebration 0
King's Kids 0
Jr. High & High School 6
Blessed Believers 13
The Fellowship Class 21
Chosen Ones 6

TOTAL OFFERING: \$4,041.00
Spendable \$4,031.00
Missions 10.00



SUNDAY, MAY 21 is the
last day to bring in your
filled baby bottles.
Please put a check mark
when you return the
bottles. Bottles are
available at the south
door, but must be in on
Sunday.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Lyla Cannon - needs further testing
Francis Dowler - surgery rescheduled for Tuesday afternoon
Sam Downey (missionary with Sara Williamson)- became ill in Togo; is now at home
Della Mae Frahm - hospice
David Kelly (Bob Kelly's brother)- needs a kidney stent
John Klucinskas - had a spinal cord stimulator implanted
Larry Mulvaney - surgery on June 5
Family of Becky Olson
Tracy Poe- successful surgery, is home recovering
Shannon Rice (missionary with Sara Williamson)- had surgery overseas; is now home, with another surgery ahead
Thanks and praise to God for Sara Williamson and her mission work!



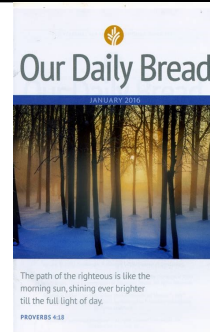
Thank you so much for the scholarship. I am signed up for classes next year at Parkland for construction. This will help me, and I appreciate it.

DALTON LOGAN

FINAL BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Night Bible study group will have their final study on Wednesday, May 17, at 6:15 p.m. There will be a fellowship time and light supper. Contact PATTI GROVES and let her know what you can bring. Study will resume in September.

**THE SUMMER ISSUE OF "OUR DAILY BREAD"
WILL BE AT BOTH EXIT DOORS THIS SUNDAY.
BE SURE TO PICK UP A COPY!**





Why Don't Caterpillars Fly? **5/16/2023**

A Sunday school teacher drew her student's attention to **Luke 9:28-36**, the passage discussing the transfiguration event in Jesus' life. She mentioned that the word, transfiguration, is a big word that means, "change." Jesus' face shone like the sun, and he was able to converse with the dead (specifically, Moses and Elijah.) She said that the change that happened to Jesus was sort of like the change that happens when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. In fact, the Greek word for transfiguration is another big word, metamorphosis. Then she asked if the students had learned that word in science class. Many students nodded in the affirmative.

One curious student innocently asked, "Why don't caterpillars fly?" The whole process of a caterpillar eating non-stop, building a cocoon and changing into a butterfly seemed so inefficient. Why didn't God just give caterpillars wings and forget all the other stuff.

The teacher paused a moment then said, "God never wanted caterpillars to fly. He wanted butterflies to fly. God put within the caterpillar the ability to change into a butterfly so it could fly as God intended. If a caterpillar decided to refuse God's power to change, they will never fly. It's kind of like that with Christians. All people are born with a sin nature. But God wants us to feast on His word and, by faith, accept Jesus as our Savior. God's Spirit will dwell in us and transform us into what God intended us to be, believers who reflect His glory. If a person refuses to be changed by God's Spirit that person will never be what God wants them to be. The Spirit is trying to convict everyone of sin. But, we need to submit to God's transforming power. Caterpillars who remain that way will never fly and unbelievers who remain that way will never fly with God."

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: Macen Hughes (Front) Rex & Jan Duzan (South)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Brenda Elam/Glenda Case

Serving: S. Sinkes, D. Logan, S. Shunk, D. Hughes

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

Mission of the Week: LITTLE GALILEE CHRISTIAN CAMP

Clinton, Illinois

Gabe Rutledge, Camp Manager

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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