



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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May 2, 2023



CHOICES Pregnancy & Health's Fundraiser

THURSDAY, May 4 - 7:00 p.m.
National Day of Prayer event at F.C.C.
FRIDAY, MAY 5 - 2-6 p.m.
Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY, MAY 7 - 6:00 p.m.
Final Youth Group



BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS

Please take a baby bottle and fill it with change, cash, or check by **May 21**.

If you write a check, make it to: **CHOICES Pregnancy & Health**. Please do not make it out to the church.

Be sure to sign the sheet with your name and how many bottles you took. Please put a check mark when you return the bottles. Bottles are available at both doors.

LADIES SALAD SUPPER
"TO ALL NATIONS"
WEDNESDAY, MAY, 11 6:00 p.m.
Please bring a salad to share.
Fill out the insert this Sunday and turn the insert to Judi Lock **today**,
Guest speaker is: **Sara Williamson**
Please join us for an evening of good food and fun.



Everyone is welcome to join us in the Church sanctuary for an hour of singing the Great Hymns of Faith.

Friday, May 5 - 10:00 a.m.
Singing led by, **Brad Smith**
Linda Dilliner, Pianist

MAY 2, 2023
Worship 87
Sunday School 63

Sunday Morning Celebration 2
King's Kids 6
Jr. High & High School 11
Blessed Believers 10
The Fellowship Class 28
Chosen Ones 6

TOTAL OFFERING: \$2,287.00
Spendable \$1,587.00
Memorial \$700.00

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

DALTON & MADISON LOGAN
SUNDAY, May 28--4--6:30 p.m. Open house at **The Corn Crib**
107 E Yates Street
Newman, Il 61942



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Lyla Cannon - kidney tests scheduled for May 11

Della Mae Frahm - hospice

Virginia Maxwell - (Darrell Hinkles sister) in hospital for 2 weeks

Mary Gen Frick's cousin - dealing with stage 4 cancer

Francis Dowler - Surgery rescheduled for May 15

Abigail Cheng - niece of Brenda Elam best friend (Sarah Johnson), is scheduled for brain surgery today.

Family of Gene Strole - Friend of Greg & Joyce Ritter

John Klucinskis - dealing with back pain and other health concerns

Madeline Shunk - traveling to Tulsa, Oklahoma for work

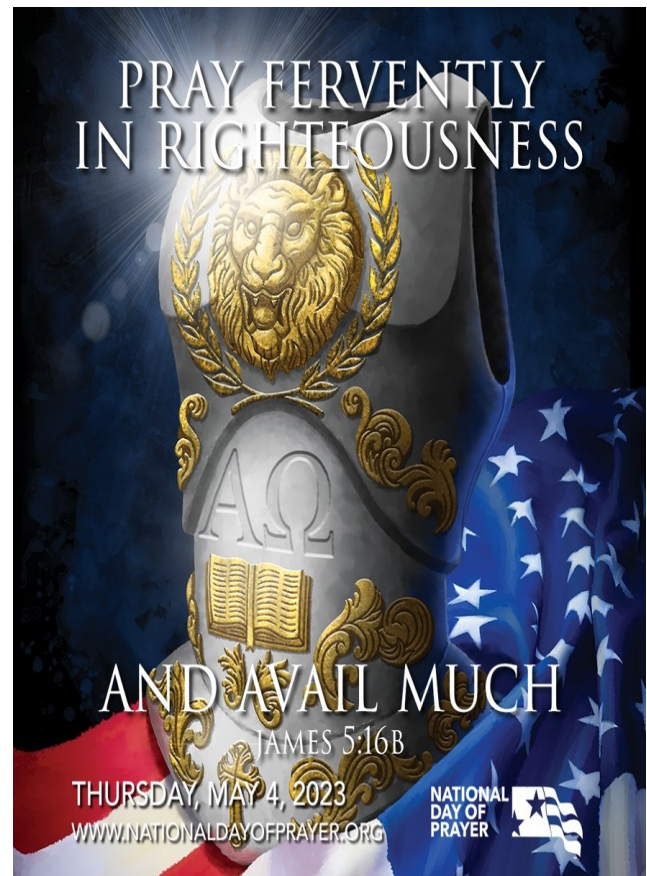
Carl Gentry - (best friend of Holly Wiggam) living in Indiana, has Alzheimer's and Dementia

Janice Thode - fell

Brenda Elam - home



Sign up to give blood today!
A blood drive will be held in the FCC
fellowship hall on Friday, May 5th 2-6
p.m.
Please register online at:
www.bloodcenter.org
Or call 1-800-747-5401



Lesson from the ECHO, ECHO, ECHO, Echo ..."
5/2/2023



I stood on the rim of the Grand Canyon and did what millions of tourists do. I yelled, "Hello!" and listened for my echo. The speed of sound is Mach 1, or a little more than 741 MPH. Depending on distance, wind, sound wavelength, and several other variables, the time it takes for the sound to return varies. What doesn't vary is the content of the echo. An echo will always repeat the original message.

As kids we played the "echo game." One person would talk and the other would repeat everything they said exactly. The game often ended when the original talker said so many words the repeater couldn't remember them all. Or, the original talker fell silent. Or, the original talker said something like, "Hit me in the arm."

When the echo repeated the same words, the talker would oblige. About then mom would tell us to stop pestering each other or dad would threaten to turn the car around.

Studies have demonstrated that children are often echoes of their parents. If a child receives praise they tend to give praise. If they are spoken to angrily or harshly, they echo that negativity. Oh, if only we could break the pattern of echoing negativity. Peter offers a better way. **1 Peter 3:9 – "Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing,"**

When someone is lashing out at you don't be their echo. Rather, return their harsh words with a blessing. Return their anger with love. Return their hatred with kindness. Return good for evil. In so doing, we live as an echo of God, our heavenly father.

Granted, it isn't natural. Nature urges us to exact revenge. You hurt me --- I hurt you. Don't be an echo for evil. Speak Godliness into a world that is screaming Godlessness.

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Office Hours: 10:00-4:30 (M, T, Th, F)

Elders:

John Dilliner

Jerry Hughes

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

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

Greeters: Alexis Cassano / Shelby Hughes (Front)

Dennis Williamson (South)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Bob Dowler & Sarah Hughes

Serving: C. Cannon, B. Kelly, B. Kelly, N. Kelly

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

Mission of the Week: Rural Grace Fellowship (Food Pantry)

Murdock, Illinois

Stevie Shearer, Contact Person

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Della Mae Frahm

Eberhardt Village, Rm 44

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