

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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May 23, 2023

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

Sunday, JUNE 4 - 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Ministry meeting Fellowship Hall



THESE ARE THE SCHOLARSHIPS OUR GRADS RECEIVED AT THE HONOR'S BANQUET

Brandon Kelly-- Simpson Farm Scholarship, Joe Lawless Memorial Scholarship, Ryan Riddell Memorial Scholarship, First Christian Church Scholarship, Longview Bank Scholarship, Jerry Rund Scholarship

Madison Logan-- Alan Bender Memorial Scholarship, First Christian Church Scholarship, May Student of the Month, VG Rotary Club Scholarship

Dalton Logan-- Durland Family Scholarship, Alan Bender Memorial Scholarship, First Christian Church Scholarship, VG Rotary Club Scholarship

MAY 21, 2023 Worship 91 Sunday School 45

Sunday Morning Celebration 2 King's Kids 4 Jr. High & High School 9 Blessed Believers 13 The Fellowship Class 10 Chosen Ones 7

TOTAL OFFERING: \$1,649.01 Spendable \$1,619.00 Worship 10.01



THE SUMMER ISSUE OF "OUR DAILY BREAD" WILL BE AT THE SOUTH EXIT DOOR ON SUNDAY. BE SURE TO PICK UP A COPY!



MONDAY, MAY 29 Church Office will be Closed.



Family of Joseph Cassano- Toni's dad passed away on Friday in Mahomet Francis Dowler - 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



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

MADISON LOGAN

Dear VGFCC, I truly appreciate the generous monetary gift you all provided me. VGFCC has a very special place in my heart and means a lot to me. Each and everyone of the congregation members I want to thank for the love and support throughout the years of my life. God bless you all and with love,

ZACK THOMAS

Hello First Christian Church! I had gotten your congratulations card a few days ago, I just wanted to say "thank you" for it all! Thank you for being such an amazing family to me and thank you for the love you have shown me. You all are such amazing people and I love the people of First Christian Church with all my heart!

COLE CARDIFF



DALTON & MADISON LOGAN Sunday, May 28 4:00-6:30 p.m. The Corn Crib 107 E. Yates Newman

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

Some Days We Just Need a Dad Joke 5/23/2023

Call them groaners, puns, or dumb jokes. Life is so serious that sometimes we need a joke to put a smile on our face. While watching *America's Funniest Videos*, a grandma performed the same lame "magic" trick for her 3-year-old grandson. Each time the tissue disappeared the lad laughed uproariously, making everyone around him laugh loudly.

One of Judy's favorite jokes is, *Where do polar bears keep their money? In a snowbank.* One man frequently annoyed anyone in his car by always saying, "*They won't let me be buried there.*" every time they drove past a cemetery. Inevitably someone would ask why that was so, and the man would reply, "*Because I'm not dead.*"

Jokes don't even have to make sense. As a small child, our daughter thought that the joke, *Why did the chicken cross the road? To lay an egg on the line* was the funniest thing she had ever heard.

Some jokes take a moment to process, like *Why did the bicycle fall over? Because it was two-tired.* Others have many possible responses, but only one is expected. Like: *What is red and bad for your teeth? A brick.* Or, *Why shouldn't you write with a broken pencil? Because it is pointless.*

Our God placed humor within His created beings because it is part of His character. Sarah laughed at God's prediction that she would have a child in her old age. Then when it happened, her laughter was full of joy. Proverbs 15:13 – A happy heart makes the face cheerful. Proverbs 17:22 – A cheerful heart is good medicine. And one of Job's friends reminded him that, even in the plethora of his misery, God will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of Joy. (Job 8:21)

So, go ahead, tell a few jokes, laugh at something funny. It is God's medicine to counteract the hatred, rage, seriousness and unfunny life Satan pushes on all humanity.

