



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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May 9, 2023



Elders Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.



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

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

CHOICES Pregnancy & Health's Fundraiser



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 AND 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”

Thursday, MAY, 11 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a salad to share.

Guest speaker is: **Sara Williamson**

Please join us for an evening of good food

MAY 9, 2023

Worship 96
Sunday School 65

Sunday Morning Celebration 5
King's Kids 10
Jr. High & High School 7
Blessed Believers 14
The Fellowship Class 23
Chosen Ones 6

TOTAL OFFERING: \$4,011.81

Spendable \$3,664.21

Memorial \$347.60

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Lyla Cannon - kidney tests scheduled for May 11

Francis Dowler - Surgery rescheduled for May 15

Della Mae Frahm - hospice

Family of Carl Gentry - friend of Holly Wiggam

John Klucinskas - dealing with back pain and other health concerns

Larry Mulvaney - health issues

Don Newman - (Garlands' daughter-in-law uncle) has cancer and had a mild stroke. He is home

Mike Nussell - (cousin to Joyce Ritter & Cindy Thomas) Had semi accident in January, now has PTSD. Also, his wife, Deb is recovering from heart surgery

Rita Windsor - (Garlands' daughter-in-law aunt) heart issues

SUNDAY, MAY 21--

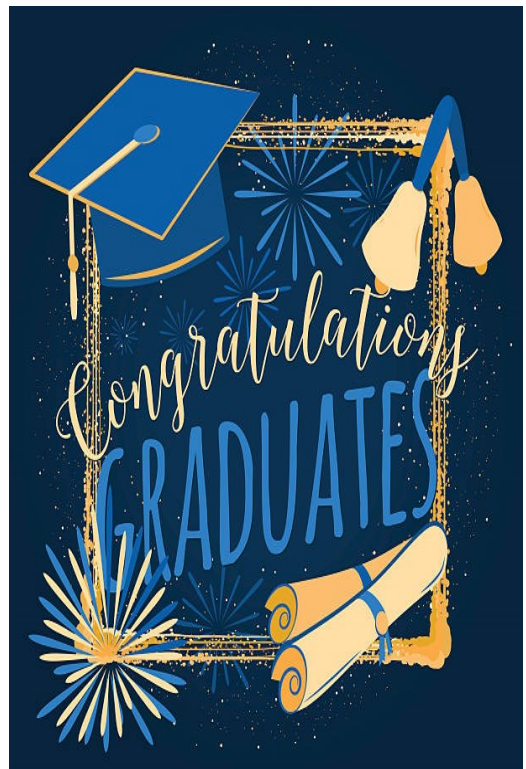
**Mike and Judy will be going to a wedding in Minnesota,
and PHIL LAKE will be preaching for him.**



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

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

MACON HUGHES Graduation
FRIDAY, June 9, 6:30p.m.
First Christian Church
Ceremony followed by lots of
food



Words of Wisdom for Graduates

5/9/2023

Graduations have begun. Whether it is High School or PhD. students have accomplished the requirements to graduate. God has some advice for every graduate.

FIRST: Watch out for wealth without work. Don't become an "entitled" person. Laziness is a trap of Satan. **2 Thessalonians 3:10** - "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." Hard work is not something to be shunned but used to honor God.

SECOND: Watch out for pleasure without conscience. **Romans 13:14** - "Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh." Jesus wants us to have life to the full but not at the expense of living for Jesus first.

THIRD: Watch out for knowledge without character. Just because you know microbiology doesn't mean you have the moral compass to honor God with your knowledge. **1 Corinthians 8:1** - "Knowledge puffs up but love builds up."

FOURTH: Watch out for commerce without morality. Don't be so greedy for the "American Dream" that you forget God's moral code. **Proverbs 21:21** - "He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor."

FIFTH: Watch out for science without humanity. Science does not negate God's word. Nor does God's word negate science. God invented science and it points to Him. **Romans 1:20** - "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."

SIXTH: Watch out for worship without sacrifice. God calls everyone to worship Him AND serve His church. Worship is what we give to God and it is supposed to cost us something. **Romans 12:1** - "Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship."

May each graduate live fully to the Lord in their education, careers, life, love and faithfulness.

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: Duncan Hughes (Front) Janet Cassida (South)

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

Serving: M. Hughes, D. Shunk, P. Eisenmenger

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

Mission of the Week: Thailand Sustainable Ministries

Chang Mai, Thailand

Abel & Ruth Sairanttanyu, Missionaries

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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