



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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May 31, 2023



**Friday, June 2-- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for Rural Grace Food Pantry, Murdock**

**Sunday, June 4-- 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Ministry meeting, in the fellowship hall**

**Saturday, June 17-- SAVE THE DATE!! All-Church Father's Day Cookout!**



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

**MAY 28, 2023**

Worship 74  
Sunday School 49

Sunday Morning Celebration 0  
King's Kids 2  
Jr. High & High School 8  
Blessed Believers 14  
The Fellowship Class 19  
Chosen Ones 6

**TOTAL OFFERING: \$3,723.93**  
Spendable \$1,983.00  
Worship 27.02  
Benevolence 409.50  
Stewardship & Finance 1,304.41



**IF ANYONE HAS A BABY BOTTLE FOR CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH, PLEASE LEAVE IT IN THE COPY ROOM, OR GIVE TO MARYANNA SMITH. THANK YOU!!**

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

Lyla Cannon- appointment with pediatric nephrologist on July 25, in Chicago

Marilyn Decker- recovering from carpal tunnel surgery

Della Mae Frahm - hospice

Leann Frick- knee surgery on June 6

Family of Jerry Hines- service at FCC on June 9, Visitation at 10:00am and Funeral at 11:00am

Kurt Logan- knee surgery on June 7

Larry Mulvaney - surgery on June 5

*Thank You!*



*Dear First Christian congregation,  
I am so beyond grateful to be a part of the church family. The amount of support I have been given over the past years is overwhelming. I couldn't be happier. Thank you for your gracious gift. I can't wait to see God's plan for me.*

*Thank you.*  
**BRANDON KELLY**

*Thank you so very much for all of your cards, calls, visits. And most of all, thank you for your prayers. They helped a lot.*

*Love,*  
**FRANCES DOWLER**

*To my wonderful church family,  
Thanks to everyone for your prayers, calls, cards, flowers and visits while I was in the hospital for three weeks. Thanks, to, to all who brought food to the house and sent flowers since I came home. I'm healing well, and therapy is helping a great deal. I'm so happy to be back in the office and at church.*

*A BIG thank you to Patti Groves, as she stepped right into the office and did a wonderful job. I love you all, and have felt all your prayers for me as I am healing and getting back to normal.*

**BRENDA ELAM**



### ***Craftsman's Lifetime Warranty*** **5/30/2023**

At age 18, I worked in the hardware department of a Sears & Roebuck store. At that time, Sears was where you could buy *Craftsman* tools. Every tool came with a lifetime warranty. If the tool broke or failed, Sears would replace it.

One day a customer brought in a pair of *Craftsman* vice grips. They had failed because they were covered with rust. I told the customer that the warranty covered structural failure, not rust. The man was insistent that, since he could clearly see the *Craftsman* brand name on the handle, it should be covered. I called my manager. He confirmed that the man was right. The visible name on the tool meant that we would replace it.

As I wrote up the ticket, I asked the man where he had found the tool. He replied that he had bought a used car about 3 years earlier, and was recently under the car checking the exhaust when he noticed the vice grip firmly attached to the car's frame. How long it had been there was anyone's guess. He never thought we'd replace the tool but figured it was worth a try since, he could see the name clearly.

There is a spiritual parallel here. Anyone who bears the name of Jesus on their life has entered into a covenant that carries with it certain guarantees. We are promised that the Holy Spirit will dwell in us to teach, guide, protect and convict us of our sin. We are promised rest in Jesus. We have an assured hope that when this life ends, God will take us, recreate us and make us new so that we function just as He originally created us to be.

Thank God that living in the name of Jesus has guarantees not only for this life, but for eternity.

*Mike*

#### **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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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: Curaleen Gammon (Front)**

**JP & Linsay Swigart (South)**

**Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Brenda Elam/Rex & Jan Duzan**

**Serving: C. Cannon, R. Graham, D. Logan, K. Logan**

**Elder-On-Call for June: JOHN DILLINER (217)621-9807**

**Mission of the Week: AXIOM CHRISTIAN (University of Illinois)**

**Urbana/Champaign, Illinois**

**Aaron Bird, Axiom Director**

#### **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**KEN & AWANDA HEYEN**

**The Villas of Holly Brook, Apt. 9**

**68 E. Airport Rd.**

**Savoy, IL 61874**