



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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February 13, 2024



Wednesday, February 14-- 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting
7:30 p.m. Board meeting

Saturday, February 17-- 7:00 a.m. Bus leaves the church for
Church Leaders' Conference at Lincoln Christian University

Sunday, February 18-- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Cantata rehearsal at the
church
6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at the
church

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Scott Beccue- home from hospital
Sandy Bragg- at Hilltop Nursing Home, 910 W. Polk, Charleston
Cole Cardiff- concussion
Family of Curtis Charter- friend of Mary Gen Frick
Chris Clark- sees rheumatologist again on Feb. 27
Mary Gen Frick- going to Springfield hospital on Friday
Brandon Hardway (Jim Hardway's son)- still in critical condition
Family of Luke Hensley- friend of Paula Webber
Family of Dan Marlatt (Villa Grove)
Bill Schweighart- home, has 24/7 home care

Khristi Boyer- slow recovery
Family of Doris Bragg
Kenzie Cardiff- sinus infection

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VILLA GROVE DANCE TEAM,
WHO ARE STATE CHAMPIONS!!
Chloe Reardon, Duzan's granddaughter, is a member of the team!**

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Worship 100
Sunday School 60
Sunday Morning Celebration 4
King's Kids 5
High School 7
Blessed Believers 18
The Fellowship Class 19
Chosen Ones 7

OFFERING TOTAL: \$2,769.28
Spendable:

Thank You! 

*Dear Ladies (of WCF),
Thank you so much for the sweet Valentine's Day gifts for
our clients. We are so thankful to know they are loved.
I've heard a couple say the never receive anything for
themselves. What a blessing for them! Thanks so much!*

*Blessings,
CALI RICE
Client Services Director
Choices Pregnancy & Health*

Still Waiting for Abundant Life? **2/13/2024**

He was a 90-year-old man, whose wife had died several years earlier. He had no children and no nearby relatives. He spent his life making custom cabinets. He was very good at his craft, and even invented a couple of woodworking tools. But he never took time to build any close friendships. As he aged, he just couldn't bring himself to selling his business. One day, he simply closed the doors and "retired." Knowing that he spent considerable time at his home, I stopped to visit him. We spoke of the weather, his hobbies, his work, the modifications he had made to his house, and eventually to his spiritual life. At one point, we were talking about favorite Bible verses. He paused, "I used to like John 10:10, *"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."* He quoted from the King James Version. Then he said, "But I'm still waiting for my abundant life. Oh, I've lived comfortably. I've set aside quite a bit of money. I've stayed healthy my whole life. I just don't know if I've ever experienced abundant life?"

I've often thought about that conversation. What is abundant life? Is it having millions of dollars, being known for a skill, or having a world-renowned name? I think it has more to do with friendship, fellowship and being in the presence of someone who truly knows your heart and understands your feelings, someone who really knows you and loves you unconditionally.



**"I have come
that they may have
life,
and have it
abundantly."
John 10:10**

Jesus, knowing that it is virtually impossible to experience abundant life with other humans, reminded us that one of his purposes for coming to earth was to grant us that opportunity. This Valentine's Day, pause to draw closer to Jesus and bask in a love and intimate closeness that you will only find in the arms of your Savior.

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: Judi Lock (South) Frances Dowler (Front)
Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Glenda Case
Serving: C. Cannon, B. Smith, M. Hughes, P. Eisenmenger**

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

**Mission of the Week: MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
Villa Grove & Camargo, Illinois
Villa Grove & Camargo Ministers**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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