



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

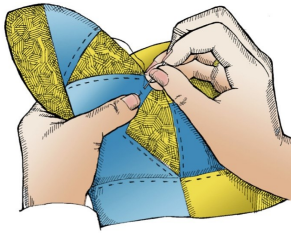
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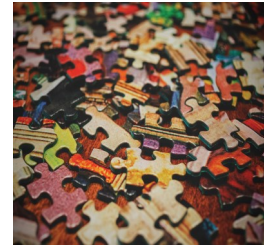


This Sunday, April 28, 9:30 a.m. During the worship service on April 28, we will be honoring our graduates from Jr. High, High School and College. During the fellowship time between church and Sunday School, cupcakes will be served.

Tony and Jessalyn Jackson, son and daughter-in-law of Nancy Jackson, will be adopting 4 siblings, ages 2-6, on April 30!! Their names are Nevaeh, Spencer, Olive and Piper. Some of us would like to encourage them with a GIFT CARD SHOWER! Nancy reported that Tony would like to get the kids a swing set from Amazon. They also shop at Walmart and Sam's Club. The kids love McDonalds, and Tony and Jess like Cheddar's on the rare occasions they eat out alone. If you would like to participate, buy any gift card and send it directly to Tony and Jess. Their address is: 610 Poinsetta Dr., Little Rock, AR 72205.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
May 9, 2024-- 6:00 p.m.
Ladies Salad Supper
"God Pieces Our Lives Together"
Speaker: Trisa Martin of
Trisa's Quilting Corner



APRIL 21, 2024	
Worship	86
Sunday School	62
Sunday Morning Celebration	4
King's Kids	4
High School/College	5
Blessed Believers	14
The Fellowship Class	27
Chosen Ones Class	8
OFFERING (4/21/2024): \$9,983.00	
Spendable: 9,963.00	
Benevolence 20.00	



*First Christian Church,
I thank God for our wonderful church family! The love I have received from your prayers, cards and messages were so important to me, Rex and all of the family! I felt God's care through them. God bless each and everyone!*

Love,
JAN DUZAN



Herb Aden (friend of Karen Williamson)- having pacemaker put in on Friday
Jan Duzan- having some pain, but recovering
Mary Gen Frick- home from hospital
Lorraine (friend of Holly Wiggam)- dealing with headaches; will be having tests
Family of Greg Van Compernelle (nephew of Larry & Sheryl Mulvaney)- passed away last Friday night



BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS

*Beginning this Sunday, there will be baby bottles at both exit doors at church. If you would like to participate, you can take as many bottles as you like, SIGN YOUR NAME AND HOW MANY BOTTLES YOU HAVE TAKEN ON THE SHEET NEXT TO THE BOX OF BOTTLES. You can fill the bottles with change, bills or checks, made to **CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH.***

*Please return the bottles by **MAY 19.** Questions? Contact the church office or talk with Maryanna Smith.*

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Thursday, May 2

We will be hosting a National Day of Prayer service at the church on May 2, at 7:00 p.m. Please invite your family and friends to this special service.





Accepting Christ? **4/23/2024**

It is a common phrase heard in churches and from the mouths of evangelists, “Accept Christ and be saved.” Do we really know what that means? The phrase doesn’t appear in the Bible. So, why do we use it? I think I understand the intent. We want people to believe in Christ’s power and authority to save us from sin. We want to be attached to Jesus and have a close, intimate relationship with Him. We want people to know that all can come to Christ. All can repent, confess, and be baptized into Christ. All can, by faith through grace, receive eternal life. But, to make things easier, we lump all this biblical truth into one catch phrase, “Accept Christ.”

There is a lot of baggage in the word “Accept.” We are urged to accept one another whether or not we agree with their opinion or lifestyle choice. Acceptance is often confused with agreement. Acceptance is a judgment often based on our emotions and feelings. We might accept someone if it boosts our self-image, benefit us, or increase our status. We accept people we like and reject those we don’t.

The problem I have with the phrase is that it seems like I am applying Christ to my life, rather than applying my life to Christ. Jesus is not waiting for us to accept Him. He doesn’t need our approval of him, his actions, lifestyle, or teachings. Rather, we should be humbly recognizing our sinfulness, confessing our powerlessness, and coming to Jesus so that He can cleanse us. We need Jesus to accept us because we are the ones broken by sin, bound by Satan and wandering in darkness.

“Accepting Christ” is not a shortcut to heaven. Being a true believer requires death to self and melding our life into His perfection.

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Elders:

John Dilliner Jerry Hughes
Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

APRIL 28, 2024

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

**Greeters: (South) Curaleen Gammon (Front) Judi Lock
Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Frances Dowler
Serving: C. Cannon, S. Shunk, D. Shunk, M. Hughes**

Elder-On-Call for April: BOB DOWLER (217)549-9791

**Mission of the Week: LINCOLN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Lincoln, Illinois
Dr. Silas McCormick, President**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

**DORIS BLACK
201-C Nicholas Dr.
Tuscola, IL 61953**

Bible Drive

March thru April

Bring new or used Bibles, any translation, any condition.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

First Christian Church

Mr. Kestner's class at the VGHS

Bibles will be donated to
Love Packages for overseas distribution.

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F.C.C. Youth
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