



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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May 14, 2024

### BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS

*This is the last Sunday to fill and bring in bottles for Choices Pregnancy & Health. There are still a couple of bottles left to fill. If you would like to help out, come get a bottle, fill with change or a check (made to Choices Pregnancy & Health) and bring it back to the church. Be sure to write your name on the list and make a checkmark when you bring the bottle back. Thank you for your help!*



### PRAYER LIST

Farmers- safety while working  
Gretchen Gracey (niece of Mary Gen Frick)- thyroid surgery at Barnes  
Henry Graham- had gall bladder surgery on Tuesday morning  
Family of Dale Kincaid- funeral is Wednesday  
Bill Schweighart- lesion found on top of his head; not therapy, but possible chemo this week; he is at home

### YOU'RE INVITED!!

**Sunday, May 26, 3:30-6:00pm-- Logan Lillard's party at her home**

**Saturday, June 1, 2:00-5:00pm-- Marissa & Raeanna Boyer's party at their home, 701 E. Scott, Tuscola**

**Saturday, June 1, 4:00-8:00pm-- Shelby Hughes graduation ceremony and party at First Christian Church, Villa Grove**



### MAY 12, 2024

Worship 101

Sunday School 55

Sunday Morning Celebration 0

King's Kids 4

High School/College 5

Blessed Believers 8

The Fellowship Class 31

Chosen Ones Class 7

OFFERING: \$3,579.00

Spendable: 3,579.00

*Thank You!*



Thank you, WCF, for the beautiful hanging basket. I am thanking God and each lady of WCF for growing us and doing amazing things.

Love you all,  
JUDI LOCK



## Summer Sunday School Classes 5/14/2024

This is an invitation for you to join us each week for Sunday school 10:45-11:30 a.m. We have classes for all ages, including three adult classes. Bob Dowler and Brenda Elam teach classes using the *Standard Lesson Commentary*. Their lessons will focus on the topic ***“Hope in the Lord.”***

Beginning May 26<sup>th</sup>, I will be leading an adult class through a book titled *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*. The book was originally written by Richard J. Foster in 1978. It was updated in 2018 (the version we will be using). While discipline tends to carry negative connotations, everyone understands why it is necessary. In 1 Corinthians 9:27, Paul describes how he disciplines his own body, so that what he does in the body does not disqualify his preaching. He wants his walk and his talk to match. The writer of Hebrews 12 uses the chapter to describe how the Lord disciplines us for our good. Discipline can be painful, but its results are generally very positive.

Foster says that the problem spiritual people have is superficiality. He encourages Christians to become “deep” people. We can be the answer to a shallow world through the “classical disciplines.” Foster divides the book into 3 discipline areas: Inward Disciplines like prayer, fasting, meditation and study; Outward Disciplines like simplicity, solitude, submission and service; and Corporate Disciplines like worship, guidance, confession and celebration. While these disciplines will not save us, and only the Holy Spirit can transform us into Christlikeness, practicing these disciplines will assist us as we run the race of faith.

**Did you know that FCC averages close to 65% of our people who come for our worship gathering will stay for Sunday school?** What an amazing testimony to our teachers and the passion FCC has for helping everyone learn as a disciple of Jesus.

*Mike*

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#### Elders:

John Dilliner                  Jerry Hughes  
Bob Dowler                  Joe Rothermel

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING:  
Thursday, May 16, 7:00pm at VGUMC**

**MAY 19, 2024**

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

**Greeters: (South) Raymond Weaver (Front) Oliver Oberg  
Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Margaret Black  
Serving: D. Shunk, B. Smith, R. Graham, S. Shunk**

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

**Mission of the Week: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
MISSIONS (ICOM)**

Clayton, Indiana  
David Empson, Executive Director

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

**KEN HEYEN  
Tuscola Health Care Center  
1203 Egyptian Trail  
Tuscola, IL 61953**