



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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January 14, 2025

2025 ELECTION RESULTS

Elder:
John Dilliner
Bob Dowler (1 yr.)
Scott Beccue (1 yr.)
Deacon:
Seth Shunk
Trustee:
Rex Duzan
John Dilliner
Missions Treasurer:
David Shunk

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 15-

6:00 p.m. Elders meeting

7:30 p.m. Board meeting

Sunday, January 19- 11:45 a.m. Fellowship
Ministry meeting in the church fellowship hall

Wednesday, January 22 - 6:30 p.m. Bible Study
(note new time)

GRIEF SHARE

Hosted by Sidney Christian Church

Sundays, February 2-April 27

Registration fee: \$20.00

(Covers the cost of the workbook)

GriefShare is a video seminar series that features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a Biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the materials presented during the video.

If interested: call (309)318-0632, or email at sidneycc.doug@gmail.com



JANUARY 12, 2025

Worship & Nursery 96
Annual Meeting 67

Nursery	0
Preschool Class	0
Sunday Morning Celebration	1
King's Kids	4
High School/College Class	8
Blessed Believers Class	12
The Fellowship Class	28
Chosen Ones Class	6

OFFERING: \$3,285.00
Spendable 3,285.00



Dear Church Family,
It was so nice to see many of you over the holidays!
Wishing you all a very blessed year.
Thanks for your continued love, support and prayers!

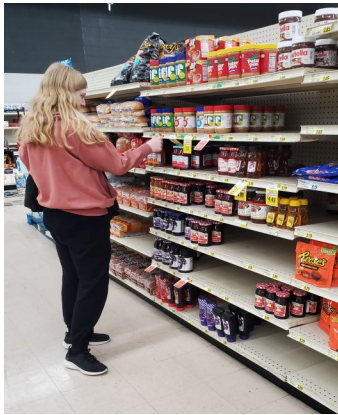
SARA WILLIAMSON

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

Mackenzie Campbell (friend of Madeline Shunk)- lives in Los Angeles, without power because of the fires
Chris Clark- her niece lost her baby
Carli Cannon- no blood clot; home, feeling better
Vicki Gentry- health deteriorating
Family of Bonnie Hibschan- Brad Smith's youngest sister
Darrell Hinkle- stent in right leg on Jan. 16, Washington Hospital in St. Louis
Dale Hubert- had surgery for bladder stones on Monday
Sarah Hughes' dad- in hospice
Judi Lock- recovering from surgery
Family of Nancy Powell- friend of Paula Webber
Daycare Mom of Joyce Ritter- stage 1-2 thyroid cancer
Becky Russell- health concerns
Linda & Larry Shadwick- Linda has knee replacement surgery on Jan. 20



Julie Swigart



Addison Obenland



Quinn Lillard



Ryan Lillard



Stacey Obenland



Kate & Tucker Shunk

Our Youth Group spend three hours working at Salt and Light in Urbana, IL. Thank you, Judy Zylstra, for organizing this service project. Thanks to Kate Shunk and Stacey Obenland for helping chaperone. Everyone learned a lot about this ministry in our area. Afterwards, the group enjoyed supper at Culvers.

Eat Your Brussels Sprouts

1/14/2025

The story is told of a minister who was invited to dine with one of the young families of the congregation. The couple had three children. A 2-year-old boy, a 5-year-old girl, and a very precocious 7-year-old girl named Peggy. The meal was very lovely, and the children were well behaved. The vegetable chosen for the meal was brussels sprouts. The minister noticed that Peggy pushed her brussels sprouts to the edge of her plate. "Do you like brussels sprouts?" the minister inquired. "Oh yes, I like brussels sprouts." Peggy responded as she continued to munch through dinner, not once touching her vegetables. As the meal was ending, and it was almost time for dessert, the minister jokingly said to Peggy, "I thought you said you liked brussels sprouts, how come you didn't eat any?" The girl replied, "Oh, I like brussels sprouts, just not enough to eat them."

Truth be told, many people like God the way Peggy likes brussels sprouts. It is okay to have him on our plate, just not have Him inside of us. He is nice to have around when we need help in a crisis, when we are dealing with a tragedy, when we want forgiveness, or, when we are filled with anxiety and need some peace. It is okay to have Him in our church buildings and visit Him once a week, or have him blessing our weddings and comforting us at our funerals. We like him to be around. But, we don't like him enough to feast on His word or live in perpetual prayer or walk with Him every minute of every day.

Maybe that is why, when Jesus instituted the Lord's supper, he required that His disciples EAT the bread (his body) and DRINK the cup (his blood). Jesus must be inside us to enact real change.

Mike



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Elders:

John Dilliner Jerry Hughes
Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

JANUARY 19, 2025

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

Greeters: (Front) Joe & Fran Waldrop (South) Curaleen Gammon

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Bob & Frances Dowler/Sue Taylor

Nursery: Worship: Kate Shunk SS: Cecile Eisenmenger

Serving: D. Shunk, S. Shunk, T. Shunk, M. Hughes

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

Mission of the Week: LINCOLN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE
Lincoln, Illinois
Dr. Silas McCormick, Exec. Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

KEN HEYEN

Haven of Tuscola (former Tuscola Health Care Center)
1203 Egyptian Trail
Tuscola, IL 61953