



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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January 7, 2025

**Annual
Congregational
meeting
Sunday, January 12
10:45 a.m.
Please have your reports
in before Friday.**



2025 Church Candidates

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

*Women's Christian Fellowship will meet on Thursday,
January 9. A soup luncheon will be served at 1:00pm,
and the meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m.*

*Hostess: Sarah Cannon
Devotions: Sheryl Mulvaney
Missions: Brenda Elam*

**Women's
Christian Fellowship**



**YOUTH GROUP TRIP
TO SALT & LIGHT
Saturday, January 11
Leaving the church parking lot at 1:30 p.m.**

DECEMBER 29, 2024

Worship & Nursery	85
Sunday School	44
Nursery	0
Preschool Class	0
Sunday Morning Celebration	0
King's Kids	3
High School/College Class	4
Blessed Believers Class	13
The Fellowship Class	18
Chosen Ones Class	6
OFFERING:	\$1,892.00
Spendable	1,777.00
Benevolence	155.00

JANUARY 5, 2025

Worship & Nursery	75
Sunday School	33
Nursery	0
Preschool Class	0
Sunday Morning Celebration	1
King's Kids	0
High School/College Class	6
Blessed Believers Class	8
The Fellowship Class	17
Chosen Ones Class	1
OFFERING:	\$2,302.00
Spendable	2,302.00

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

Doris Black- in Haven of Tuscola (formerly Tuscola Health Care Center); is in hospice

Elmer Decker- dealing with several health issues

Family of Lowell Estes- Sonja Jones' brother-in-law

Family of Roger Flynn- Rich Mabry's brother-in-law

Jacob Hatfill- will possibly come home this week

Dale Hubert - will have surgery to remove bladder stones

Brian Icenogle (Linda Shadwick's brother)- severe health issues

Judi Lock- surgery on January 13

Becky Russell- health concerns


Wednesday, January 8- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study resumes

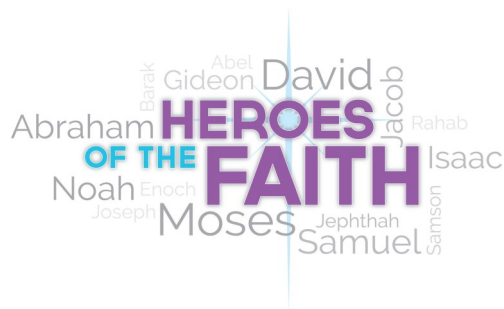
Wednesday, January 15- 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting

7:30 p.m. Board meeting

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



O Lord, let my
New Year's resolution
be to 
follow you
more closely
and to
trust in your
loving guidance.



Living by Faith Sermon Series **1/7/2025**

Hebrews 12:1 says: *Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off the sin that so easily entangles us...*

Who are these witnesses? What kind of life did they live that prompts the author to put them forth as examples for us to emulate? Both answers are found in the previous chapter. Some have called Hebrews 11 The Hall of Faith, or the Heroes of Faith. Each of these examples have been given because they didn't just say they believed. Rather, they lived by faith. Faith was as natural for them as breathing. And the author offers them to his Hebraic readers as witnesses to the reality that faith can be lived out in everyone who claims to be a disciple of Jesus.

Over the next 5 months, we will look at these examples. Last Sunday, we began with Abel's Offering (Gen 4:1-15). In coming weeks, we will look at Enoch's Commendation (Gen 5:22); Noah's Holy Fear (Gen 6:14-22); Abraham's Vision (Gen 12:1-7); Abraham & Sarah's Submission (Gen 18:11-14); Isaac's Blessing (Gen 27:27-29); Jacob's Worship (Gen 49); Joseph's Freedom (Gen 50); Amram & Jochebed's Parental Care (Exodus 2:2); Moses' Choices (Exodus 2:10-11); Israel's Actions (Exodus 14:21-31 & Joshua 6:12-20); Rahab's Hospitality (Joshua 2:9); Gideon's Commitment (Judges 7:21); Samson's Redemption (Judges 16:28); the Faith of the Judges (like Barak); the Faith of the Kings (like David); the Faith of the Prophets (like Samuel); The Faith of the Martyrs (Hebrews 11:35-38); and Our Faith as we await God's Coming (Hebrews 11:39-40).

Do you wish to be a deeper disciple of Jesus? Learn from those whose lives are comprised of faith, not evidence, proof or substance alone. Rather a faith that moves mountains, a faith that doesn't have to be big, but grows large, a faith that pleases God. Living by faith should be every Christian's resolution as long as we are on earth.

Mike

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Elders:

John Dilliner Jerry Hughes
Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

JANUARY 12, 2025

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

Greeters: (Front) Patti Groves (South) Margaret Black

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Bob Thomas

Nursery: Worship: Maryanna Smith SS: Janet Cassida

Serving: B. Kelly, B. Kelly, N. Kelly, R. Graham

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

Mission of the Week: COLEGIO BIBLICO
Eagle Pass, Texas
Gonzalo Flores, President

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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