



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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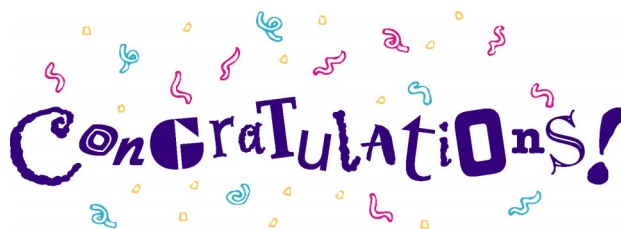
March 25, 2025



SUNDAY, MARCH 30- 9:30 a.m.
Ken Rutledge, will be with us to talk about
Little Galilee Christian Camp! We'll be singing
camp songs and learning about the camp.
Join us!

MOVIE NIGHT- Friday, April 4
7:00 p.m.

*The documentary, "The Ark and the Darkness" will
be shown in the auditorium.
Popcorn will be enjoyed by all!*



Congratulations to Steve & Julie Lacine,
as their granddaughter, Maddie Pruitt,
will perform in Hollywood on American
Idol!

MARCH 23
Worship & Nursery 95
Sunday School 54

Nursery 0
Preschool Class 2
Sunday Morning Celebration 3
King's Kids 3
Blessed Believers Class 12
The Fellowship Class 29
Chosen Ones Class 5

OFFERING: \$7,794.00
Spendable 3,360.00
Benevolence 4,434.00

**On Sunday, April 13, the
Community Choir will present**

"THE ROSE OF CALVARY"

**at First Christian Church, at
4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited
to attend. The event is
sponsored by the Area
Ministerial Alliance. A freewill
donation will be received to
help defray expenses.**

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**the
ROSE-OF CALVARY**

by Joseph M. Martin
with Narration by Pamela Martin
Orchestration by Brent Adams



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THIS
WEEK'S
PRAYER
REQUESTS

Margaret Black- not feeling well
Griffin Dean (Jeff & Helen Watson's grandson)- broken wrist
Darrell Hinkle- will have vein stent surgery on April 3
Sarah Hughes- radiation starts soon
Praise! Judi Lock had a clear PET scan
Doug Romine (Tony Clark's uncle)- battling stage 4 cancer
Family of Becky Russell- passed away on Monday evening

*With
Sympathy*

***Family of Doris Black
Family of Toni Cassano***

Thank You!



Thank you, church family, for the prayers, cards, food and visits while I recovered from surgery. I really appreciated all your kindness.

Love and Blessings to all,
MARGARET BLACK

Villa Grove First Christian Church,
Words cannot express our gratitude for all you have done. Your love and support through the years is deeply appreciated.

CASSANO & BLACK FAMILY

Thank you to all those who have helped with funeral dinners in the past and those who helped on Saturday. Our willingness to share and to work together is a testimony of Christ's love to our guests. Christ multiplies our gifts of talent and time to further His Kingdom.

Blessings to you all.
WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Praise the POWER of PRAYER! Thank you to each one of you that kept me in your prayers. Thank you for all the cards, calls, texts and words of encouragement. MY PET SCAN CAME BACK CLEAR!

Thank you, also, for the birthday cards, call and texts. Our church is so giving and loving. I love and thank you all. I pray for God's blessings on our church.

Love,
JUDI LOCK

Eating, But Not Swallowing

3/25/2025

Two men were visiting about their faith and what it meant to be a Christian. One man stated that he had read through the Bible every year for the past 10 years. He pointed out that he owned the latest study Bible from a very popular theologian. He religiously listened to several Christian pod casts, was a supporter of the Christian radio station, and was currently studying Greek and Hebrew. He noted that he attended a congregation with the latest worship music, a nationally known pastor, and biblically solid programs for further education. He said, "I am being fed God's word every way possible."

The second man patiently asked a simple question, "But are you swallowing?"

The first man was a bit puzzled and asked what he meant.

"Well," the second man began, "being fed is a good thing, but if the food isn't swallowed it does your body no good. You can eat the most nutritious food on the planet, but if you spit it out, you receive no nourishment. It is the same way with God's word. Jesus is the bread of life. The word of God is the best nutrition available for a growing Christian. But spiritual food must enter the core of our being if we hope to receive all the nourishment Jesus intends for us to have. We must not only feed on God's word, we must also swallow, or apply, God's word to our life."

Application of God's word is not easy. It is hard to love our enemy, turn the other cheek, not worry about our life, choose to love God rather than money, choose righteousness over the pleasures of the world, rejoice when we are persecuted, or display the fruit of the Spirit. Applying God's word takes great effort. When we do, we will be well fed.

Mike



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John Dilliner Joe Rothermel
Bob Dower

MARCH 30, 2025

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

**Greeters: Margaret Black (Front)
Pete & Cecile Eisenmenger (South)**

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Brenda Elam

Nursery: Worship: Kilee Simpson SS: Sarah Hughes

**Serving: S. Shunk, T. Shunk, B. Smith, C. Cannon
Elder-On-Call for March: JOE ROTHERMEL (217)369-5285**

**Mission of the Week: LITTLE GAILIEE CHRISTIAN CAMP
Clinton, Illinois
Gabe Rutledge, Camp Manager**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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