



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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April 29, 2025



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE
Thursday, May 1-- 7:00 p.m.
Meet at the church for a time of prayer,
following the National Day of Prayer guide

The Fellowship Committee is having church t-shirts and sweatshirts made. Order forms are at both doors. Orders are due May 5th. Orders can be given to Deanne Rothermel, the church office or placed in the offering baskets. If you have any questions, contact Deanne at (217)493-6380.



CHURCH SHIRTS
SIGN UP
NOW!



Zach Heflin (Elam's nephew)- having eye surgery on May 7 for a cataract and torn retina
Sarah Hughes- continuing radiation treatments
Keith Rohl (Joe Rothermel's cousin)- brain cancer, starting radiation therapy
Barb Watson- has a mitral valve heart problem; having tests
Dynamic Women Seminar in Zhytomyr area of Ukraine (this is a note from Sara Williamson)- prayers for their seminar in the Ukraine, under massive rocket fire

APRIL 27

Worship & Nursery	95
Sunday School	57
Nursery	0
Preschool Class	0
Sunday Morning Celebration	3
King's Kids	3
Blessed Believers Class	16
The Fellowship Class	29
Chosen Ones Class	6
OFFERING:	\$1,722.00
Spendable	1,021.00
Reimbursement	25.00
Benevolence	674.00



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
Sunday, May 4
11:45 a.m.

Forgiven, Completely Forgiven

4/29/2025

The story is told of a gregarious minister in a growing congregation who went through a time of doubt, and began to drift from his faith. He found himself not believing the words he preached. After a time, he participated in sins he had preached against. He thought they were “secret sins,” but ultimately his sins became public knowledge. He was fired, lost his marriage and moved to a town where no one knew him.

He bounced from job to job, never feeling whole. A few years passed and he came to realize how foolish he had been. In repentance and confession, he came back to God and sought forgiveness. There happened to be a small church in town needing a preacher. He applied but did not reveal his past to them. They hired him and the church began to grow.

One Sunday a man handed the preacher a note listing his past sins. The postscript said, “If you have the audacity to preach today, I will publicly expose you as a fraud.”

The minister took the letter and began to weep... and he prayed. When the time came for the sermon, he was in the pulpit and began his message by reading the letter, from start to finish. Then he said, “I want to make it clear that this letter is true. I’m ashamed of what I’ve done. I come to you not as one who is perfect but as one who is forgiven, completely forgiven by God.”

King David thought he had gotten away with sin. Then God sent Nathan to expose his sin. **Psalm 51** is a song of David’s confession, repentance and faith that God completely forgave his sins. In our world, many think they have gotten away with sin. When their sin is exposed, they may deny or deflect blame. They may even doubt God’s power to forgive. God promises forgiveness to the repentant and His forgiveness is complete. Humans may bring up our past. God never does.

Mike



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Elders:

Scott Beccue	Jerry Hughes
John Dilliner	Joe Rothermel
Bob Dower	

MAY 4, 2025

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

Greeters: Ragan/Mulvaney (Front) Joe & Fran Waldrop (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Sarah Hughes

Nursery: Worship: Sarah Cannon SS: Shelby Hughes

Serving: M. Hughes, C. Cannon, R. Duzan, P. Eisenmenger

Elder-On-Call for May: SCOTT BECCUE (217)369-9278

Mission of the Week: TCM INTERNATIONAL
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Tony Twist, President

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

KEN HEYEN

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