



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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May 6, 2025



WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, May 8

6:30 p.m.

All ladies are invited!

Hostess: Janet Cassida

Devotions: Karen Williamson

Missions: Frances Dowler

Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, May 13

9:00 a.m.

Lazy Day Café, Villa Grove

EVERYONE IS INVITED!!



Sarah Hughes- continuing radiation treatments

Jessica Irace (friend of Joyce Ritter)- cancer; having tests

Judi Lock- waiting for biopsy results

Melanie (Glenda Case's niece)- having heart surgery at Barnes on May 12

Maryanna Smith- not feeling well

Vacation Bible School- still need volunteers; will take place July 22-26, at First Christian Church

MAY 4

Worship & Nursery 86

Sunday School 51

Nursery 0

Preschool Class 2

Sunday Morning Celebration 3

King's Kids 3

Blessed Believers Class 12

The Fellowship Class 25

Chosen Ones Class 6

OFFERING: \$4,836.00

Spendable 4,836.00



MAY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 14

Elders meeting 6:00 p.m.

Board meeting 7:30 p.m.

Teacher Appreciation Day

5/6/2025

Since 1984, Teacher Appreciation Week has been celebrated on the first full week of May. Its history can be traced back to Elenor Roosevelt who, in 1953, believed we should show intentional gratitude to teachers. This year, Tuesday, May 6th, is National Teacher Appreciation Day. It is appropriate that we respect, support and value teachers because we have all benefitted from their efforts. Of course, our first teachers were our parents. The majority of what we learned about everything can be traced back to the first 6 years of our life.

Given that prep-school education is mandated by law, and teachers often are underpaid, understaffed, undersupplied, overlooked, overworked, and taken for granted, it is easy to see why many leave to find a different occupation. Yet, many are dedicated to this profession. For them, teaching is more of a calling than a job. So... for your commitment, I offer my personal, "Thank You!" I wouldn't be where I am without teachers who gave of themselves so that I might learn.

There is another group of teachers who are rarely paid, often undersupplied and even understaffed. Yet, they are dedicated to not just providing information to their students, (who are not mandated by law to attend) but sharing the transformational and eternal message of Jesus. They are our Sunday school and Bible study teachers. These teachers spend hours preparing for a 1 hour per week opportunity to help students prepare to learn things that do have eternal significance. In my opinion, they deserve as much appreciation, if not more.

As much as I appreciate the efforts of my public-school teachers, I am more thankful for the teachers who helped me to learn about salvation, God's grace, prayer, forgiveness and so many spiritually necessary lessons. Earthly education helps us get through this life. Godly education helps us eternally. Take time and thank ALL your teachers.

Mike



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Elders:

Scott Beccue Jerry Hughes
John Dilliner Joe Rothermel
Bob Dower

MAY 11, 2025- MOTHER'S DAY

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

**Greeters: Marsha Green (Front)
Dennis & Karen Williamson (South)**

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Glenda Case

Nursery: Worship: K. Shunk/J. Swigart SS: Karen Williamson

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

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

**Mission of the Week: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
MISSIONS (ICOM)- Clayton, Indiana
David Empson, Executive Director**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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