



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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March 31, 2026



Wednesday, April 1 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at the church

Thursday, April 2 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service at the church

Friday, April 3 Good Friday services in the community

Sunday, April 5 Sunrise Service– 7:30 a.m.

Breakfast to follow– 8:00 a.m. Worship Service– 9:30 a.m.

No Sunday School or Youth Group



Don Gilman & family- on the loss of his wife

Sarah Hughes

Nicole Kneer

Amy O'Neill- lung cancer in both lungs

Davin Smith (Brad & Maryanna's grandson)- home after surgery

Dear FCC family, Thank you for prayers, gifts, wonderful cards and encouragement. Treatment is going– not horrible side effects. I am praying and asking God what is next. Thank you for all the food, too. You have been a huge blessing.

Love,

SARAH HUGHES



MARCH 29, 2026

Worship & Nursery 102

Sunday School 50

Preschool Class 4

Sunday Morning Celebration 2

King's Kids 4

Blessed Believers 12

The Fellowship Class 24

Chosen Ones 4

OFFERING Total \$1,696.50

Spendable 1,638.00

Coffee 58.50



Women's Christian Fellowship

Spring Salad Supper

Thursday, April 9– 6:00 p.m.

The theme is "SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS" and the speaker is Christine Herschberger, an avid gardener. There will be a sign-up sheet in the bulletin this Sunday. Feel free to invite a guest!

It's Valuable to Me **3/31/2026**

When my father-in-law, Melvin Greeley, was alive he loved the art of dickering. “Never pay what they ask,” AND “Buy low; sell high” were his mottos. I asked him what his greatest motto- fulfilling story was. He spoke of an auction he attended. At the end, the auctioneer begged the crowd, “Will anyone give me anything for what’s left?” There were six boxes on the flatbed trailer no one had bid on. Mel said, “I’ll give you a quarter for all that junk.” And flipped the auctioneer two bits. The auctioneer grumbled, but said, “Sold.”

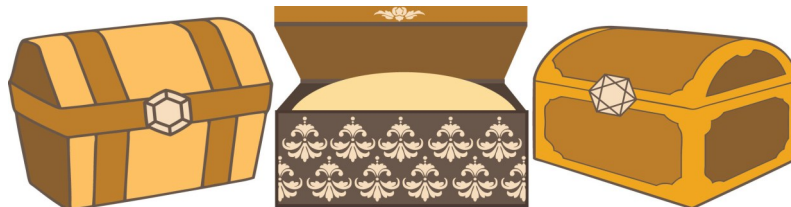
Mel loaded the boxes into his van and that weekend headed to a flea-market where he had set up a booth to sell his “treasures.” In his spare time, he looked through the auction boxes to see if there was anything of value amidst the trash.

A browsing customer noticed something in a box and asked for a closer look. It was a trinket shaped like an oil lamp. “Would you sell that?” the woman inquired. Mel said he hadn’t had time to look at it and didn’t know its value. “I’ll give you \$10 for it.” The woman offered. Mel responded, “Come back in an hour. That’ll give me time to assess its value.”

Mel had more customers and never got back to the trinket. An hour later the woman returned and said, “I’ll give you \$20.” Mel agreed and the exchange was made. Curious, he inquired if the woman knew the true value of the trinket. “No.” she said, “But my grandma had a piano with two of these on it and she lost one many years ago. She has passed away, and I have her piano. Whatever it costs, it’s valuable to me.”

Jesus looks upon humans that same way. The world may not think we are worth anything. We may even believe we are trash. BUT, in Jesus’ eyes, we are valuable. We were lost in sin and he found us. Then, He paid an exorbitant price (His life) to redeem us from Satan. Never forget how valuable you are to Jesus.

Mike



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