



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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July 18, 2018



**2018 Community Vacation Bible School  
is in the books!!**

**109 different children registered for the week**

**7 adults registered for their class**

**41 students had perfect attendance!!**

**Biggest attendance: Tuesday, with 98 students and  
54 workers!!**

### MISSION STATS

**Mission: Heifer, International**

**Friday offering: \$739.98**

**Total offering for the week: \$1697.06**

**Will purchase three cows and a water buffalo!**

**THERE ARE BANKS AVAILABLE, IF YOU WOULD  
LIKE TO ADD TO THE OFFERING!!**



**We want to thank everyone who helped in any way  
with VBS...prayer partners, providers of food, and  
those who worked with the children every evening of  
VBS. It was an exciting week at Splash Canyon VBS,  
and it would not have happened without you!!  
Thank you for your willingness to serve the children  
of our community.**

**KAREN WILLIAMSON & TONI CASSANO**

*"Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in everything, by prayer and  
petition, with thanksgiving, present  
your requests to God. And the peace  
of God, which transcends all  
understanding, will guard your  
hearts and your minds in Christ  
Jesus."*

*Philippians 4:6-7*





Glenda Case- asks for travel mercies for her daughters, coming to visit this week  
 Bob Dowler- had surgery on Monday  
 Patti Groves- health scare, doing ok  
 Debbie Koeberlein (friend of Kate Shunk)- has heart issues; tests later  
 Ron Krumwiede (Deanne Rothermel's dad)- in hospice at Carle Hospital  
 Family of Gene Wilhoit (Linda Hinkle's brother)  
 Praise! Wonderful VBS with an amazing offering for Heifer, International!!

**Back-to-School Project will collect book bags for the children this year instead of monetary donations. We have plenty of cash for the supplies, but have not provided book bags for a couple of years. Donations of any size book bag (K-High School) are needed. Please bring your book bags to the church and put in the cloak room BEFORE JULY 30. The bags will be available to the children at their registration days, Aug. 1, & 2. If some of you would rather give a monetary donation for the book bags, see Sarah Cannon BY JULY 29. We greatly appreciate your generosity!**

**SARAH CANNON & THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL COMMITTEE**



**BACK-TO-SCHOOL**  
*Project*



A showing of "Suicide: the Ripple Effect" will be at the Savoy 16 theater on Wednesday, July 25 at 7:30pm. The movie is a documentary by Kevin Hines about his suicide attempt, struggle with mental illness, and the impact it's had on those he loves, and also the impact of suicide on people in general. I teach Youth Mental Health First Aid, and Kevin's story is involved with this curriculum. I have actually met him.

If you are interested in attending this film, contact me at [sara\\_williamson@gibsonhospital.org](mailto:sara_williamson@gibsonhospital.org)

**SARA WILLIAMSON**

**July 15, 2017**

Auditorium 104  
 Nursery 6  
 Celebration 8  
 TOTAL 118

Sunday School  
 Nursery 6  
 SMC (Age 3-1st Grade) 4  
 King's Kids (Gr. 2-5) 10  
 Grades 6-8 6  
 High School 10

Blessed Believers 22  
 Ambassadors 7  
 The Fellowship 28  
 Chosen Ones 5  
 TOTAL 98

OFFERING: \$5216.77  
 Spendable \$5186.77  
 Worship (coffee) 5.00  
 VBS Mission 25.00

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**Wednesday, July 18**

**Elders meeting- 5:30 p.m.**

**Trustees meeting- 6:30 p.m.**

**July Board meeting- 7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, July 19**

**Women's Christian Fellowship- 6:30 p.m.**

**Hostesses: Officers**

**Devotions: Brenda Elam**

**Missions: Juanita Dowler**

The family of NELSON PANKEY acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for the plant, cards, phone calls and love shown to our family.

Dale & Debbie  
Norma & Mark  
Andy & Janice  
Maryanna & Brad



**Bob Thomas has a new  
cell phone number:  
(217) 419-2195**

**Please make this change  
in your Church Family  
Roster.**



**Bradley Lacine was baptized into Christ at camp during the week of July 1-6! Bradley is the son of Stephenie Lacine, and grandson of Steve & Julie Lacine. He will be in the 6th grade in the fall. Keep Bradley in your prayers as he begins his new life in Christ!!**

**BAPTIZED  
into  
Christ**



## Sometimes You Just Gotta Laugh

7/18/2018

Villa Grove Community VBS 2018 is officially in the books. 116 different students and 54+ workers. \$1,697 was collected to send to *Heifer International* (to buy 3 cows and a llama), four churches unified to provide assistance, and all of this was organized by Karen Williamson and Toni Cassano. It was truly a God-honoring event. The Bible lessons directed each student to look to God to

help them get through this *wild ride* we call life. To augment these lessons, I heard lots of one-liner jokes. It's true, to get through life, sometimes you just gotta laugh. With that in mind, I thought I'd share a few of my favorite summer time jokes.

- What did the pig say on a hot, summer day? – I'm bacon!
- Why do bananas use sunscreen? – Because they peel.
- What do you call a snowman in July? – A puddle.
- Where do sheep go on summer vacation? – To the Baa-hamas.
- How do grizzlies keep their den cool in the summer? – They turn on the bear-conditioner.
- What does a wasp do when it gets hot? – He takes off his yellow jacket.
- What do frogs drink on a hot, summer day? – Croak-a-cola.
- What is gray, has four legs and a trunk? – A mouse on summer vacation.
- What does the sun drink out of? – Sunglasses.
- What did the ocean say to the sailboat? – Nothing it just waved.
- How do you prevent a summer cold? – Catch it in December.
- What do you call a 90-degree weekend in Minnesota? – Summer!

Okay, so sometime, to get through life, you need to groan, roll your eyes and shake your head at some terrible jokes. Don't discount humor. Jesus used it to teach many lessons. Laughter is a gift from God, so use it often.

### Mike

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MORNING WORSHIP	9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL	11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY MORNING CELEBRATION (Age 4-5th Grade)	9:30 A.M.
YOUTH GROUP (8/5, 8/19)	5:00 P.M.

CELEBRATION CHOIR WILL MEET AGAIN IN THE FALL.  
 BIBLE STUDY WILL MEET AGAIN IN THE FALL.