



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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January 21, 2025



Our
**Church
Family**

The 2025 Church Directory
is available on the table at the south door.
Take as many as you need.
One change: Bill Akers' phone number is
(217)832-8057. Please make this change in your book.

*Everyone is invited to the Lazy Day Café this Saturday,
January 25, at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and a prayer circle for
Brenda Elam's upcoming surgery. If you have questions,
please contact Sarah Cannon.*



SAVE THE DATE!!
Valentine Dinner and a Movie
Sunday, February 16
12:00 p.m.

Be watching for a sign-up sheet!!



JANUARY 19, 2025

Worship & Nursery	80
Sunday School	49
Nursery	0
Preschool Class	2
Sunday Morning Celebration	3
King's Kids	3
High School/College Class	5
Blessed Believers Class	15
The Fellowship Class	19
Chosen Ones Class	2
OFFERING:	\$2,547.00
Spendable	2,547.00



**THIS SUNDAY IS
BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY**

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

Family of Michael Benson- Fran Waldrop's eldest son, in Colorado
 Bob & Frances Dowler- not feeling well
 Elmer Decker- health concerns
 Vicki Gentry- health deteriorating
 Darrell Hinkle- leg stent surgery postponed until February 24
 Darrell Dunbar (Sarah Hughes' dad)- in hospice
 Becky Russell- health concerns
 Linda Shadwick- had successful knee replacement surgery on Monday

Women's Christian Fellowship will be collecting hygiene items, snacks, socks, gloves and cash donations for the Matthew 25 Homeless Shelter in Charleston.

Matthew 25 is a Christian non-profit started by Todd Foster, Sandy Bragg's son, and other Christian men from the Charleston area. They provide 15 studio apartments for homeless people trying to make a new start.

There is a "wish list" posted on the bulletin board near the church offices. Please check it out and donate as you can. WCF will be assembling the gift bags at their February 13 meeting. Thank you for caring and sharing!





Moving the Boundary Stones **1/21/2025**

A group of children were playing tag. One girl was “it.” She ran up to a boy and tagged him. “You’re it.” she shouted triumphantly. “Am not!” the boy retorted. “My hand was touching the tree. This is a safe zone.” The puzzled girl confronted him, “That wasn’t in the rules?” The boy smirked and said, “I’m changing the rules.” The game came to a quick halt after that.

How do you feel when the “rules” that you have come to depend on change? It is frustrating. So, imagine how God felt when His chosen people willfully sinned, were unfaithful, and followed all sorts of man-made rules for “Godly living.”

God used his prophet, Hosea, to speak to this very issue. He said (Hosea 5:10) *Judah’s leaders are like those who move the boundary stones. I will pour out my wrath on them like a flood of water.* Boundary stones marked out a person’s land and property. To move those stones meant that you were trying to take land that didn’t belong to you. In other words, you were changing the rules. Those actions did not please God. If God allowed the leaders to change the rules with no punishment, it wouldn’t be long before the people followed suit, figuring God would be okay with them doing as they pleased.

Many years ago, in a graduation speech given at Stanford University, Ted Koppel said, *“Aspire to decency. Practice civility toward one another. Admire and emulate ethical behavior wherever you find it. Apply a rigid standard of morality to your lives; and if, periodically, you fail and shy, as you surely will; adjust your lives, not the standards.”*

Some believe rules were made to be broken. This is false. God’s rules are boundaries for our benefit and our good. Do not try to move the boundary stones of God’s will.

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John Dilliner Jerry Hughes
Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

JANUARY 26, 2025

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

Greeters: (Front) Janet Cassida (South) Glenda Case

Coffee Fix & Cleanup: John & Linda Dilliner

Nursery: Worship: Deanne Rothermel SS: Karen Williamson

Serving: B. Smith, D. Logan, K. Logan, P. Eisenmenger

Elder-On-Call for January: JERRY HUGHES (217)369-5495

Mission of the Week: ONE MISSION SOCIETY
Greenwood, Indiana
Sara Williamson, Missionary

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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