



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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May 20, 2025



BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS

There are baby bottles at the south exit door at church. If you would like to participate, you can take as many bottles as you like, **SIGN YOUR NAME AND HOW MANY BOTTLES YOU HAVE TAKEN ON THE SHEET NEXT TO THE BOX OF BOTTLES.** You can fill the bottles with change, bills or checks, made to CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH. Please return the filled bottles to the church by JUNE 22. Questions? Call the church office or see Maryanna Smith.

*****It's time to start decorating to advertise our 2025 Wonder Junction Community VBS! The decorations committee needs your help...if you have any of the following items, please place them in the VBS bin in the cloak room:***

***Scraps of burlap
Scraps of red gingham fabric
Scraps of red or blue paisley fabric
Jute or rope (for lariats)
Scraps of wide rick-rack: red, white or blue***

*****If you would like to donate money for VBS food, please see Deanne Rothermel or place your donation marked "FOR VBS FOOD" in the offering baskets in the auditorium.***



MAY 18

Worship & Nursery 98
Sunday School 37

Nursery 0
Preschool Class 2
Sunday Morning Celebration 3
King's Kids 0
Blessed Believers Class 0
The Fellowship Class 23
Chosen Ones Class 9

OFFERING: \$2,410.00
Spendable 2,410.00



Benevolence Offering

**This Sunday, May 25th, is
BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY...
the benevolence offering will be collected
following communion.**



Mary Gen Frick- surgery this week
Sarah Hughes- last week of radiation treatments
Family of Bob Lawson- HS guidance counselor
Melanie (Glenda Case's niece)- heart surgery moved to June 13
Bonnie Mering (Treanna Ragan's mother)- surgery on May 27
Family of Frank Reed
Kate, Madeline & Erin Shunk, and Kate's mom- upcoming trip to Ireland; travel mercies
Barb Watson- heart catherization on May 23
Family of Marilyn Williams

Women's Christian Fellowship is sponsoring a MISSION TRIP on Friday, June 6, from 8:30am-2:30pm. All interested people are welcome to attend. The church bus will leave Villa Grove at 8:30am. We will visit SALT & LIGHT in Urbana, eat lunch at Maple & Yolk, then tour ORPHAN'S TREASURE BOX in Champaign. If you would like to send donations of clothing, household items or books to either mission, please leave them in the cloak room BEFORE JUNE 6. Please see the sign-up sheet in the south hallway so we can make reservations at the restaurant. If you have any questions, contact SARAH CANNON.



i am...
LOVED [ROMANS 5:8]
worthy [1 THESSALONIANS 2:12]
cherished [EPHESIANS 5:29]
forgiven [1 JOHN 2:12]
chosen [COLOSSIANS 3:12]

Do Great Things!!!
5/20/2025



Graduations are happening all over the nation-- College, High School, eighth grade, even kindergarten. There are lots of inspirational speeches presented, awards given for merit, and words said designed to challenge students to "Dream big dreams; Reach for the stars; Make a difference in their world; and Do great things."

Have you ever aspired to "Do great things!" or "Make a difference!" as a Christian? Most of us are satisfied to get just through the day committing as few sins as possible. We hope to not slip up and fail God yet again. And yet, In Matthew 22:37-40 when Jesus was asked what the greatest

commandment was, He replied with, **Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.** Notice, Jesus doesn't want our love to be adequate, satisfactory or suitable. He wants our love to be GREAT. The way we love is to be exceptional and make a difference.

Likewise, as Jesus was ready to ascend into heaven and leave his disciples on earth to fulfill their Purpose, he didn't give them a good, reasonable or pleasing task. He gave them a GREAT Commission, Matthew 28:18-20. God doesn't want us just to be "okay" at sharing the message of Jesus with others. He wants us to be GREAT. He wants our faith to be evident to all. He wants our forgiveness to surpass that of others. He wants our righteousness to exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees. He wants our faith to emulate the great faith of Abraham, Moses, Elijah and all the others in Hebrews 11. He wants our heart to be full of tender compassion. He wants our external behaviors to be a lavish reflection of what the Holy Spirit is guiding us to do.

As a follower of Christ, don't just be a "good" Christian. Be a GREAT Christian. Life is short. Make a difference in the lives of those around you. You are called to greatness.

Mike

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John Dilliner Joe Rothermel
Bob Dower

MAY 25, 2025

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

**Greeters: Mary Gen & Lee Ann Frick (Front)
Pete & Cecile Eisenmenger (South)**

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Bob Dowler/Glenda Case

Nursery: Worship: Amanda Boyd SS: Molly Hughes

Serving: S. Shunk, T. Shunk, B. Smith, J. Watson

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

**Mission of the Week: OBLONG CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN HOME
Oblong, Illinois
Amy Kemp, Exec. Dir. of Operations**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

KEN HEYEN

**Haven of Tuscola
1203 Egyptian Trail
Tuscola, IL 61953**