



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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June 30, 2025

Community Vacation Bible School

CLOSING STATS

Nightly Average: (Youth) 36 Total: 65

TOTAL OFFERING FOR THE MISSION:

\$1,364.38

IT WAS A GREAT WEEK!!



Elmer Decker- health concerns

Jan Duzan- fell, is in a boot; will have tests

Rex Duzan- cataract surgery on Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Tracy Frick (Lee Ann Frick's cousin)- blood clots in leg;
is at home

Darlean Greeley (Judy Zylstra's mom)- moved to a care facility in Mankato, MN

Tom Medcalf (Zylstra's brother-in-law)- in cardiac ICU in Rochester, MN

Family of Joe Waldrop- funeral is Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the church; visitation is
an hour before

From Sara Williamson: Pastora Mama Tina, wife of Pastor Edmund in Panama is very ill-
flu, fever, headache, back pain; they are asking prayer for her

Sunday, July 6- Youth Group meets at the church, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 9- Elders meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, July 10- Women's Christian Fellowship will meet
at the church: Hostesses: Officers, Devotions: Frances
Dowler, Missions: Sarah Cannon**

Sunday, July 13- Fellowship Ministry meeting, 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, July 15- Prayer Breakfast, Lazy Day Café, 9:00am



JUNE 29

Worship & Nursery 90

Sunday School 41

Nursery 0

Preschool Class 0

Sunday Morning Celebration

OKing's Kids 0

Blessed Believers Class 10

The Fellowship Class 24

Chosen Ones Class 7

OFFERING: N/A



****The SON TIMES will not be published next week. If you have a
prayer request, please email or call the office.**

****Brenda will need all the board reports in by Sunday, July 6-
please leave your report in the copy room. Thank you!**

****Please keep in mind that the church carpets will be cleaned
on July 17, and we'll need as little traffic as possible!**



Free Indeed 7/1/2025

July 4th; Independence Day, the day Americans celebrate the 13 colonies Declaration of Independence from British rule in 1776. America was now a free and independent nation. Of course, freedom always has boundaries. While America could

now make its own laws, exact its own taxes, and represent herself as a global nation, her citizens were not free to do whatever they wanted. Truth is... the healthiest kind of freedom is couched in boundaries.

The same is true in our spiritual life. Believers in Christ are free. Because of Jesus we are set free from our bondage to sin. Jesus confirmed this in **John 8:36** when he told his disciples, ***If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.***

Free indeed... What a curious conclusion. According to the context of John 8, Jesus taught that if His listeners would stay in His word, they would be true disciples, they would know the truth, and that truth would make them free (John 8:31–32). This caused the Jewish listeners to pause because they assumed that, due to the fact they were descendants of Abraham, they were already free (John 8:33). Jesus explained that it doesn't work that way. When we sin, we are enslaved by sin, and slavery is not befitting a child of God (John 8:34–35). If, however, the Son (Jesus refers to himself) sets us free, then we are "free indeed."

Our true freedom is only found in Christ, His sacrifice and victory over sin and death won on the cross and through His resurrection. Freedom is not found in our heritage, abilities, money, knowledge or determination, only in Christ. It sounds like a contradiction, but Christians are free when we are fully engulfed in being a slave of God. **Romans 8:2** reminds us, ***Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.***

Praise God, because of Jesus, I can experience eternal freedom, not eternal death.

Mike

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Scott Beccue Jerry Hughes
John Dilliner Joe Rothermel
Bob Dower

JULY 6, 2025

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

Greeters: Patti Groves (Front) Glenda Case (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Dilliner/Hughes

Nursery: Worship: Sarah & Curt Cannon SS: Molly Hughes

Serving: D. Shunk, S. Gordon, S. Shunk, T. Shunk

Elder-On-Call for July: JOHN DILLINER (217)621-9807

Mission of the Week: CHRISTIAN CAMPUS FOUNDATION
U. of I. campus, Urbana/Champaign, IL
Andy Conklin, Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

KEN HEYEN

Haven of Tuscola
1203 Egyptian Trail