



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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July 15, 2025



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

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROJECT!

We will collect for school supplies  
each Sunday in July.

There will be envelopes in the Sunday School  
classes, and containers in the collection basket.

*My dear church family,  
Thank you for all your prayers when I was in the hospital. I  
love the many cards, texts and phone calls since returning  
home. I love you all.*

**MARSHA GREEN**

*Thank you to my Amazing Church Family for all your prayers,  
cards, calls and "hugs of love" during this time of Joe's  
passing. We can Praise God for His great Blessings, knowing  
Joe is at peace with Our Heavenly Father. Thank you to all the  
wonderful women of WCF for the delicious lunch. Love to all.*

**FRAN WALDROP**



**Sunday, July 20**

**This Sunday, DR. SILAS MCCORMICK of Lincoln Christian  
Institute will be bringing our message,  
"PURE JOY?" (James 1:2-5).  
Be sure to join us on Sunday!!**

#### JULY 6

Worship & Nursery 85  
Sunday School 43  
Nursery 0  
Preschool Class 0  
Sunday Morning Celebration 0  
King's Kids 2  
Blessed Believers 12  
Fellowship Class 23  
Chosen Ones 6  
OFFERING: N/A

#### JULY 13

Worship & Nursery 84  
Sunday School 47  
Nursery 0  
Preschool Class 0  
Sunday Morning Celebration 0  
King's Kids 3  
Blessed Believers 12  
Fellowship Class 28  
Chosen Ones 4  
OFFERING: \$2,046.00  
Spendable \$1,996.00  
Memorial 50.00

# PRAYER and Praise

Family of Mark Bragg

Chris Clark- Praise! Hand surgery healed amazingly!

Elmer Decker-had another medical procedure this week

Darlean Greeley (Judy Zylstra's mom)- having radiation treatments

Praise! Jacob Hatfill was baptized at Little Galilee

Brian Icenogle (Linda Shadwick's brother)- cancer, not doing well

Carol Meeker (Shirley Schweighart's daughter)- has heart surgery on July 21

Treanna Ragen- her best friend passed away

Becky Sinkes' mom- fell on July 6; nothing broken

Barb & Greg Watson- Barb will be seeing a cardiovascular surgeon to set up a time to get her mitral valve repaired or replaced; Greg is still trying to heal from his broken ankle and inability to get around; they have found a house in Paris, as their mobile home is too badly damaged to repair



## \*\*\*NEW SHOES FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN\*\*\*

*The Villa Grove Rotary Club is collecting NEW shoes for children (age 0-18) who are living in poverty. The greatest need is for boys shoes, age 14-18. The shoes go over the world- 80% internationally, 20% US. Shoes help: 1) help prevent health issues, 2) improve school attendance, 3) increases self-confidence.*

*A receptacle is in the cloak room- you can drop off your shoe donations there.*

*Questions? Contact Wayne Clark (217-414-7983)*



The Fellowship Committee is inviting everyone to attend a Vintage Baseball Jamboree at Kennekuk County Park north of Danville on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 9**. The first game starts at noon. The church bus will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. If you wish to ride the bus, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, south hallway.

Spectators will need to provide their own lawn chairs, food and beverages. An awning for shade would be helpful. Questions? Contact Sarah Cannon.

## **Free From Paralysis**

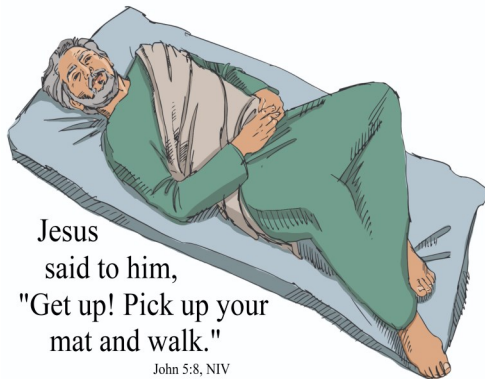
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In John 5:1-9, a paralyzed man is lying near the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem. He has been stuck for 38 years. He is hoping someone will come along and help him into the pool when the water is stirred so that he could possibly be healed. Did healing actually happen at that pool? We aren't told. We do know there were "a great number of blind, lame and paralyzed" people who put their hope in the healing potential of this football-field sized pool. Only the ones lucky enough to get in first had a shot.

Into this throng of disease, pain, and stench that filled the five colonnades, Jesus walked. Jesus was in Jerusalem to celebrate a feast with his disciples. But, this day, he walked among the outcasts alone. We don't know if he spoke to anyone else. When he came to this man He asked a strange question, "Do you want to get well?" The man replied by telling Jesus the facts. No one will help him. Others get there first. His hopes have been dashed for decades. He doesn't ask Jesus for help. Yet Jesus knows his heart and commands him, "Pick up your mat and walk." Paralysis is gone. 38 years of hopelessness is erased in a second. The man leaves the pool and is confronted by Jews who demand he point out the one who healed him "on the Sabbath." When the man tried Jesus was gone.

Later, Jesus saw the man in the temple. And said to him, "Stop sinning or something worse will happen to you." What could be worse? How about an eternity of spiritual paralysis.

Many are stuck in sin and only Jesus can free them. And he will if you want it. Though we may have struggled for years Jesus has the power to overcome our hopelessness. The question is, "Do you want to get well?" When Jesus does free you, will you move forward in faith and stop sinning. Make the right choice. Be free from your spiritual paralysis, stop sinning and live.



*Mike*

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#### **Elders:**

Scott Beccue      Jerry Hughes  
John Dilliner      Joe Rothermel  
Bob Dower

**THERE WILL BE NO  
SON TIMES  
PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK.**

### **JULY 20, 2025**

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

**Greeters: Bill Akers (Front) Margaret Black (South)**

**Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Dowler/Shelby Hughes**

**Nursery: Worship: D. Rothermel/J. Swigart SS: K. Williamson**

**Serving: C. Cannon, M. Boyer, R. Graham, P. Eisenmenger**

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

**Mission of the Week: LINCOLN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE**  
Lincoln, Illinois  
Dr. Silas McCormick, Exec. Director

### **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

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