



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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September 2, 2025

Church Picnic



FCC'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC!

Sunday, September 14

12:00 p.m.- Henson Park Pavilion

Tableware, chicken & drinks are provided-- please bring dishes to share, lawn chairs & lawn games.

You are invited to enjoy a fun afternoon and get to know the FCC folks better!!

What a Christian should "Be"

Begins this Sunday, September 7

September sermons

Be Born Again

Be Reconciled

Be Merciful

Be Blessed



CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Seating begins at 6:00 p.m., Dinner & Program

6:30-8:30 p.m.- Casey, Illinois

Dinner is complimentary.

We will be taking the church bus- see the signup sheets on the bulletin board.

You must RSVP by September 18

AUGUST 24

Worship & Nursery 82

Sunday School 35

Preschool Class 0

Sunday Morning Celebration 0

King's Kids 0

Blessed Believers 10

The Fellowship Class 19

Chosen Ones 6

OFFERING \$3,162.00

Spendable 2,603.00

Benevolence 559.00

AUGUST 31

Worship & Nursery 87

Sunday School 47

Preschool Class 2

Sunday Morning Celebration 4

King's Kids 2

Blessed Believers 12

The Fellowship Class 22

Chosen Ones 5

OFFERING: \$1,390.00

PRAYER *and* Praise

Kenzie Cardiff- had hip surgery today; has other hip surgery on September 30

Judy Cline (Mike Cline's wife)- recovering

Evelyn Howard- heart issues; is at home and has enrolled in hospice

Nicole Kneer- cancer treatments

Greg Ritter- gall bladder stone

Ragan Schmitt (Traci Poe's granddaughter)- blood clot in brain

Dr. Paul Storrs (friend of John Klucinskas, from Camargo)- health issues

Greg Watson- broken ankle, kidney cysts



****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% in the US. Shoes help: 1) prevent health issues; 2) improve school attendance; 3) increases self-confidence.

A receptacle is in the cloak room for shoe donations. Contact Wayne Clark (217-414-7983) if you want more information.



Sunday, September 7- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at the church

Wednesday, September 17- 6:15 p.m. Bible Study resumes; the group will review the last episode of season 4 ("The Chosen") before we start season 5

*Sunday, September 21- between worship & SS- we will be celebrating Fran Waldrop's 90th birthday with cupcakes!
11:45 a.m.- Fellowship Ministry meeting*

THE CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE IN!
If your photo is in the directory, you can pick up your copy in the work room. One per family, please.





Labor in God's Kingdom
9/2/2025

In 1894 "Labor Day" became a federal holiday. The day is set aside to celebrate the working class of people. In March of 2025 the *Pew Research Center* discovered that 27% of the workforce does manual, physical, or technical labor like construction, manufacturing, maintenance, and transportation. These workers are often referred to as "blue-collar" workers, a phrase that originated in the early 1900's to refer to the durable, dark blue shirts commonly worn by manual laborers. In contrast, another segment of the workforce is called "white-collar" worker. These workers tend to hold jobs in offices, and perform work that is executive, managerial, clerical or administrative in nature. "White-collar" refers to their white shirt and tie wardrobe.

Wikipedia, describes other color collar workers.

"Gold-Collar" refers to extremely high-skilled workers that are in high demand. Like: doctors, engineers, research scientists, and lawyers.

"Green-Collar" refers to workers in the environmental sector, wind and solar farms or wildlife conservation.

"Red-Collar" are those in government and civil service jobs.

"Pink-Collar" is an outdated term, but it refers to jobs historically dominated by women.

"Orange-Collar" are those working in the prison system.

"Brown-Collar" are military personnel.

"Brass-Collar" refers to officials in the railroad industry.

"No Color Collar" are artists and free-spirit workers. People who work but not for payment.

And of course, "Dog Collar" workers are clergy or ordained denominational professionals (I didn't make that one up.)

I'm not sure what color is reserved for those who work and labor for the Lord. But, according to Paul, Christians are urged to... **1 Corinthians 15:58b – *Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.***

As you celebrate Labor Day, remember that God calls us to work for Him. He gives us gifts and a place to use them. Our hard work helps God's kingdom expand.

Mike

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**SUNDAY IS PROMOTION SUNDAY!
IF YOUR CHILD IS IN 5TH OR 9TH
GRADE, THEY WILL CHANGE SUNDAY
SCHOOL CLASSES!**

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

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

Greeters: Sarah Hughes (Front) Marsha Green (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Judi Lock

Nursery: Worship: Cannon's SS: Cecile Eisenmenger

Serving: R. Graham, J. Watson, D. Shunk, M. Boyer

Elder-On-Call for September: BOB DOWLER (217)549-9791

**Mission of the Week: MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
Villa Grove & Camargo, Illinois
Villa Grove & Camargo Ministers**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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