



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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September 9, 2025

Church Picnic



FCC'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC!

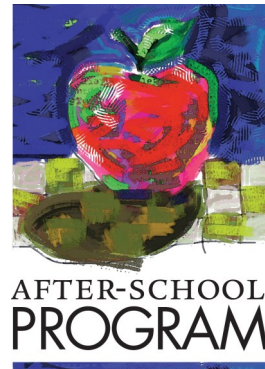
Sunday, September 14

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!!

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM!

The Villa Grove United Methodist Church is sponsoring an after-school program, beginning October 1. The group will meet each Wednesday from afterschool to 5:00 p.m. They are looking for adults who would be interested in helping out on Wednesday afternoon/evening. See the poster on the bulletin board for complete information- volunteer forms are located in the church copy room.



SEPTEMBER 7

Worship & Nursery	80
Sunday School	41
Preschool Class	2
Sunday Morning Celebration	2
King's Kids	2
High School/College	2
Blessed Believers	10
The Fellowship Class	18
Chosen Ones	5
OFFERING	\$4,156.00
Spendable	4,106.00
Memorial	50.00

COMING EVENTS

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!

Sunday, September 21 - 11:45 a.m.- Fellowship Ministry meeting

PRAYER and Praise

Kenzie Cardiff- successful first hip surgery; second hip surgery is September 30

Praise! Chris Clark is three years out from her liver transplant and doing very well!

Nicole Kneer- cancer treatments

Family of Greg Kracht (Schaumburg)- nephew of Glenda Case

Family of Rhonda Phillips- friend of Paula Webber, from Mansfield

Family of Gene Ryan- acquaintance of Kimberly Anderson

Ragan Schmitt (Traci Poe's granddaughter)- blood clot in brain; been having strokes

Greg Watson- was home, but fell and is now in Paris Hospital



****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.



Wednesday, September 10

6:00 p.m. Elders meeting

7:30 p.m. Board meeting

Thursday, September 11

Women's Christian Fellowship meets in the fellowship hall.

Hostess: KAREN WILLIAMSON

Devotions: JUDY ZYLSTRA

Missions: JUDY ZYLSTRA

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your continued prayers, financial support
and encouragement. I really appreciate it, and am so
blessed by you all.

SARA WILLIAMSON



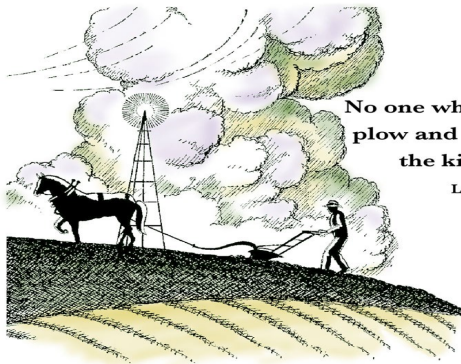
Up to the Task?

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The star player on the team went down with an injury. The coach approached a rookie, and asked "Are you up to the task?" Believing they had the skills necessary the rookie confidently said, "Yes, coach. I can do it." The coach said, "Then, get out there. And I'll help you succeed."

We've all had times when we've had to assess our "up to the task" competency. Most of us know our skill level. We also know that sometimes we take on projects and we are NOT "up to the task." We may hope to learn the necessary skills "on the fly." Or we may desire to impress someone. Or we take on a task because no one else volunteered. Or, we have good intentions but find out the task is more than we expected. The irony is that, when others say they are "up to the task" and it becomes obvious to us that they aren't, we get frustrated.

In Luke 9:62 – Jesus makes a harsh statement about being a disciple. He says, ***"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*** In its context, Jesus is emphasizing the importance of accomplishing the task of discipleship. In vs. 57, a man made the bold claim that he would follow Jesus wherever Jesus went. Jesus challenged him by saying that he may have to give up basic comforts of home and bed to be a disciple. In the next few verses, Jesus confronted two other men who were called to follow but came up with worldly excuses as to why they were not "up to the task." Too bad. Because, God has promised that those willing to be a disciple will receive gifts and skills to accomplish the task from the Holy Spirit. God will prepare us to be a disciple of Jesus. We aren't in this alone. Our heavenly Father believes in us and will help us succeed.



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Elders:

Scott Beccue Jerry Hughes
John Dilliner Joe Rothermel
Bob Dower

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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

Greeters: Margaret Black (Front) Brad Smith (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Patti Groves

Nursery: Worship: Deanne Rothermel SS: Sarah Hughes

Serving: J. Watson, S. Sinkes, B. Akers, B. Smith

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

**Mission of the Week: RURAL GRACE FELLOWSHIP
Murdock, Illinois (Food Pantry)
Richard Rose, Contact Person**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

KEN HEYEN

**Haven of Tuscola
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