



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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October 7, 2025

**Women's Christian Fellowship
Soup Supper!**

Thursday, October 9– 6:00 p.m.

This is for **EVERYONE** (not just ladies). Join us for an evening of fellowship and good food. You don't need to bring anything– all the goodies are being provided by the ladies of WCF.

Kate Shunk will be “showing and telling” about her recent trip to Ireland!

Soup
Supper



Prayer Coffee

Tuesday, October 14

9:00 a.m.

At the home of Sarah Cannon

1752 E CR 775 N

Coffee, tea, a breakfast casserole and cinnamon apples will be provided. Feel free to bring your own coffee add-ins. Hope to see you there!

OCTOBER 5, 2025

Worship & Nursery	95
Sunday School	51
Preschool Class	0
Sunday Morning Celebration	0
King's Kids	3
High School/College Class	0
Blessed Believers	10
The Fellowship Class	34
Chosen Ones	4

OFFERING Total: \$3,645.00
Spendable: 3,595.00
Benevolence: 50.00



Wednesday,
October 8

6:00 p.m.

Elders meeting

7:30 p.m.

Board meeting

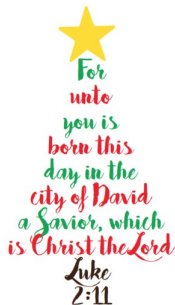
PRAYER and Praise

Hope Arbuckle (Mary Kellems' sister)- home, on a life vest and oxygen, experiencing anxiety
Elmer Decker- had mass removed; in Carle Hospital
Mary Gen Frick- back in St. John's Hospital with sepsis
Praise! Steven Gordon has sold his VG home, purchased a home in Tolono
Family of Roberta Hudson- neighbor to Patti Groves' kids, in Camargo
Jessica Irace (friend of Joyce Ritter)- in Barnes hospital for tests
Wesley Jones (Sonja Jones' son)- has ablation on Oct. 23
Nicole Kneer- cancer treatments
Marsha Riggs (friend of Kent Elam & Garland Hubert)- in last stages of cancer
Fran Waldrop- pancreatic cancer; will be seeing an oncologist
Barb Watson- had tooth extraction on Tuesday
Greg Watson- home from hospital soon



BE WATCHING THIS SPACE FOR
INFORMATION ABOUT
IN THANKS-GIVING, 2025!!

The Villa Grove United Methodist Church will have an indoor Trunk or Treat on Friday, Oct. 31, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in their New Life Center. Everyone is invited to bring treats to share in this event. The event is open to the public, and there are usually 120-150 children who go through. An RSVP is not necessary, but would be helpful. Call (217)832-3971, if interested.



Can you keep a secret? The Hughes family lost all their Christmas decorations in the house fire. Some of us thought about collecting new or gently used Christmas decorations for them. We will offer them our collection on November 2.

Remember... they live in a small rental house, so they don't have room for big items. If you would like to donate, please see SARAH CANNON. Thank you for sharing!

(This is a secret from the Hughes family. This announcement will not be in their newsletter.)



Connecting to the Son **10/7/2025**

Between Ashmore, IL and Kansas, IL is a solar farm consisting of 1,600 acres of solar panels. The largest solar farm in the U.S.A. is in California, and takes up 4,700 acres of land. Currently, over 2,200 counties in the U.S. have solar farms. This may seem like a lot. However, experts say that it would only take about one-half of 1% of all the land available in the USA to fuel every house in the USA with solar energy. Putting panels on the roof of every single-family dwelling will only get us halfway there. That doesn't even count other forms of green energy. The nice thing is that, in the U.S., there is very little to prohibit citizens from accessing solar power.

Why talk about solar energy? Simply this... It doesn't matter how many panels are set up or how much electricity they produce, if the panels are not hooked into the power grid or connected to transmission lines, they are useless. For solar panels to do what they are designed to do, they must connect with something that needs power. The lights of our homes will not shine if they are not connected to an accessible power source.

The same is true in the life of a Christian. Most people in the U.S. have access to a Bible. Unfortunately, Bible illiteracy is at an all-time high. It doesn't matter how many Bibles you have or how readily accessible a Bible is to you on your phone. If you are not reading the Bible, if you are not connected to God's word, the Holy Spirit will be hampered as he tries to transmit Godly power into your spiritual life. God calls us to be the light of the world. To do that, we must be connected to the source of real power, Jesus, the son of God.

Mike

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Elders:

Scott Beccue Jerry Hughes
John Dilliner Joe Rothermel
Bob Dower

OCTOBER 12, 2025

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

Greeters: Judi Lock (Front) Janice Thode (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: M. & M. Hughes/ M. & J. Zylstra

Nursery: Worship: Amanda & John Boyd SS: Shelby Hughes

Serving: P. Eisenmenger, C. Cannon, S. Gordon, B. Akers

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

**Mission of the Week: COLEGIO BIBLICO
Eagle Pass, Texas
Gonzalo Flores, President**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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