



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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September 30, 2025

Soup Supper



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!



Wednesday, October 1– 1:30-2:30 p.m. “Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia” presentation at the Zest for Life Center, Villa Grove– a 30-minute presentation, with question/answer to follow
6:30 p.m. Bible Study meets at the church

Saturday, October 4– 6:00 p.m. Choices Pregnancy & Health Annual Fundraising dinner, in Casey. For those attending, the church bus will leave the parking lot at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 5– 2:00-4:00 p.m. Celebration of Retirement for Janet Cassida, in the church fellowship hall– everyone is invited!! No gifts, please.

3:00 p.m. “Woolly Worm Gospel Hour,” under the pavilion at Opal Thompson

Park in Camargo. Everyone is invited to this hour of worship and fellowship.

6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at the church

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Worship & Nursery 94
Sunday School 38
Preschool Class 0
Sunday Morning Celebration 0
King's Kids 2
High School/College Class 0
Blessed Believers 11
The Fellowship Class 23
Chosen Ones 4

OFFERING Total: \$14,428.79
Spendable: 13,939.79
Benevolence: 489.00



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

PRAYER and Praise

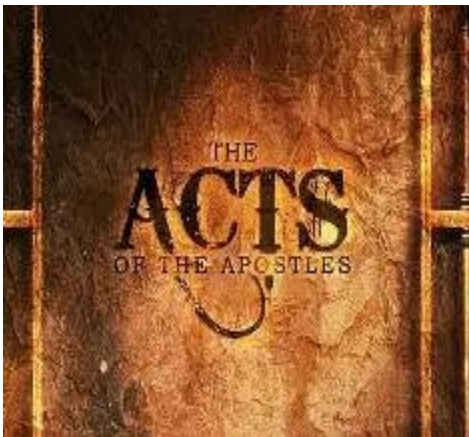
Larry & Pam Biggs (friends of Smith's & Marsha Green)- Larry home; Pam had a hip MRI on Monday
Kenzie Cardiff- had second hip surgery on Tuesday
Mary Gen Frick- has kidney stone surgery on Friday
Steven Gordon- tests show a second spot on his lung
Jessica Irace (friend of Joyce Ritter)- in hospital with pancreas and liver issues; being sent to Barnes Hospital for further testing
Praise! Sonja Jones has a new great granddaughter!
Wesley Jones (Sonja Jones' son)- cardiac tests and ablation on Oct. 3
Nicole Kneer- cancer treatments
Bob O'Neill (friend of Boyd's)- recovering from kidney surgery; will come home soon
Marsha Riggs (friend of Kent Elam & Garland Hubert)- in last stages of cancer
Greg Ritter- doing well after gall bladder surgery; Ritters thank everyone for prayers, texts, cards and phone calls
Barb Watson- tooth extraction on Oct. 7
Greg Watson- surgery today to fuse fractured vertebrae in his neck; is at Barnes Hospital



It was nice to see you all and catch up, although briefly. I appreciate all of your continued prayers and support. You all bless me! Hope you have a blessed week!

SARA WILLIAMSON

STARTING THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, IN THE FELLOWSHIP CLASS THE BOOK OF ACTS



The Fellowship Class will start a new study in the book of Acts this Sunday. You're invited to come and see what the Bible says about the New Testament church.

When did the Church start? What was it like?

Are we the same Church today?

Were the believers different then than now?

How did 12 men change the world?

Can we still change the world?

Hope to see you there! In Christ, BOB THOMAS

God Promises a Harvest

9/30/2025

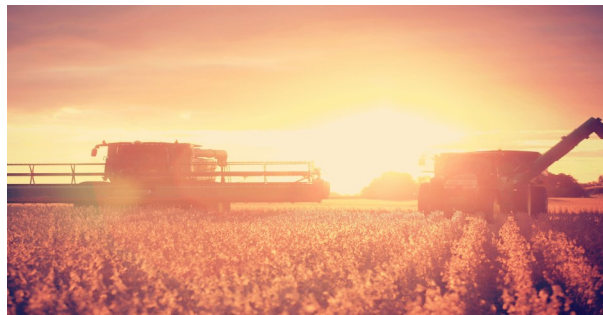
Its harvest season across the United States. The USDA is projecting 16.7 billion bushels of corn and 4.3 billion bushels of soybeans to be harvested in 2025. Globally, the corn harvest is projected to eclipse 50.3 billion bushels with soybeans projected to be 15.6 billion bushels. Farmers all over the globe participate in the same annual cycle: planting, tending the fields, crop growth to maturity, harvest season, then leaving the ground fallow. Who ordained this annual cycle? In **Genesis 8:20-22**, we learn that Noah left the ark following the global flood and a year of waiting until the ground dried up. Immediately upon leaving the ark, Noah built an altar to the Lord and sacrificed a burnt offering. The Lord was pleased with Noah's sacrifice and made Noah a promise... ***"Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done."***

Then God it looks like God spoke a poem. (vs 22) ***"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."*** There it is. God ordained the planting, growing, harvesting, and resting seasons. And they have occurred annually for thousands of years.

So, this year, as you see farmers harvesting, take time to give God the glory and praise. Not just for the bountiful harvest, but that God, in his wisdom, provided these seasons which remind us that the ground is not cursed, and God is always true to his promise. He cares for His creation.

Also, don't forget that God is desiring we participate in a spiritual harvest. The seed of the gospel has been planted and has grown in the hearts of mankind. Let's harvest those souls for Christ. God has promised a harvest.

Mike



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Bob Dower

OCTOBER 5, 2025

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Greeters: Patti Groves (Front) Margaret Black (South)
Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Bob Thomas
Nursery: Worship: M. Smith & J. Swigart SS: Molly Hughes
Serving: R. Graham, B. Smith, D. Shunk, M. Boyer
Elder-On-Call for October: SCOTT BECCUE (217)369-9278
Mission of the Week: CHRISTIAN CAMPUS FOUNDATION
U of I, Urbana-Champaign, IL
Andy Conklin, Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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