



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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November 11, 2025



*The FCC 2025
IN THANKS-GIVING PROJECT
is supporting Choices Pregnancy & Health.
We have reached our goal!!*

\$2,140.15

*You are still able to give— make checks payable to FCC
with “Choices” on your check*

We are still collecting always-needed items—please place them in the cloak room:

Enfamil formula (Infant and Gentlease)

Diapers— size 3, 4, 5 Wipes Crib sheets

Baby clothes of any kind

Baby lotion and shampoo

Personal items for Mom, such as shampoo, body wash, lotion, etc.

DON'T FORGET— THESE ITEMS ARE VERY IMPORTANT!!

Rural Grace Food Pantry has seen an uptick in the number of people who use the pantry. Because of this, several needed items have become scarce. If you would like to help out, bring items to the cloak room at church and put in the boxes UNDER the table.

NEEDED ITEMS: spaghetti sauce, pasta, cereal, toilet paper, Stove Top stuffing mixes, and paper towels. Monetary donations should be made to RURAL GRACE FOOD PANTRY.



NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Worship & Nursery 101
Sunday School 60
Preschool Class 2
Sunday Morning Celebration 4
King's Kids 3
High School/College Class 0
Blessed Believers 10
The Fellowship Class 35
Chosen Ones 6

OFFERING Total: \$6,024.26
Spendable 6,024.26

Wednesday, November 12:

Elders meeting— 6:00 p.m.

Board meeting— 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 13:

*Women's Christian Fellowship will meet at the
church at 6:30 p.m.*

Hostess: Molly & Shelby Hughes

Devotions: Frances Dowler

Missions: Karen Williamson

Sunday, November 16:

Christmas Choir rehearsal 11:45 a.m.

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

PRAYER and Praise

Bonnie (Treanna Ragan's mother)- has A-fib and breathing issues
Dorothy Cutright (Glenda Case's friend)- recovering from broken arm after a fall
Nicole Kneer- cancer treatments
Praise! Baptism of Amy Phelps (see below)
Family of Jim Schuler- Jana Kelly's dad
Family of Fran Waldrop- visitation/funeral will be next Sunday, November 16, 2:00/2:30 p.m.

Baptism

The angels are rejoicing as AMY PHELPS was baptized on Friday, November 14! Amy has been attending FCC for awhile and made the decision to give her life to Christ. Amy's address is: 1017 N. Fox Run Rd., Villa Grove. Keep Amy in your prayers as she begins her new life in Christ!

Dear Church family,
Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support for the Liberia mission trip. We were able to train 47 ladies. None of this could've happened without your prayers and support! From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Love,
SARA WILLIAMSON



Donations for "Operation GIFT" are being collected until November 23. Please give your donation to Kate Shunk or put in the offering tray. Make checks out to OPERATION GIFT. Donations can also be taken directly to the Villa Grove State Bank.

CHRISTMAS AT CAMP

Saturday, December 6, 2025

3:00pm Craft & game stations, Campfire open for s'mores, Hot cocoa bar, Cookie decorating, Horse drawn carriage rides.

5:00pm Christmas Family Worship Experience

6:00pm Turkey dinner with the fixings

Cash & Carry sale of Little Galilee gear

Photo booth open for all

Register at littlegalilee.org under EVENTS tab



Keep Your Focus True
11/11/2025

Yesterday, 11/10, we received our first measurable snowfall of this winter. It won't last long, as warmer temperatures are predicted. But for now, the kids have a small amount of snow to play in. The beauty of the snow reminded me of a story I heard about two boys who, after a new snowfall, decided to see which of them could walk through the pristine snow toward a fence on the other side of the yard in the straightest line.

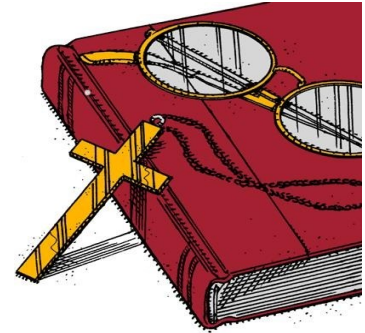
Both boys knew to fix their eyes on a fence post and walk toward it. One boy, when he had gone a short distance, turned and looked back to see how true his course was. When he looked back, he forgot which fence post was his original target. So, he picked one and walked toward it. He repeated this process two more times. The other lad never looked back. When they arrived at their stopping place, each turned around and reviewed their path. The results were very predictable. One path was straight, while the other ran a zigzag course.

In Luke 9:62, Jesus, in describing the cost of discipleship, says something quite harsh. ***No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.***

Every farmer knows that when you plow in straight lines, you prepare the ground for spring, when you will plant in straight lines. Doing so maximizes crop efficiency, enhances sunlight exposure, air circulation and soil health. Before modern technology, farmers with animal drawn plows would fix their eyes on a target and plow straight lines by not turning to the right or left.

As a disciple of Jesus, we must not get distracted. **Hebrews 12:2 says: *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.***

Mike



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**THE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY HAS BEEN
CANCELLED- THE GROUP WILL MEET
AGAIN IN JANUARY.**

NOVEMBER 16, 2025
Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Greeters: Bob & Frances Dowler (Front)
Dennis & Karen Williamson (South)
Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Sarah Hughes
Nursery: Kilee Simpson
Serving: K. Logan, D. Logan, S. Sinkes, S. Shunk
Elder-On-Call for November: JERRY HUGHES (217)369-5495
Mission of the Week: CHRISTIAN CAMPUS HOUSE (EIU)
Charleston, Illinois
Matthew Thomas, Lead Campus Minister

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