



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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November 24, 2025

THE FCC 2025  
IN THANKS-GIVING PROJECT  
SUPPORTING CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH  
TOTAL DONATIONS FOR CAR SEATS-  
\$2,325.15  
THANK YOU!!



**PRAYER**  
*and*  
**Praise**

*Glenda Case- home from hospital*  
*Patti Groves- will be scheduling gall bladder surgery soon*  
*Sarah Hughes- home, has more treatments this week*  
*David Kelly (Bob Kelly's brother)- doing well after kidney transplant; prayers for continued healing*  
*Nicole Kneer- cancer treatments*  
*Jason Smith & co-worker (Brad & Maryanna Smith's son)- in Guam for work*  
*2025 Nominating committee: John Dilliner, Stephen Sinkes, Dave Shunk*



SOME UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!**

December 6: 5:00 p.m. Blessed Believers Class will decorate the church and then head to Janet Cassida's for their class party  
December 7: 3:00 p.m. Coles Co. Barbershop Chorus Christmas concert, Wesley United Methodist Church, Charleston (Brad Smith sings with this group)  
December 21: 9:30 a.m. Christmas Program at the church! All our youth, K-12, will be taking part; our Christmas Choir will present "This Is Christmas"

**NOVEMBER 23, 2025**

Worship & Nursery 90  
Sunday School 47  
Preschool Class 2  
Sunday Morning Celebration 2  
King's Kids 3  
Blessed Believers 10  
The Fellowship Class 26  
Chosen Ones 4

OFFERING Total: N/A  
Spendable



**FIFTH SUNDAY  
FAMILY WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

**Sunday, November 30  
9:30 a.m.**

**"THANKSGIVING TO  
ADVENT"**

## ***Being Known By God***

**11/24/2025**

The story is told of an elderly woman who walked into a local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of stairs. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row, please." she answered.

"You really don't want to do that." the usher offered, "Our pastor is new and, well... kind of boring."

"Do you know who I am!" the woman inquired.

"No." stated the usher, "I can't say as I do."

"I'm the pastor's mother." the woman replied indignantly.

The embarrassed usher then said sheepishly, "Do you know who I am?"

"No!" said the annoyed mother.

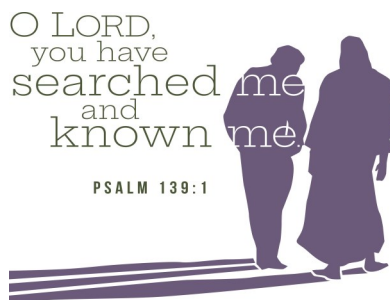
"Good!" said the usher as he made a hasty retreat.

How many people do you really know? Researchers say that we can know about 600 people by name. We can have 150 acquaintances. But the average person only has 3-4 close friends. 10% of the population has zero close friends or people they really know.

This Thanksgiving season, be grateful for those close friends you have. Those people who know you and are willing to be vulnerable enough to allow you to know them.

ALSO, this Thanksgiving, read Psalm 139. King David is praising God for a simple fact. God knows us. **(vs 1)** *O Lord, you have searched me and you know me.* Yes, God is intimately familiar with everything about us. And he loves us fully in spite of ourselves. We can be vulnerable with God. God has been vulnerable with us. He wants to be known by us. So, take time to become best friends with God. Take time to know His word and enter into holy dialogue with Him in prayer every chance you get.

Knowing and being known provide amazing peace and hope.



*Mike*

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#### **Elders:**

Scott Beccue	Jerry Hughes
John Dilliner	Joe Rothermel
Bob Dower	

### **NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

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

**Greeters: John & Linda Dilliner( Front)  
Janet Cassida (South)**

**Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Bob Dowler/Glenda Case**

**Nursery: Shelby Hughes**

**Serving: M. Hughes, S. Shunk, T. Shunk, C. Cannon**

**Elder-On-Call for November: JERRY HUGHES (217)369-5495**

**Mission of the Week: CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH  
Charleston, Illinois  
Chris Bugle, Executive Director**

### **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**KEN HEYEN  
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