

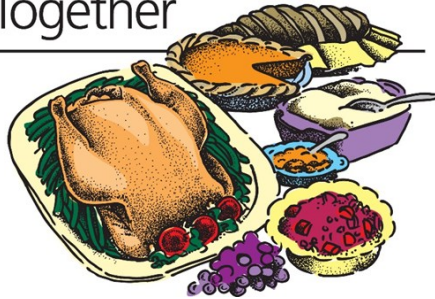


FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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November 4, 2025

We Gather
Together



ANNUAL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 10-- NOON

Turkey, ham, dressing, drinks and table service will
be provided. Please bring a dish to share.
Hope to see you there!

The FCC 2025 IN THANKS-GIVING PROJECT

*is supporting Choices Pregnancy & Health.
We will be collecting monetary donations to be used for
car seats. We would like to collect \$2000 to purchase as
many car seats as possible.*



We will also be 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.

TOTAL GIVEN TO DATE: \$635.15

OCTOBER 26, 2025

Worship & Nursery	95
Sunday School	56
Preschool Class	2
Sunday Morning Celebration	2
King's Kids	3
High School/College Class	0
Blessed Believers	13
The Fellowship Class	26
Chosen Ones	6

OFFERING Total:	\$10,414.19
Spendable	9,268.19
Benevolence	1,136.00
Worship (coffee)	10.00

NOVEMBER 2

Worship & Nursery	102
Sunday School	50
Preschool Class	3
Sunday Morning Celebration	4
King's Kids	3
High School/College Class	0
Blessed Believers	12
The Fellowship Class	21
Chosen Ones	7

OFFERING Total:	
Spendable	

CHRISTMAS CHOIR MEMBERS!

Because of the
Thanksgiving Dinner,
rehearsal will take
place at 5:00 p.m.
on Sunday.
You can still be a part
of the choir!!

PRAYER *and* Praise

Hope Arbuckle- Mary Kellems' sister

Kenzie Cardiff- doing well after hip surgeries; thanks everyone for prayers

Carol Culp (Kate Shunk's mom)- diagnosed with A-fib; exploring treatment options

Jessica Irace (friend of Joyce Ritter)- sees doctor this month

Nicole Kneer- cancer treatments

Janet McCumber- had breast cancer surgery on Tuesday

Family of Marsha Riggs- friend of Kent Elam & Garland Hubert

David Roberts (friend of Paula Webber)- stroke

Family of Kevin Strickler- friend of Holly Wiggam

Fran Waldrop- pancreatic cancer; weakening quickly and relying more on pain meds



Words cannot begin to express how much I appreciate your overwhelming love for me and my family as we navigate this new adventure. Thank you all for your prayers and cards. I cherish all my memories of you. I look forward to meeting Jesus and singing in His heavenly choir!

Love,

FRAN WALDROP

Dear Church Family.

We are humbled by all the cards, gifts, texts and well wishes during Pastor Appreciation Month.

May God bless us as we continue to serve Him in this area.

Love,

MIKE & JUDY



Veteran's Day Assembly- Villa Grove School

Tuesday, November 11, 9:00 a.m.

***Honoring all Veterans and Active Duty Members-
all community members are invited to attend.***

**THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 16 HAS BEEN
CANCELLED- THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN JANUARY**



Do Not Be Afraid 11/4/2025

I have heard people proclaim that the words, “Do not be afraid,” “fear not” or some sort of derivation of those words appear 365 times in the Bible. I did a quick look through BibleGateway.com and found that the phrase “Do not fear” appears 17 times and “Do not be afraid” 70 times in the NIV Bible. The phrase “fear not” appears 57 times in the KJV. The Greek and Hebrew words for “FEAR” appear just over 300 times. However, those words are not always speaking of things that might terrify us. They are also used when God commands us to “fear the Lord,” meaning that we to stand in awe of God and marvel at His character.

Regardless of how many times the words appear scripture is abundantly clear that fear is connected to the lies, darkness and chaos of the devil. Jesus plainly told the Pharisees that they were not willing to listen to Him because they listened to the devil, who is the father of lies (John 8:42-47). Satan’s lies still elicit confusion and fear in believers today.

King David realized that the circumstances of life can lead us to be afraid (like when he faced the Philistine army), which is why he said, (Psalm 53:3-4) ***When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?***

We do not need to be afraid. As Paul reminded his colleague, Timothy, ***God has not given us a spirit of fear (timidity), but of power, love and of self-discipline.*** (2 Timothy 1:7) and John says: ***There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear,*** (1 John 4:18a).

Our God is sovereign. Which is why, at least 15 times, we are urged to be strong and courageous. Our God is always with us. Do not be afraid.

Mike

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 John Dilliner Joe Rothermel
 Bob Dower

NOVEMBER 9, 2025
Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Greeters: Larry & Sheryl Mulvaney (Front) Judi Lock (South)
Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Bob Dowler/Sarah Hughes
Nursery: Janet Cassida
Serving: R. Graham, B. Smith, J. Watson, M. Hughes
Elder-On-Call for November: JERRY HUGHES (217)369-5495
Mission of the Week: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS (ICOM)
 Clayton, Indiana
 David Empson, Executive Director

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