



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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December 2, 2025



DECORATING AND PARTY!!

The Blessed Believers Class will meet at the church on Saturday, December 6 at 5:00 p.m. to decorate the building for Christmas.

Following this, at 6:00 p.m., the group will travel to Janet Cassida's home for a Christmas party. Everyone is asked to bring a sweet or savory treat to share.

During the holiday season, everyone is urged to mail or bring in a Christmas card to be posted on the bulletin board. This will be a card to the entire congregation. Not only is this a blessing to us all, but it can save a little stamp money, as your card is for everyone! If you bring in a card on Sunday, please leave it on the counter in the copy room. We will post it on the bulletin board, and share your name in the SON TIMES.



As we prepare for our Annual Meeting in January, a nominating committee has been chosen: John Dilliner, Stephen Sinkes, Seth Shunk, Jerry Hughes & Mike Zylstra

Those up for election this year are— ELDERS: Bob Dowler, Scott Beccue, Joe Rothermel; DEACONS: Pete Eisenmenger, Jeff Watson TRUSTEES: Matt Boyer, Garland Hubert; FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Kent Elam

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Worship & Nursery 34
Sunday School 22
Preschool Class 0
Sunday Morning Celebration 0
King's Kids 2
Blessed Believers 4
The Fellowship Class 16
Chosen Ones 0

OFFERING Total 11/23/25: \$11,217.15
Spendable 2,811.00
In Thanks-giving 2,175.15
Memorial (Fran Waldrop) 5,745.00

OFFERING Total 11/30/25 \$1,274.00
Spendable 1,211.00
Worship (Coffee) 63.00



Women's Christian Fellowship will celebrate the Christmas holiday at Yoder's in Arthur on Thursday, December 11. The church bus will leave the parking lot at 10:30 a.m.

LADIES: if you plan to attend, please tell JUDI LOCK on Sunday at church. She needs to have a count to call in the reservation. THANK YOU!

PRAYER and Praise

Glenda Case– doing well

Mary Gen Frick– surgery in Springfield on Dec. 11

Patti Groves– gall bladder surgery Dec. 3, Carle at the Fields

Sarah Hughes– home

Family of Dennis Kapteina– Angela Graham’s dad

Nicole Kneer– cancer treatments

Holly Wiggam– cataract surgery on Dec. 8 and 17

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Dear FCC Family,

Thank you for all the prayers and kind wishes you’ve offered our family following the passing of my dad, Jim Shuler. We feel truly blessed to be part of such a loving church family.

Sincerely,

JANA, BOB, BRANDON & NOAH KELLY

Rural Grace Food Pantry thanks our congregation for their generosity– the donations were amazing!



BLOOD DRIVE– December 19, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, Villa Grove

To schedule: scan the QR code on the poster on the church bulletin board, or call the church office (217)832-5231, or call ImpactLife (800)747-5401. The group code is 70301, and the last date to donate elsewhere is 10/24/2025.

**Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.—
Final Bible Study until after the first of
the year**

**Sunday, December 7, 11:45 a.m.—
Christmas Choir rehearsal in the
auditorium**



Daily Moisturizing Lotion 12/2/2025

The bottle on my desk says, "Daily Moisturizing Lotion." One of the ingredients is hyaluronic acid, which is a big deal. I use this product when my hands get dry. In 2022, people in the U.S. spent \$90 billion dollars on skin care products to deal with all manner of skin related issues. Many products are medically necessary to deal with eczema, hyperpigmentation, rosacea, psoriasis, etc. Skin is the body's largest organ. We should take care of it. Even though we shed 500 million skin cells per day, we can't change our skin. The prophet Jeremiah (**Jeremiah 13:23**) says it this way, "*Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil.*"

There it is... The axiom, "A leopard cannot change his spots" is in the Bible. What Jeremiah is saying is that human beings are, by nature, objects of God's wrath. We are born with a propensity toward sin. Sin is as much a part of who we are as our skin color. The Apostle Paul reminds believers of this truth.

Romans 3:10-12 "*There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.*" It sounds hopeless.



Except, praise God, He has the power, mercy and grace to make us as He intended us to be. He is the only one who takes our heart of stone and gives us a heart of flesh. He takes our sinful nature and recreates us through new birth so that we become servants of Jesus.

Only God can change my skin (nature). I can doctor it up daily, but only God can replace my human nature with a divine nature that wants to honor and glorify God daily.

Mike

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Elders:

Scott Beccue Jerry Hughes
John Dilliner Joe Rothermel
Bob Dower

DECEMBER 7, 2025

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

Greeters: Curaleen Gammon (Front) Marsha Green (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Judi Lock

Nursery: Curt & Sarah Cannon

Serving: M. Hughes, B. Smith, R. Graham, B. Akers

Elder-On-Call for December: JOHN DILLINER (217)621-9807

Mission of the Week: MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
Villa Grove & Camargo, Illinois
Villa Grove & Camargo Ministers

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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