



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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January 13, 2026



- Wednesday, January 14 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting 7:30 p.m. Board meeting
- Friday, January 16 3:00-5:00 p.m. We have volunteers at Rural Grace Food Pantry
- Saturday, January 17 9:30 a.m. Youth Group will leave the church for a service project at Orphan's Treasure Box, Champaign
- Sunday, January 18 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
11:45 a.m. Fellowship Ministry meeting, Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at the church
- Tuesday, January 20 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Coffee at Lazy Day Café, Villa Grove



*WCF would like to invite you to become a  
SECRET SISTER!*

*Secret Sisters give cards, small gifts, words of encouragement, prayers, or kind deeds to their chosen Sister from February 1 to March 12.*

*If you would like to participate, please fill out and return the completed form, located in the red folders near the collection baskets. Please do this by January 25. Try to treat your sister each week. The emphasis is not on how much you spend, but the creative ways you can encourage each other. Questions? See any of the WCF officers (J. Lock, K. Williamson, S. Cannon, J. Thode)*

JANUARY 11, 2026

Worship & Nursery	99
Sunday School	61
Preschool Class	2
Sunday Morning Celebration - King's Kids	4
Blessed Believers	21
The Fellowship Class	28
Chosen Ones	6
OFFERING Total	\$1,614.00
Spendable	1,614.00



*Women's  
Fellowship*

Because the school is using the building for Preschool Screening on February 12, Women's Christian Fellowship will meet on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, at 2:00 p.m. Following the meeting, the group will be making cards, led by Karen Williamson.

# IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Isaac Dalton (newborn son of Tyler & Bethany Dalton, Amy Phelps' grandson)- recovering from RSV

Praise! Glenda Case- good results from tests

Mary Gen Frick- kidney stone surgery on January 23

Praise! Steven Gordon- spots on his lung getting smaller, and his thyroid is good

Praise! Patti Groves- recovering from heel surgery

Sarah Hughes- cancer

Bonnie Maring (Treanna Ragan's mother)- was in Carle for pneumonia & congestive heart failure

Family of Tracy Jones- wife of Kenton Jones, Kimberly Anderson's cousin, Iowa

Barb Watson- surgery postponed due to insurance not being approved



## **SINGERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY EASTER CANTATA**

*Directed by Janet McCumber*

**Rehearsals on Sundays, February 8-March 22  
3:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Performance on Palm Sunday, March 29**

**All held at First Christian Church, Villa Grove**

**ALL VOICES WELCOME- Junior Hi thru Adult**

**Performance will be accompanied by area instrumentalists**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: contact Janet McCumber**

**(217)493-2425; Judy Zylstra (320)224-7665 or call First**

**Christian Church (217)832-5231**

Thank you to everyone who remembered my 90th birthday with cards, texts and well-wishes.

**JEAN ZYLSTRA**

Thank you for allowing me to go on my mission trip with the church's generous sponsorship! I am really grateful for this opportunity and excited to spread the word of Jesus Christ! I can't wait to come back in the spring to share my experience with the church!

**RAEANNA BOYER**

Dear Church, Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity this past fall and Christmas. We are so thankful for people who continually love and support our girls in so many ways!

**Blessings,**

**CALI RICE, Client Services Director  
Choices Pregnancy & Health**



Thanks!

## **Living Your Faith in Public** **1/13/2026**

It's NFL playoff time. 14 teams are hoping to make it to the Superbowl. The website, [www.Churchleaders.com](http://www.Churchleaders.com) posted an article on 1/9/2026 describing that 12 QB's in this year's playoffs are public and vocal about their Christian faith. If you listen to their interviews these men often give glory to God.

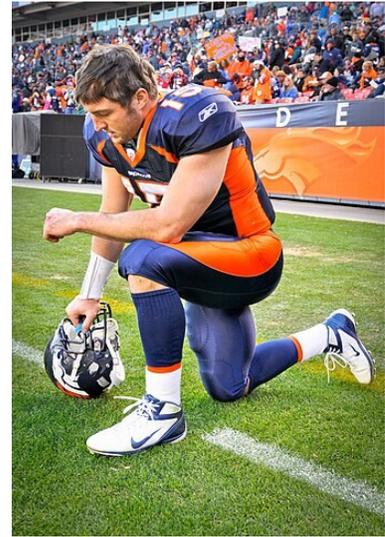
It wasn't that long ago when the public ridiculed athletes who openly shared their faith. Do you remember Tim Tebow? He never shied away from his faith. Though some speculated that by living his faith in public, it shortened his NFL career.

Tim was born on August 14, 1987, in Makati, Philippines the youngest of five children. His parents were missionaries. Tim's mother, Pamela, had a difficult pregnancy. Local doctors expected the infant would be stillborn and recommended an abortion. The Tebow's' decided against an abortion, and Tim was born alive and well.

When Tim was three, the family moved to Florida. The siblings were homeschooled, so the parents could help them deepen as disciples of Jesus. These lessons never left Tim. He loved sports and was a star athlete in multiple sports in a local High School. Eventually, he played for the University of Florida Gators, won national titles, set multiple records, won the Heisman Trophy as a sophomore and was drafted by the Denver Broncos in 2010. In 2011, he charged up the Broncos faithful with his energetic play and with his prayer stance (mockingly called "Tebowing") in the end zone.

Sadly, "Tebowing" became fodder for media ridicule and opposition scorn. Yet, Tim stayed faithful. In an August 2023 *Fox News* interview, Tebow, speaking of his faith, said, "It's given me a meaning. It's given me a purpose for being. It's given me a hope of heaven. It's given me a joy for life. It's given me a love for people. Even in the midst of my mistakes and shortcomings and failures in life, that I'm not defined by my scars – I'm defined by His."

Live out your faith even when it isn't "cool." God will reward your faithfulness.



*Mike*

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#### **Elders:**

Scott Beccue                      Jerry Hughes  
John Dilliner                     Joe Rothermel  
Bob Dower

### **JANUARY 18, 2026**

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

**Greeters: Dave Shunk (Front) Margaret Black (South)**

**Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Rothermel/Shelby Hughes**

**Nursery: Kate Shunk & Julie Swigart**

**Serving: S. Shunk, T. Shunk, S. Gordon, B. Akers**

**Elder-On-Call for January: Jerry Hughes (217)369-5495**

**Mission of the Week: LINCOLN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE  
Lincoln, Illinois  
Dr. Silas McCormick, Exec. Director**

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

**KEN HEYEN  
Haven of Tuscola  
1203 Egyptian Trail  
Tuscola, IL 61953**