



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

PHONE: 832-5231
FAX: 832-9348

January 20, 2026



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 this Sunday!!

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



JANUARY 18, 2026

Worship & Nursery	87
Sunday School	41
Preschool Class	0
Sunday Morning Celebration	0
King's Kids	2
Blessed Believers	9
The Fellowship Class	24
Chosen Ones	6
OFFERING Total	\$2,842.95
Spendable	2,687.00
Worship	155.95



SOUP-ER BOWL LUNCH!

Sunday, February 8- 12:00 p.m.

Soup is provided.

Everyone is asked to bring sides, salads or
desserts to share.

Everyone is invited!!

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Mary Gen Frick– kidney stone surgery on Friday

Sarah Hughes– cancer; home from hospital, extremely weak

Praise! Colton, Nick & Riley Kesler (Bob & Cindy Thomas' grandsons)- all were baptized by their grandfather on Saturday! Keep them in prayer as they begin their new life in Christ

Barb Watson– heart valve surgery later this week



2026 Church Board Members...

Elders: Scott Beccue, John Dilliner, Jerry Hughes, Joe Rothermel, Bob Thomas

Deacons: Bill Akers, Curt Cannon, Pete Eisenmenger, Richard Graham, Seth Shunk, Stephen Sinkes

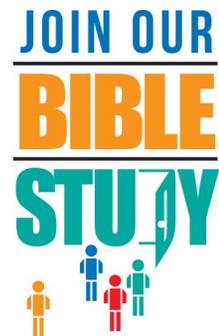
Trustees: Matt Boyer, Curt Cannon, John Dilliner, Rex Duzan, Richard Graham, Jeff Watson

Financial Secretary: Kent Elam

Treasurer: Helen Watson

Missions Treasurer: David Shunk

Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.,
in the church Fellowship Hall!
The group is studying the book of Joshua, using video
curriculum from Ozark Bible College.
EVERYONE IS INVITED!!



GUARD
YOUR *heart,*
FOR EVERYTHING
YOU DO *flows*
FROM IT.
PROVERBS 4:23, NIV

Know Why You Believe 1/20/2026

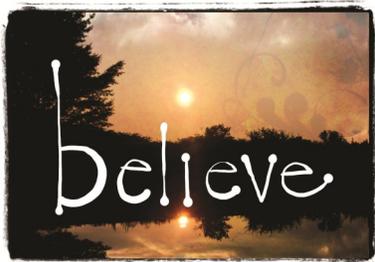
In 1967, author Paul E. Little wrote two books. The first was titled *Know What You Believe*. The sequel was titled, *Know Why You Believe*. These apologetics were a must read for any serious Bible college student. They have since been updated multiple times because their lessons are still valid.

1 Peter 3:15 calls us to be able to give a ready defense of our faith. Read that verse carefully. Peter commands us to be able to **give the reason for the hope we have**. It isn't enough to know the facts, details and trivia of the Bible. Many have memorized verses and chapters of scripture, but they can't give a reason for their faith. They don't know **WHY**.

A story is making its way through social media about a parent who realized that his 12-year-old boy knew a lot about the Bible but didn't know **WHY**. When asked why the boy believed the Bible is true, the child said, "Because the Bible says it is true." This type of "Circular Reasoning" would be ripped to shreds by secular philosophers. The story is urging parents to buy a *Systematic Theology for Kids* book to help them know the **reason** for their faith.

How about you? Do you know **WHY**: Jesus had to die; the cross is so important; the Bible is to be believed more than other "holy" books; Jesus was baptized; how we know God exists; handling the science/scripture debate; etc. Asking, "Why?" doesn't solve all our faith issues. Godly people have been wrestling with questions of how forgiveness works, why there is evil in the world, the role of free-will and God's sovereign knowledge, the full humanity and full divinity of Jesus, and the doctrine of the Trinity for centuries.

Knowing why we believe provides us with a foundational direction that strengthens our hope. It brings clarity into our life and a joy as we look forward to an eternity with God.



Mike

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

701 N. Sycamore St.
Villa Grove, IL 61956
Website: www.fccvg.com
Church E-mail: fccvgoffice@gmail.com
Minister: Mike Zylstra
Home Phone: (217)681-1034
Mike's E-mail: fccvgmin@gmail.com
Administrative Assistant: Brenda Elam
Office Hours: 10:00-4:30 (M, T, Th, F)

Elders:

Scott Beccue Joe Rothermel
John Dilliner Bob Thomas
Jerry Hughes

JANUARY 25, 2026

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

Greeters: Bill Akers (Front) Steven Gordon (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Mike & Judy Zylstra

Nursery: Becky Sinkes

Serving: K. Elam, S. Sinkes, K. Logan, D. Logan

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

Mission of the Week: **ONE MISSION SOCIETY**
Greenwood, Indiana
Sara Williamson, Missionary

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

SHIRLEY SCHWEIGHART
Brookstone Estates, Apt. 39
1106 E. Northline Rd.
Tuscola, IL 61953