



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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February 24, 2026

**Wednesday, February 25– 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at the church**

**Saturday, February 28– Judy Zylstra will be using the building for a music festival**

**March 1– 3:00 p.m. Cantata rehearsal**



**The latest issue of the OUR DAILY BREAD devotional book is available at the south door.**

**Besides the devotional each day, there is a guide to reading the Bible through in a year. They are free to anyone who would like a copy**



**Tom Bennett (Jennifer Bender's dad)-several serious health concerns; at Carle Hospital**

**Stewart Elam (Kent's brother)- home, doing well after surgery**

**Sarah Hughes– doing well**

**Jessica Irace (friend of Joyce Ritter)- one year cancer-free, looking for a new job**

**Nicole Kneer– radiation treatments**

**Rich & Jeretta Mabry– COVID**

**Luke Reed (friend of Boyer family)- home recovering, doing much better**

**Greg Ritter– COVID**

**Barb Watson– in Carle Hospital with pneumonia**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

Worship & Nursery	92
Sunday School	45
Preschool Class	3
Sunday Morning Celebration	2
King's Kids	3
Blessed Believers	12
The Fellowship Class	19
Chosen Ones	6
<b>OFFERING Total</b>	<b>\$3,378.00</b>
Spendable	2,816.00
Benevolence	562.00

The **TESTING** of your  
**FAITH**  
PRODUCES  
**ENDURANCE.**  
James 1:3, NRSV

***If I Had \$100***  
**2/24/2026**

Elementary school children are unencumbered with the realities of life. Recently, a Villa Grove 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher gave her students a piece of paper on which was written, “IF I HAD \$100...” She hung their responses in the school hallway. One student wrote, “I would buy a cow.” Another, “I would buy a castle, because I want to be the king.” A third, “I would buy a bugotii and a mansion, helicopter and a yoot.” Many focused on purchasing toys or video games. One child simply said, “I would buy cookies. I love cookies.” Its obvious 7-year-olds have no concept of what \$100 can buy.

A similar thing happens when people contemplate the power of God. On the *Mount of Transfiguration* (Matt. 17), Jesus showed Peter, James and John His glory in a manner they could handle. Though they saw His power, they didn’t comprehend its reality. They struggled with Jesus’ upside-down ideas and were baffled with His prediction of His death and resurrection. They never fully understood exactly what Jesus could do and often sought to limit Him to being able to do only what made sense to them.

Even today, many limit God or assume He is powerless to do what we believe is impossible. Though the Bible says that God created everything from nothing in six days, or that Jesus brought people back from the dead, or that Jesus fed thousands with a small lunch, many assume those are myths as they just aren’t possible based on our understanding.

Sadly, this also means many don’t think God has power to forgive sins or transform any life. Nothing could be further from reality. Even as we grow in our faith and learn to appreciate the power of our Messiah, His full impact will not be seen until the second coming, when he makes everything clear. Until then, we must trust, by faith, that our God can do anything.



Mike

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**Elders:**

Scott Beccue	Joe Rothermel
John Dilliner	Bob Thomas
Jerry Hughes	

**MARCH 1, 2026**

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

**Greeters: Bob Dowler (Front) Marsha Green (South)**

**Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Rex & Jan Duzan**

**Nursery: Curt & Sarah Cannon**

**Serving: K. Logan, D. Logan, D. Shunk, S. Sinkes**

**Elder-On-Call for March: JOE ROTHERMEL (217)369-5285**

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

**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**KEN HEYEN**

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