



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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March 3, 2026

upcoming events

Wednesday, March 4– 6:30 p.m. Bible Study meets at the church

Sunday, March 8– 3:00 p.m. Cantata rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at the church

Tuesday, March 10– 6:00 p.m. Community VBS meeting at VG United Methodist Church, church library– beginning plans for this summer’s Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, March 11– 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting

7:30 p.m. Board meeting

Thursday, March 12– 6:30 p.m. Women’s Christian Fellowship: Hostess– Brenda Elam,

Devotions: Sarah Hughes, Missions: Frances Dowler

Tom Bennett (Jennifer Bender’s dad)-several serious health concerns

Raeanna Boyer– leaving for week-long mission trip to Panama City, Panama on Saturday; mission trip is through Filters of Hope

Sarah Hughes– doing well

Nicole Kneer– radiation treatments

Joyce Ritter– recovering from COVID

Madeline Shunk– in Washington, DC with her team; will be home Friday

Barb Watson– recovering at home



MARCH 1, 2026

Worship & Nursery	80
Sunday School	44
Preschool Class	0
Sunday Morning Celebration	0
King’s Kids	0
Blessed Believers	14
The Fellowship Class	24
Chosen Ones	6
OFFERING Total	\$2,968.00
Spendable	2,968.00



Don’t forget to set your alarm clock AHEAD one hour before retiring on Saturday night!

Don’t want to be late to church!!



**Can't Wait for You to Get Here
3/3/2026**

A story is told of a couple from a cold, icy, northern US state who decided to go to Florida for an extended weekend and a much-needed break from the frigid weather. As they compared calendars they found one weekend that worked for both. The only glitch was that the airline only had a single seat for a Thursday flight. And a single seat for a Friday flight. It was decided that the husband would fly out on Thursday and the wife follow Friday.

Upon arriving at the Florida hotel, the husband took out his laptop to send his wife an e-mail. Without realizing it he accidentally misspelled her e-mail address. He pressed the “send” button.

Meanwhile, in Nevada, a widow just returned from her husband’s funeral. He was a pastor who had been called home to glory. The widow checked her e-mail and read the first one, expecting it to be from a relative or friend. She about fainted. The e-mail read...

TO: My loving wife

FROM: Your recently departed husband

SUBJECT: I’ve arrived!

MESSAGE: Check in went smoothly and everything is prepared for your arrival tomorrow. I can hardly wait to see you. Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

P.S. It sure is hot down here, just like we were hoping.

Though it is a comical story, hell is a very real place. And it is not somewhere anyone should want to go. Yet, in our world, many have denied that Jesus is their Lord and on the day of judgment are at risk of spending eternity in the unquenchable fire of hell. Jesus has said that His desire is that no one perish. Yet He cannot force anyone to leave their life of sin and receive eternal life. Those wanting to be saved must believe. But... they cannot believe if no one tells them that there is another way. Be the one who tells someone the path to eternal life.

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<p>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 701 N. Sycamore St. Villa Grove, IL 61956</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Elders: Scott Beccue Joe Rothermel John Dilliner Bob Thomas Jerry Hughes</p>	<p>MARCH 8, 2026 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Greeters: Margaret Black (Front) Macen & Molly Hughes (South)</p> <p>Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Patti Groves</p> <p>Nursery: Janet Cassida & Julie Swigart</p> <p>Serving: S. Shunk, T. Shunk, M. Hughes, R. Graham</p> <p>Elder-On-Call for March: JOE ROTHERMEL (217)369-5285</p> <p>Mission of the Week: MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION Villa Grove & Camargo, Illinois Villa Grove & Camargo Ministers</p> <p>REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS SHIRLEY SCHWEIGHART Brookstone Estates 1106 E. Northline Rd. Tuscola, IL 61953</p>
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