



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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May 12, 2026

BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS

*There are baby bottles at the south door at the church. If you would like to participate, you can take as many bottles as you like, **SIGN YOUR NAME AND THE NUMBER OF BOTTLES YOU TAKE** on the sheet next to the bottles (we need to know who has bottles!). You can fill the bottles with change, bills or checks, made to **CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH**. Please return the bottles to the church by May 24. Questions? Call the church office.*

NOTE: When returning your bottle, please indicate on the sign-up sheet the number of bottles returned. **THANK YOU!**



ALLISON EISENMENGER

Graduation Party on Saturday, May 16,
2:00-5:00 p.m. at First Christian Church
(RSVP (217)218-5821)

TUCKER SHUNK

Graduation Open House on Sunday, May 17,
4:00-7:00 p.m. at First Christian Church

MAY 10, 2026

Worship & Nursery	106
Sunday School	50
Preschool Class	2
Sunday Morning Celebration	2
King's Kids	3
Blessed Believers	14
The Fellowship Class	24
Chosen Ones	5
OFFERING Total	\$3,900.00
Spendable	3,900.00



Administrative Assistant Position Opening

The Administrative Assistant position at the church will be opening in December.

For anyone interested, applications are available in the church office, or can be emailed. For more information, call the church office (217-832-5231).

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Jon Barr (husband of Laura Wilhelm Barr)- health issues

Family of Cindy Brewer- Sheryl Mulvaney's sister-in-law

Sheryl Gaston- surgery on Wednesday to remove non-cancerous mass in forehead

Sarah Hughes

Wayne Kresal (friend of John Klucinskis, Oregon)- marital problems; is an unbeliever

Mike Lowery (friend of Margaret Black)- home, doing dialysis 3 times a week

Kurt Logan- battling an infection; awaiting test results

Amy O'Neill- lung cancer; responding positively to treatments

Karla Westray's father- in hospice

Lola Wishersham (6-yr. old granddaughter of Deanne Rothermel's friend)- doing better



Wednesday, May 13- 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting; 7:30 p.m. Board meeting

Thursday, May 14- 6:30 p.m. Women's Christian Fellowship meets at the church

Hostess: Deanne Rothermel Devotions: Janet Cassida Missions: Judy Zylstra

Friday, May 15- 3:00-4:30 p.m. Volunteers needed at Rural Grace Food Pantry

Sunday, May 17- 2:00 p.m. Commencement at VGHS gym



PRAYER & COFFEE

Tuesday, May 19

9:00 a.m.

Lazy Day Café, Villa Grove

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Graduation and Encouragement

5/12/2026

Classes at the Villa Grove school are concluded for our Seniors: Allison Eisenmenger, Ryan Lillard and Tucker Shunk. They have completed their requirements. Allison is even class Valedictorian. Their official High School Graduation ceremony will be Sunday, May 17th. We are very proud of their accomplishments and dedication to living their faith.

Graduation is exciting as every 18-year-old looks forward to their future. Maybe they will attend college or trade school. Maybe join the military, enter a career or take a “gap year.” Regardless of their choice now, what is almost a guarantee is that things will NOT go as they expected. Those of us who are several years removed from High School know this all too well. For some the changes have been positive, for others...not so much.

The same is true when people begin their walk with Christ. When we are immersed and begin loving Jesus with our whole being, we have expectations on how that will look. We have no idea of how Satan and this broken world will sabotage our expected discipleship trajectory. We begin with eagerness. We want to be used by Jesus to proclaim His gospel. We desire to be an example of faith. We expect to make a difference. We don't foresee the doubts and threats to our faith. Yet, it happens. Too often, worldly voices scream louder than the Godly voices, and many believers who start the race of faith will give up and fall by the wayside.

Which is why we need encouragement from one another. Listen to those who have lived for Jesus for decades. They have persevered through the doubts, and remain full of hope and faith. Their testimony is vital to those struggling with tested faith who are battling spiritual weakness. We need each other. Don't try to grow in your faith alone. You need the body of Christ.



Mike

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Elders:

Scott Beccue	Joe Rothermel
John Dilliner	Bob Thomas
Jerry Hughes	

MAY 17, 2026

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

Greeters: Macen, Molly & Shelby Hughes (Front) Janet Cassida (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Margaret Black

Nursery: Deanne Rothermel

Serving: K. Logan, D. Logan, P. Eisenmenger, M. Boyer

Elder-On-Call for May: SCOTT BECCUE (217)369-9278

Mission of the Week: CHRISTIAN CAMPUS HOUSE (EIU)

Charleston, Illinois

Matthew Thomas, Lead Campus Minister

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

JOE HOLSAPPLE

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