



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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May 19, 2026

BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS

This Sunday is the last day to RETURN the baby bottles for Choices Pregnancy & Health. When returning your bottle, please indicate on the sign-up sheet the number of bottles returned. THANK YOU!



Thank you for your prayers and cards for loved ones we have lost in the last several weeks.

LARRY & SHERYL MULVANEY



To the First Christian Church,
Thank you so much for the scholarship! I can't wait to see what the future holds. This fellowship will be in my heart, no matter where I am. Thank you!

ALLISON EISENMENGER

Greetings!

Thank you so much for the opportunity to win the church's scholarship! I am so glad to be a part of the FCC family! I will be putting this money towards funding my nursing school . Thank you again!

RYAN LILLARD

MISSIONS

MAY 17, 2026

Worship & Nursery	102
Sunday School	36
Preschool Class	3
Sunday Morning Celebration	4
King's Kids	-
Blessed Believers	12
The Fellowship Class	22
Chosen Ones	5
OFFERING Total	\$3,903.00
Spendable	3,903.00

Women's Christian Fellowship is sponsoring a mission trip on June 3. All of you are invited to come along. We will tour the Mennonite Committee on Relief's Thrift Store in Arthur before lunch at Yoder's. After lunch, we will visit the Project 61 facilities east of Sullivan. Project 61 Ministries offers housing to vulnerable women and children. The church bus will leave VG at 9:30am on Wednesday, June 3. Please let one of the WCF officers know if you would like to go and if you'd like to ride the bus. We also need a head count for reservations at Yoder's.



IN OUR

Thoughts and Prayers



Mickie Carroll (Glenda Case's friend)- moving to assisted living on Friday
Curaleen Gammon- fell, is in Carle Hospital; will be going to a rehab place soon
Sheryl Gaston- came home Monday, doing well
Todd Griffith (Denise Griffith's husband)- heart related and significant health issues
Sarah Hughes
Mike Lowery (friend of Margaret Black)- home, doing dialysis 3 times a week
Amy O'Neill- lung cancer; responding positively to treatments
Joyce Ritter- more eye tests on Friday; checking for cataracts and glaucoma

upcoming events

Friday, May 22- 7:00 p.m. Judy Zylstra's piano students will be presenting their piano work at a recital at the church. All are invited.

Sunday, May 24- Benevolence Sunday

Monday, May 25- Memorial Day; church office will be closed

Wednesday, May 27- 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting 7:30 p.m. Board meeting



GRILLED CHICKEN FUNDRAISER BENEFIT SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

Benefit proceeds are for Juanita (Herschberger) & Dewayne Chupp (Dave Herschberger's sister and husband) Juanita was diagnosed with cancer in

October of 2024. Since being diagnosed, she has been healed of cancer once, and then in November of 2025 had a recurrence. She has been in the hospital and done many treatments. The financial toll of medical expenses and raising four children has been great.

Ready-to-eat grilled chicken will be sold by the bag. The chicken can be frozen and reheated later- perfect for quick week-night meals. To place an order, please call or text Christine Herschberger (630)750-4929. Due to rising costs, all donations are accepted. A 12-pc. bag is \$30, and a 6 pc. Bag is \$15. Pick up at FCC, Villa Grove at 9:00am on Sat. June 6; or pick up at St. Thomas School, Philo at 11:00am on June 6. Please order by Monday, June 1. Pay with cash or check (made to Mary Miller).



Our Church's Graduates

8TH GRADE: Quinn Lillard, Addison Obenland, Julie Swigart

Addison– Reading Award, Math Award, English Award, Perfect Attendance, Science Award, Member of SWAT (Students with a Testimony), High Honors

Julie– DAR American History Award, Science Award, Reading Award, member of SWAT, High Honors

HIGH SCHOOL: Alexis Cassano, Allison Eisenmenger, Ryan Lillard, Tucker Shunk,
Alexis– currently working

Allison– VG State Bank Senior of the Month/Year, Illinois State Scholar, DAR Award, FCC Scholarship, VFW Voice of Democracy Award, VGHS Spanish Certificate, Scholastic Bowl awards, Excellence in English Award; attending Purdue in the fall

Ryan– FCC Scholarship, National Honor Society, Summa Cum Laude, Spanish Award, Social Studies Award, Michael Pangburn Athletic Scholarship, VG State Bank Student of the month, Pizza Man Scholarship, Michael “Mikey” Eisenmenger Memorial Scholarship, VFW Award, VG FFA Alumni Scholarship, Douglas Co. Republicans Scholarship, Impact Life Blood Donation Scholarship; attending Parkland in the fall

Tucker– Howard and Lois Skidmore Scholarship, Student Success and Engagement Award, VGHS Spanish IV Award, Social Studies Award, US History Award, Walter Jones VFW Post 2876 Award, FCC Scholarship; attending Eastern in the fall

COLLEGE: Kate Eisenmenger, Logan Lillard, Mark Boyd

Mark – graduated with a Bachelor in Engineering Technology, Magna Cum Laude, from Eastern Illinois University; currently looking for a job

Kate– she is currently working, following her graduation

Logan– graduated with 2-year degree from Lakeland College; will be continuing her nursing education at Olivet Nazarene College



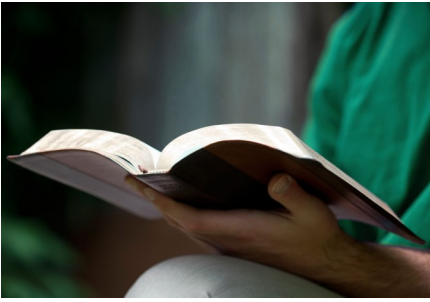
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, May 27– Field Trip to Casey. Church bus will leave at 9:45 a.m., lunch at Moonshine, then searching for the famous “largest” items in Casey

Sunday, June 7– regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the church

Monday, June 22– Tentative Field Trip to WBGL studio. Church bus will leave at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, July 5– regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the church



Celebrating Shavuot **5/19/2026**

On Friday, May 22nd, Jews all around the world will celebrate Shavuot. Shavuot (שבועות) in Hebrew is a Jewish holiday that commemorates when God gave the Torah to the Israelites at Mount Sinai over 3,000 years ago. Shavuot is celebrated by abstaining from work, candle-lit dinners, staying up all night to study Torah, listening to the reading of the Ten Commandments in synagogue, enjoying dairy foods and other festivities.

The giving of the Torah (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy) is a very emotional and even intimate celebration for Jews. One Jewish sage compared it to a wedding between God and His chosen people. Like the vows spoken in a wedding, God made an oath to be eternally devoted to the Jewish nation, and the Jews pledged everlasting loyalty to Him.

Also celebrated during this time is the Feast of First Fruits. Jews bring their first and choicest fruits to thank God for His faithfulness. This is truly an act of faith because you trust that God will provide you the rest of the harvest and provide all you need.

While Christians do not celebrate Shavuot, we should be more celebratory of the Bible. Rather than take it for granted, we should read, study and meditate on it intentionally. You could easily stay up all night to read the four books of the New Testament called the gospels. Someone calculated that, at standard conversational speed (150 words per minute), you could read or listen to the gospels in less than seven hours. It wouldn't even take you all night.

God's word is a light to our path. It is flawless. It is inspired by God and transcribed by over 40 authors who all maintained its single theme...God's plan to redeem sinful humans, atone for sin and, through Jesus's sacrifice on the cross, provide us a way of salvation. Take time to LOVE the word of God every day.

Mike

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Elders:

Scott Beccue Joe Rothermel

John Dilliner Bob Thomas

Jerry Hughes

MAY 24, 2026

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

Greeters: Bob & Frances Dowler (Front) Maryanna Smith (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Glenda Case

Nursery: John & Amanda Boyd

Serving: J. Watson, K. Elam, B. Smith, S. Gordon

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

Mission of the Week: OBLONG CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN HOME

Oblong, Illinois

Debby Danner, Executive Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

KEN HEYEN

Haven of Tuscola

1203 Egyptian Trail

Tuscola, IL 61953