

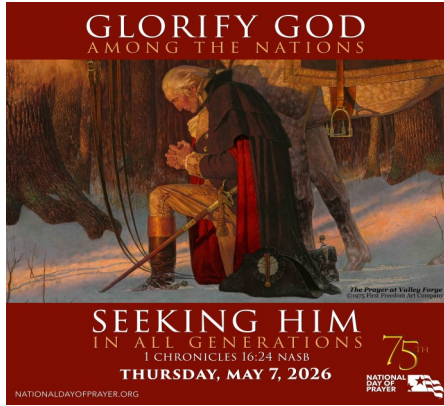


FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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May 5, 2026



National Day of Prayer 2026
Thursday, May 7
Prayer Service at FCC
7:00 p.m.
Everyone is invited!

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!



MAY 3, 2026

Worship & Nursery	91
Sunday School	44
Preschool Class	0
Sunday Morning Celebration	0
King's Kids	2
Blessed Believers	11
The Fellowship Class	27
Chosen Ones	4
OFFERING Total	\$2,690.00
Spendable	2,690.00



Community Vacation Bible School 2026 meets July 13-15 at the VG United Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed! Jimmie Kay Vandeventer is the director. Call the Methodist Church office or FCC office, if you would like to help out this year!

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Cindy Brewer (Sheryl Mulvaney's sister-in-law)- terminal brain cancer; in hospice
Sheryl Gaston- home; will be having more tests
Sarah Hughes- dealing with pain
Mike Lowery (friend of Margaret Black)- still on dialysis, in an Acute Care room
Kurt Logan- battling an infection
Amy O'Neill- lung cancer
Lola Wishersham (6-yr. old granddaughter of Deanne Rothermel's friend)- doing better



Sunday, May 10- 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate at Villa Grove High School

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



8th Grade: Quinn Lillard, Addison Obenland,
Julie Swigart (Graduation May 14, 7:00 p.m.)
High School: Allison Eisenmenger, Ryan Lillard,
Tucker Shunk (Graduation May 17, 2:00 p.m.)
College: Kate Eisenmenger, Logan Lillard

ALLISON EISENMENGER

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

TUCKER SHUNK

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





Proverbs 31 Mothers
5/5/2026

Godly mothers play a vital role in shaping our lives, teaching us values, love, and faith. They demonstrate the love of God through their sacrifices, hard work, and nurturing spirit. It is all together appropriate that the world pauses to reflect on the impact mothers have had in our life.

Regardless of how far your mother has fallen short of God’s perfect plan, it is important to value mothers. Allow these God inspired words to jump start your reflections.

Proverbs 31 was written by King Lemuel. We don’t know who this man was. Many surmise it was a pet name given to King Solomon by his mother, Queen Bathsheba. If so, she taught him well. The first 9 verses are sage counsel regarding the trap of immorality and chasing after women. She warns against the dangers of alcohol and how it leads to addiction, perverts justice, and encourages lawlessness. Then she urges her son to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, and defend the rights of the poor and needy.

As an epilogue, King Lemuel crafts a poem which describes a **Woman of Noble Character**. The words beautifully describe her capacity as wife, mother, entrepreneur, business owner, caregiver, and hostess. She is praised for her mercy, generosity, skill in running the household, integrity in the community and faith in our holy God. **Verse 28-31** states, *Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her words bring her praise at the city gate.*

Give your mother and the mother of your children the reward they have earned. Praise her. Love on her. Most of us would not be the people we are without a mom who prayed for us.

Mike

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