



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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July 21, 2026

Back To School



BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROJECT!

Back-to-School volunteers will collect donations in July for Villa Grove students' school supplies, Grades K-8. You may deposit your donations in the cans near the collection baskets or you may deposit donations at the VG State Bank. If you write a check, please make it payable to

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROJECT.

Thank you from the students, parents and teachers.

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Family of Calvin Corbin– Marsha Green's brother

Robert Graham (Richard's brother)- autoimmune disorder; prayers for full recovery

Family of Keith Hamann—father-in-law of Mabry's daughter, Jackie

Sarah Hughes– in Carle Hospital; has feeding tube

Kurt Logan– stage 1 Hodgkin's lymphoma

Rich Mabry– having GI surgical procedure on Thursday

Women's Christian Fellowship



Women's Christian Fellowship is asking for your help in these three areas:

- 1) WCF would like to get a committee together to decide on what window treatments would be best for the cloak room and Mike's office. If you would be interested, contact Judi Lock.
- 2) Judy Zylstra suggested we have some lady do the decorations for both foyer areas and the front of the auditorium. See Judy, if you might like to do this.
- 3) WCF is in need of someone to take over the Card Ministry for the church– this person sends birthday, anniversary, get well, sympathy cards to folks in the congregation. If this sounds like something you would like to do, contact Judi Lock.

JULY 19, 2026

Worship & Nursery 74

Sunday School 30

Preschool Class 0

Summer Youth Class 0

Blessed Believers 10

The Fellowship Class 16

Chosen Ones 4

OFFERING: Total \$5,673.00

Spendable 5,648.00

Benevolence 25.00



Greatest Influencer **July 21, 2026**

Do you follow an influencer? They are people who use social media to promote certain products, set trends, endorse fashions or games. And, because their dedicated followers trust their judgment, they influence people's actions and buying habits. Right now, the #1 global influencer is a YouTuber named Jimmy Donaldson, (MrBeast). He is renowned for his massive philanthropic stunts, high-budget giveaways, and successful consumer brands. He has over 660 million followers over multiple social media platforms.

The Christian world has its own human influencers. Their social media presence urges faithful followers to believe what they say about theology, apologetics, inspiration, devotion, even tough, cultural questions. Sarah Jake Roberts is a huge influencer of Christian women. Mike Winger uses his **BibleThinker** YouTube channel to unpack complex Bible topics and offer apologetic recommendations. You likely follow influencers you trust.

I "googled" **Most influential people in history**. On a list published by the British website **Historum.com**, Jesus came in third place, after Mohammed and Sir Isaac Newton. Really? How can the only being who is both fully God and fully divine come in third? The Apostle Paul came in sixth.

As Christians, let's keep things simple. Jesus didn't leave being influenced to humans on social media. In John 16:13, Jesus told his disciples that the greatest influencer of things current and things yet to come would be the Holy Spirit. He said, **"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."** If you have the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, you are already being influenced by the one God chose to be the greatest influencer of all time. Trust His influence more than any human.

Mike

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John Dilliner	Bob Thomas
Jerry Hughes	

JULY 26, 2026

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

Greeters: Brenda Elam (Front) Glenda Case (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Dowler/Zylstra

Nursery: Karen Williamson & Julie Swigart

Serving: K. Logan, D. Logan, C. Cannon, D. Shunk

Mission of the Week: ONE MISSION SOCIETY
Greenwood, Indiana
Sara Williamson, Missionary

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

KEN HEYEN
Haven of Tuscola
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