



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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July 7, 2026



Villa Grove Community VBS

July 13-15; 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Villa Grove United Methodist Church

Supper for everyone is served from

5:00-6:00 p.m. each night

Register at villa-grove.mycokesburyvbs.com

Mission will be Camp New Hope, Neoga, IL

Jon Barr (relative of Clark's)- upcoming vertebrae surgery

Bonnie Christman- in the hospital

Sydney Eisenmenger (Phoenix)- blood clot in brain

Robert Graham (Richard's brother)- health problems; prayers for full recovery

Sarah Hughes

Kurt Logan- stage 1 Hodgkin's lymphoma

Family of Chris Munds (great-nephew of Decker's)- killed in construction accident

Ted Shearer- had heart catheterization on Monday



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.

Thank You!



JULY 5, 2026

Worship & Nursery 79

Sunday School 39

Preschool Class 0

Summer Youth Class 0

Blessed Believers 13

The Fellowship Class 19

Chosen Ones 5

OFFERING: Total \$4,453.00

Spendable 4,453.00

Thank you all for the wonderful birthday cards. I enjoyed them all.

GLEND A CASE

Dear Friends at FCC, Thank you for your participation in our Baby Bottle Blessings fundraiser! We are grateful for your support of \$1,245.60. Your support helps provide accurate information and caring services. You make a difference!

CALI RICE, CSD, CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH

Reading the Signs

7/7/2026

John Dilliner and the Shunk family have been changing the message on our church sign for many years. I think they do a fantastic job. I have heard people compliment the messages. The sign has but one purpose... to point people to a message and a direction. But, it is meaningless if folks don't read the sign. And...we cannot force people to read the sign.

The same is true with God's signs. Since the beginning of time, God has been using signs to convey His message and direct humans. After Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, God removed them from that place of perfection. He posted an angel with a flaming sword as a sign that they could never reenter God's earthly paradise. Later, God placed a rainbow in the sky following the global flood, which was a sign of God's promise to never again destroy the earth with water. God wrote his 10 commandments on tablets of stone as a sign that His laws are permanent. In the New Testament, Jesus gave his disciples a meal we call *communion*, which was a sign of his death, burial and the ushering in of the New Covenant in Jesus' blood. Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit, which is a sign guaranteeing the hope of our eternal inheritance.

Jesus also told his followers that they needed to pay attention to the signs which pointed to the end of time. In Matthew 24, the author records Jesus' words regarding the signs every believer should look for which point to that day when time will end. The signs are there. But they are Meaningless, if people refuse to read them. **Verse 42** is an important reminder, ***"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."***

Don't miss the signs. Read them and adhere to the direction they point toward.



Mike

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Elders:

Scott Beccue	Joe Rothermel
John Dilliner	Bob Thomas
Jerry Hughes	

JULY 12, 2026

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

Greeters: David Shunk (Front) Bob Dowler (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brad Smith

Nursery: Kate Shunk

Serving: Seth Shunk, Tucker Shunk, Dave Shunk, Curt Cannon

Elder-On-Call for July: JOHN DILLINER (217)621-9807

Mission of the Week: COLEGIO BIBLICO

Eagle Pass, Texas

Gonzalo Flores, President

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

SHIRLEY SCHWEIGHART

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