



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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August 18, 2026

COMING IN SEPTEMBER!!

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 13— Noon

Henson Park Pavilion

Fried chicken & bottled water are provided

Everyone is asked to bring dishes to share.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!



For everyone... CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH'S annual fundraising banquet— Saturday, September 19, 6:00pm, at the McKenna-Yost Convention Center, Mattoon

If you would like to attend, please see the sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board. We would like to fill at least two tables!

Sarah Hughes– hospice

Kurt Logan– cancer treatments

Lola (granddaughter of Deanne Rothermel's friend)- coded, had CPR and put back on heart machine; prayers for her and her parents

Ronny (Jeri Michael's uncle)- cancer in lung and brain

Mary Stephenson (Khristi Boyer's grandmother)- meds helping with pain

Teachers & students– school starts this week



**YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 23,
AT THE CHURCH AT 6:00 P.M.!**

AUGUST 16, 2026

Worship & Nursery 77

Sunday School 39

Preschool Class 2

Summer Youth Class 4

Blessed Believers 8

The Fellowship Class 21

Chosen Ones 4

OFFERING: Total \$1,899.00

Spendable 1,899.00



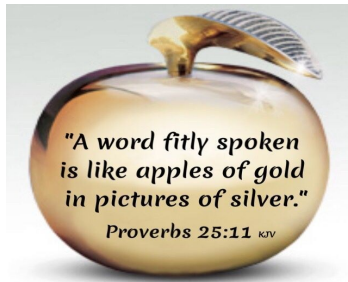
Lola, the young lady on our prayer list, has been in the hospital for 5 months. Her 7th birthday is August 23. We would like to shower her with birthday cards!! The address is (and **MUST BE EXACT!**):

Amanda Wickersham (Lola)

341 Erkenbrecher Ave.

RM 3507

Cincinnati, OH 45229-2813



God Values Words **8/18/2026**

Some people love to hear their own voice. They have opinions about everything and rarely say, “I don’t know.” King Solomon describes them in Proverbs 18:2, *A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.* Other people love to talk but rarely volunteer to do anything. Solomon in Ecclesiastes 5:7 (NLT) says, *Talk is cheap, like daydreams and other useless activities. Fear God instead.* Finally, Solomon says that some people react with words, talk loudly but have no knowledge, Proverbs 11:12 - *A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his tongue.*

Words are valuable and important. Do not lie is one of the 10 commandments. Through words people come to believe in Jesus. Romans 10:14, *How can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?*

Words are so valuable that God identifies Jesus as His Word (John 1:1). When we use words poorly, we slap God in the face. This is why the Bible is full of warnings regarding our use of words. Even coarse joking, swearing and taking God’s name in vain are serious. In Matthew 15, Jesus tells His disciples that many people honor him with their lips, but their hearts are far from Him. Vs. 18 declares, *Things that come out of the mouth come from the heart and these make a man unclean.*

Don’t let it be said that your talk is cheap, foolish, uneducated, or lacking grace. May our words be as Solomon described in Proverbs 25:11 – *A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.* May we value words as highly as God does.

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23,
IS BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY.**

AUGUST 23, 2026

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

Greeters: Judy Zylstra (Front) Brenda Elam (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Bob Dowler

Nursery: John & Amanda Boyd

Serving: P. Eisenmenger, S. Gordon, B. Akers, D. Shunk

Mission of the Week: **OBLONG CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN HOME**

Oblong, Illinois

Debby Danner, Executive Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

SHIRLEY SCHWEIGHART

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