



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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August 25, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE

9:30 a.m.

Special speaker: Brady Hall

Oblong Children's Christian Home-

**He will give a presentation about Oblong and
preach a sermon**



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 Kent Elam.**



Don Russell has a new address!

**Don Russell (217)402-3061
307 S. Hopkins St.
Newman, IL 61942**

AUGUST 23, 2026

**Worship & Nursery 75
Sunday School 38**

**Preschool Class 2
Summer Youth Class 3
Blessed Believers 13
The Fellowship Class 16
Chosen Ones 4**

**OFFERING: Total \$4,427.00
Spendable 3,901.00
Benevolence 526.00**

Thank You!

**To my church family,
Thank you for the constant love and support! This
fellowship means so much to me, especially in such
a large period of transition in my life.**

♥ ALLISON EISENMENGER

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Family of Raymond Burke– friend of Paula Webber

Amy Czerwonka Ray (friend of Sarah Cannon)- vascular surgery on legs on Wednesday

Jan French (Greg Ritter's aunt)- had shoulder surgery on Tuesday

Ken Heyen– health is failing quickly; prayers for his transition from death to eternal life

Curaleen Gammon– fell, taken to Carle; will be going to a rehab facility to build up her strength

Sarah Hughes– hospice

John Klucinkas– will possibly be getting a pacemaker

Shirley Krumwiede (Deanne Rothermel's mother)- heart issues; in Bromenn Hospital, Bloomington

Kurt Logan– cancer treatments

Lola (granddaughter of Deanne Rothermel's friend)- prayers for her and her parents

Addison Robinson (Becky Russell's granddaughter)- pancreatitis

Melissa Robinson (Becky Russell's daughter-in-law)- serious lung issues

Keith Rohl (Joe Rothermel's cousin, from Homer)- brain cancer; in Carle Hospital

Dennis Thompson (Greg Ritter's uncle)- if no infection, will have knee replacement surgery



*Bible Study will resume on September 16,
at 6:30 p.m.
The group will be studying The History of the
Reformation Movement.*

SINGING FOR SARAH

16 ladies and gentlemen went to see Sarah Hughes at her home! The group serenaded her with several hymns and even some Christmas carols! It was good to see her and she enjoyed seeing us, as well! Dottie Cannon (Sarah's granddaughter) went with us, and shared a solo for the group.





Having a Healthy Heart **8/25/2026**

Doctors say that the symptoms of an unhealthy heart include shortness of breath, dizziness, chest discomfort, irregular heartbeat, pain in the arm, neck or back, fatigue, sleeplessness, and swelling of legs or ankles. It is up to us to make sure we eat heart-healthy food, and to see our doctor to make sure our heart is healthy. No one wants to have a heart attack.

The same applies to our spiritual heart. The Bible uses the word “heart” to refer to the core of our being. Scripture describes a healthy spiritual heart:

- Mark 12:30 – It is the origin of our love for God.
- Matt 5:8 – Blessings come from a pure heart.
- Matt 6:21 – It is located right next to the things we treasure.
- Matt 11:23 – It is parallel to Jesus’ heart, humble and gentle.
- Matt 12:34 – It is the well-spring of our words.
- Matt 13:19 – It is the seedbed where God’s word grows and produces fruit.
- Matt 18:35 – It is the seat of forgiveness.
- Mark 11:23 – It is the origin of “faith to move mountains.”
- John 16:33 – It is the center of our spiritual courage.
- Acts 4:32 – It is the source of unity with other believers.
- Romans 9:2 – It is the source of Godly emotions.
- 2 Cor. 9:7 – It is the basis for cheerful giving and tithing.
- 2 Cor 1:22 – It is the home of the Holy Spirit.
- Ephesians 5:19 – It is where songs and praises emanate.

Scripture describes an unhealthy heart as out of rhythm with God, filled with doubt, calloused, full of worry, susceptible to temptation, and full of despair. An unbelieving heart is evil, sinful, stubborn and unrepentant. If changes are not made, we cannot stand before God with a pure heart. Fortunately, God our Great Physician knows how to heal and maintain our heart.

Mike

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Joe Rothermel

John Dilliner

Bob Thomas

Jerry Hughes

AUGUST 30, 2026

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

Greeters: Macen, Molly & Shelby Hughes (Front)

Dennis Williamson (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Bob Dowler/Glenda Case

Nursery: Molly Hughes

Serving: C. Cannon, M. Hughes, B. Smith, R. Graham

Mission of the Week: CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH

Charleston, Illinois

Veronica Edwards, Executive Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

JOE HOLSAPPLE

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