



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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September 1, 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!!



Bible Study will resume on Wednesday,

September 16, at 6:30 p.m.

***The group will be studying The History of the
Restoration Movement.***

**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, as soon as possible**



AUGUST 30, 2026

Worship & Nursery 76

Sunday School 32

Preschool Class 0

Summer Youth Class 0

Blessed Believers 9

The Fellowship Class 17

Chosen Ones 6

OFFERING: Total \$1,415.00

Spendable 1,415.00



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

***** Youth Group will not meet this Sunday, but will get
together on Sunday, September 13.***

*****The church office will be closed on Monday,
September 7, for the Labor Day Holiday.***

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Don Edwards (in Military Honor Guard with Bob Dowler)- oral cancer surgery on Wednesday; will have some bone grafting, as well

Jan French (Greg Ritter's aunt)- successful shoulder surgery

Curaleen Gammon- rehab at Accolade in Savoy

Family of Ken Heyen

Sarah Hughes- hospice

Shirley Krumwiede (Deanne Rothermel's mother)- in hospice at Bromenn Hospital, Bloomington

Kurt Logan- cancer treatments

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

David Roberts (friend of Steve Bradbury, Villa Grove)- not doing well

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)- had knee replacement surgery; back in rehab

Barb Watson- more heart valve issues; being monitored for six months



Beginning this Sunday, Mike will be doing a new sermon series in the book of Philippians! The series will continue until November 22.

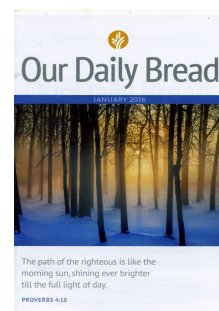
September 6- Intro & Purpose (Philippians 1:1-2)

September 13- Prayers of Joy (Philippians 1:3-11)

September 20- The End Result of Suffering (Philippians 1:12-18)

September 27- Belonging to Christ in Life or Death (Philippians 1:20-26)

The new issue of OUR DAILY BREAD devotional magazine is available at the south door, and is free for anyone. Be sure to pick one up this Sunday!



Picture Day

9/1/2026

Yesterday was “picture day” at school. You remember those days. Special clothes, nice haircut, perfect make-up. You don’t want your picture in the school yearbook to be awful. When I think back to my school pictures, there are some I am not very fond of. Either I had a strange smile, funky hair, or my head was tilted in a weird position. Yet, those moments are frozen in time. Each picture is an accurate representation of me in one moment of my life. But the pictures do not reveal the truth of who I really am.

Jesus experienced this when John the Baptist’s disciples came to Him to ask if He really was Messiah (Matthew 11:1-6). Jesus told them to go back and report to John what they had seen. “The blind receive sight, lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, deaf hear, dead are raised, good news is preached.” Jesus is giving these men snapshots of a few moments in His life. Jesus wants them to take this physical evidence to John and be blessed by what they saw. However, these pictorial moments do not fully capture the truth of who Jesus is.

Jesus is not found in a few snapshots of his accomplishments. They may be accurate, but they aren’t truth. Who Jesus is can only be discovered in His character and the love He expressed on the cross, as our gracious and merciful atonement for sin. He died and was resurrected so that we might fully know who He is. No picture can capture the truth of Jesus as God incarnate. Maybe that is why we are warned in the 10 commandments to not worship an image of who we believe Jesus to be. Pictures can be stunning, but they aren’t truth. To know truth, we must spend time with Jesus, who is truth.

Mike



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Joe Rothermel

John Dilliner

Bob Thomas

Jerry Hughes

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

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

Greeters: Glenda Case (Front) John & Linda Dilliner (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Judi Lock

Nursery: Curt & Sarah Cannon

Serving: S. Shunk, T. Shunk, S. Sinkes, S. Gordon

Mission of the Week: MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

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Ministers of churches in Villa Grove & Camargo

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