

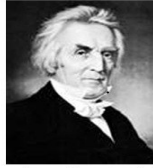


FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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September 15, 2026



Alexander Campbell

History of the Restoration Movement



Barton W. Stone

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
Join us and bring your friends.



Darrell Hinkle- beginnings of Parkinson's disease

Sarah Hughes- hospice

Kitty Loeh (long-time employee of VG Schools)- bad reaction to chemo; is home, but facing 12 more treatments

Kurt Logan- will be having radiation

Lola (granddaughter of Deanne Rothermel's friend)- still struggling

Melissa Robinson- not doing well

Stella (Hubert's great-granddaughter)- will be seeing a specialist

Gaynell Taylor (Kate Shunk's 94-yr. old grandmother)- unexplained bleed

Friday, 9/18 3:00-4:30pm Volunteers needed at Rural Grace Food Pantry

Saturday, 9/19 5:00pm- Church bus will leave the church for those attending the Choices Banquet

Sunday, 9/20 6:00pm- Youth Group meets at the church



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Worship & Nursery 96

Sunday School 45

Preschool Class 2

Summer Youth Class 3

Blessed Believers 14

The Fellowship Class 21

Chosen Ones 4

OFFERING: (9/6) \$3,038.00

Spendable 3,038.00

OFFERING: (9/13) \$2,255.00

Spendable 2,155.00

Missions 100.00

Thank You!



Thank you to everyone for the lovely birthday cards I received! They were very much appreciated.

LINDA STANFIELD

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, texts, cards, food, love and support shown during my mother's illness and passing. Those things all helped get me through each day. I love and appreciate you all!

DEANNE ROTHERMEL

Studying History is Very Beneficial

9/15/2026

The phrase, “Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.” is a modern paraphrase of the original 1905 phrase attributed to George Santayana, who wrote “***Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it***” in *The Life of Reason, Volume One: Reason in Common Sense*. Santayana knew that it is common sense to learn our history. Our personal history helps us know who we are today. It provides a context for why we do what we do, and even gives us a framework for our future.

The same is true of our church congregation. First Christian Church proclaims to be part of the ***Restoration Movement***, but what is that? What needed to be restored and why? When did the movement begin, and who were the main characters in this restoration process? Is it relevant to us today? Does it still give us a solid framework for our future as a church? We will investigate these and other questions every Wednesday evening (except the second Wed.) at 6:30 p.m.

Some of the names we will talk about include James O’Kelly, Thomas Campbell, Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone, Walter Scott, Abner Jones, “Raccoon” John Smith, David Lipscomb, Isaac Errett and Moses E. Lard. We will discuss the Cane Ridge Revival, The *Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery*, and the effort to stand on scripture alone, with no denominational creeds. We will find out why we believe it is important to be united in Christ and remove denominational barriers, and discuss some of the mottos like, *In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in everything love*. We will also look at the specific history of F.C.C. V.G. and see who helped mold and shape this congregation.

Though the **Restoration Movement** is over 200 years old, it is integral to our identity. We need to know our history.

Mike



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Bob Thomas

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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

Greeters: Margaret Black (Front) Macen & Molly Hughes (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Patti Groves

Nursery: Maryanna Smith & Julie Swigart

Serving: B. Smith, M. Hughes, P. Eisenmenger, D. Shunk

Mission of the Week:

LITTLE GALILEE CHRISTIAN CAMP

Clinton, Illinois

Gabe Rutledge, Camp Manager