



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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September 29, 2026



Mike will be continuing the sermon series on the book of Philippians!

Oct. 4 "How to Value Others" (Phil. 2:3-4)

Oct. 11 "Imitating Christ's Humility" (Phil. 2:5-11)

Oct. 18 "Working Out Your Salvation" (Phil. 2:12-18)

Oct. 25 "Valued Friends" (Phil. 2:19-30)

YOU ARE INVITED!

The Fellowship Class will start a new study on Sunday, Oct. 4. We will cover "THE CORE BELIEFS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH." If you want to learn what our core beliefs are, come and join us as we study together. Don't miss this opportunity to learn what we believe, and why. We will cover what we should know to grow as a disciple of Christ. We will have fun, food (coffee & donuts), and fellowship as we learn from God's word and from each other.

Hope to see you there! In Christ, BOB THOMAS



Soup
Supper



WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP SOUP SUPPER

Thursday, October 8— 6:00 p.m.

This is for EVERYONE (not just ladies). Join us for an evening of fellowship and good food. You don't need to bring anything— all the goodies are being provided by the ladies of WCF.

Sarah Cannon will be showing and telling about her recent train trip in the Canadian Rockies.

BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE SIGN-UP SHEET IN SUNDAY'S BULLETIN!

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Worship & Nursery 98

Sunday School 47

Preschool Class 2

Youth Class 5

Blessed Believers 12

The Fellowship Class 26

Chosen Ones 2

OFFERING: (9/20) \$2,598.00

Spendable 2,598.00

OFFERING: (9/27) \$2,288.00

Spendable 1,895.00

Benevolence 393.00

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Worship & Nursery 86

Sunday School 41

Preschool Class 2

Youth Class 3

Blessed Believers 12

The Fellowship Class 19

Chosen Ones 5



Wednesday, Sept. 30— 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study meets at the church— continuing our study of the History of the Restoration Movement

Sunday, October 4— 6:00 p.m.

Youth Group meets at the church



IN OUR

Thoughts and Prayers



Bernadine Andrews– had a hysterectomy; doctors removed a cancerous mass, and she will need to do chemo treatments

Teleah Carroll (friend of Molly Hughes)- in hospital with cystic fibrosis

Family of Angie Chewning– neighbor of the Frick's

Sarah Hughes– hospice

Jeff Johns (farmer from Arcola area– Bob Dowler works for him)- diagnosed with a severe infection in his knee, preventing him from helping with harvest

Kurt Logan– radiation treatments

Lola (granddaughter of Deanne Rothermel's friend)- was able to walk around; still waiting for a heart donor; continue to keep her and her family in prayer

Bonnie Maring (Treanna Ragan's mom)- health issues

Edna Waldrop– fell and broke her hip; is in Carle Hospital and in a great deal of pain

Family of Roger Yoder– friend of Dowler's from Arcola

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

THE FAMILY OF SHIRLEY KRUMWIEDE
(Deanne Rothermel's mother)

Dear Church Family, Thank you for your cards, texts, meals, flowers, phone calls and PRAYERS. God is helping me through this journey. Pain is increasing, but they are doing well with the medicine to keep pain down. Please keep praying for Jerry and our kids. This has been so hard on them.

Love, SARAH HUGHES



2026 IN-THANKSGIVING PROJECT!

The In-Thanksgiving project for this fall is the IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services) GAP (God Always Provides) meal-pack event. Each meal feeds six and costs \$.25. We will be packing 15,000 meals, which will total \$3,750. We'd like to have five lines again this year, so we need at least 50 volunteers to help pack these meals. A lunch bucket will be set out in the sanctuary for monetary donations, and a sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the south hall.





Scams Are Difficult to Detect

9/29/2026

The past couple of weeks have been frustrating for myself and the people of F.C.C. Many have received a scam e-mail, claiming it was from me and asking for gift cards to be given to cancer patients. A few days later, more church members received texts from a phony cell number also asking for help. ALL OF THESE WERE SCAMS. Then, Monday morning, I looked at my church e-mail, and I had received a scam supposedly from our local funeral director. (note: If you ever receive a scam, you can report it to www.reportfraud.ftc.gov.)

Lies, deceit, fraud, and scams are an aggravating part of our world. They cause people to be deceived, and the result is they become cynical, skeptical and distrustful. Sadly, those character traits are bleeding into our Christian witness. In a recent poll by the George Barna Group, between 6% & 9% of self-identified born-again Christians in the United States possess a fully biblical worldview. This is down from 20% just 15 years ago. Why? Because Christians are struggling to know truth. Jesus's disciples knew that you can't trust every church leader who says they are proclaiming truth. In John's letter (**1 John 4:1-2**) he said, *Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.*

Knowing the truth takes effort, work, research, discernment, examination, testing and wisdom. The great promise from Jesus to His disciples (**John 8:31-32**) is, *If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*

Take heart, my friends, in this world we will be scammed. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit we can know truth.

Mike

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OCTOBER 04, 2026

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

Greeters: Dave Shunk (Front) Larry & Sheryl Mulvaney (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Dilliner/Hubert

Nursery: Curt & Sarah Cannon

Serving: B. Smith, M. Hughes, R. Graham, J. Watson

Mission of the Week:

CHRISTIAN CAMPUS FOUNDATION

University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign

Andy Conklin, Director



2026 CHURCH PICNIC Sunday, September 13 Henson Park Pavilion

