



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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September 8, 2026

THIS SUNDAY!!

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 13— Noon

Henson Park Pavilion

Fried chicken & bottled water are provided.

Everyone is asked to bring dishes to share.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!!



upcoming events

Wednesday, Sept. 9– 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting 7:30 p.m. Board meeting

***Thursday, Sept. 10– 6:30 p.m. WCF will meet at the church. Hostess: Karen Williamson,
Devotions: Judy Zylstra, Missions: Paula Webber***

Sunday, Sept. 13– 6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at the church

Tuesday, Sept. 15– 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Coffee at the Lazy Day Café

***Wednesday, Sept. 16– 6:30 p.m. Bible Study will resume. The group will be studying the
History of the Restoration Movement.***



Curaleen Gammon– home

Sarah Hughes– hospice

Family of Shirley Krumwiede– Deanne Rothermel's mother

Kurt Logan– will be having radiation later this month

Lola (granddaughter of Deanne Rothermel's friend)- fluid in her lungs; tested positive for rhinovirus

Carolyn Oslin (Sheryl Mulvaney's sister)- had heart ablation; coming home today

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Worship & Nursery 74

Sunday School 35

Preschool Class 2

Summer Youth Class 3

Blessed Believers 10

The Fellowship Class 18

Chosen Ones 2

OFFERING: N/A

Spendable N/A



2026 "In-Thanksgiving" Project

IDES GAP FOOD-PACKING

Saturday, November 21

You won't want to miss this!!



Power of Prayer

9/8/2026

The Pew Research Center has found that 44% of Americans claim to pray daily. Another 23% pray once a week. Most of these prayers focus on personal health and safety needs. Many offer words of gratitude for food and family. Yet, few people really understand the power of prayer. James 5:16 emphasizes that the prayer of a righteous person is both powerful and effective. The issue for many is figuring out what that means.

Scripture reveals that prayer can be a source of spiritual strength and dedication to the cause of Christ. Prayer helps us overcome anxiety and brings us peace. It can result in forgiveness of sin and even give us understanding of the will of God. Prayer builds our faith, and is where we humbly yield to God. In prayer, we build an incredible parent/child relationship with God. We succumb to the correction of the Holy Spirit and surrender to the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

Prayer is not a magical incantation to force God to do what we want. We can't twist God's arm (so to speak) or manipulate Him by making demands that He act a certain way to prove that He is real. Prayer doesn't bring us salvation. Prayer isn't hypocritical. It isn't an expression of a person's vast vocabulary. Nor can it be done to impress humans. Prayer is not your personal shopping cart of stuff you want from God. Nor is it a one-way monologue.

Dr. Adrian Rogers says it this way, ***"The prayer that gets to heaven is the prayer that starts in heaven. We close the circuit. That's all we do...Prayer is the Holy Spirit finding a desire in the heart of the Father, putting that desire into our heart and then sending it back to heaven in the power of the cross."***

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Joe Rothermel

John Dilliner

Bob Thomas

Jerry Hughes

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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

Greeters: Bob Dowler (Front) Marsha Green (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Rex & Jan Duzan

Nursery: Kilee Simpson

Serving: K. Logan, D. Logan, R. Graham, C. Cannon

Mission of the Week:

RURAL GRACE FOOD PANTRY

Murdock, Illinois

Richard Rose, Contact Person