



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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October 6, 2026

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.

Wednesday, Oct. 7– 6:30 p.m. Bible Study meets at the church

Sunday, Oct. 11– 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Committee meets after Sunday School

*Wednesday, Oct. 14– 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting
7:30 p.m. Board meeting*



From Nancy Jackson-

Thank you to everyone for their prayers and love. I felt every one of them. I still have infection, but am improving. Please continue to pray for healing and increased stamina.

OCTOBER 4, 2026

Worship & Nursery 87

Sunday School 49

Preschool Class 2

Youth Class 3

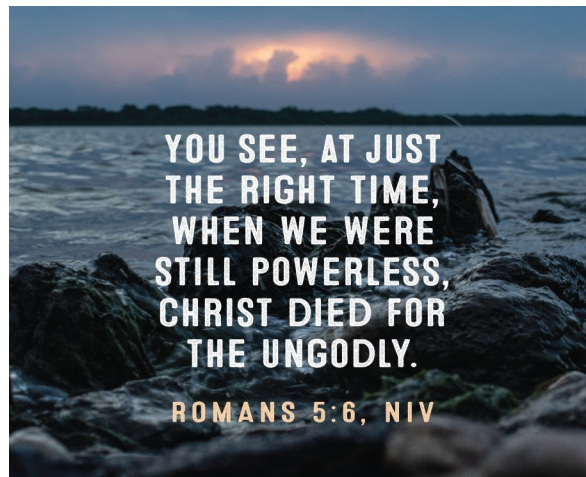
Blessed Believers 13

The Fellowship Class 24

Chosen Ones 7

OFFERING: \$3,720.00

Spendable 3,720.00



IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

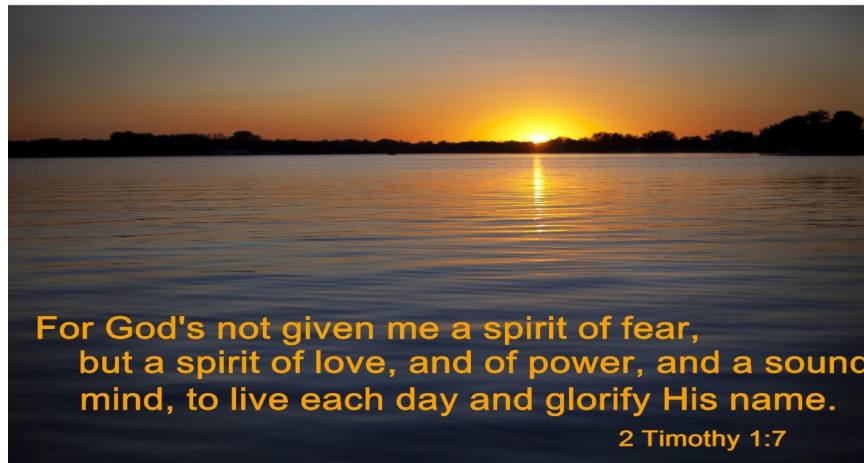
Bernadine Andrews– successful surgery; still having pain
Teleah Carroll (friend of Molly Hughes)- home; lung function is down
Glenda Case– implanted heart monitor on Thursday
Elmer Decker– successful heart procedure
Sheryl Gaston– had outpatient surgery on Monday
Sarah Hughes– hospice; doing well
Nancy Jackson– prayers for healing; see note on front page
Kurt Logan– radiation treatments
Lola– still awaiting heart donor
Bonnie Maring (Treanna Ragan’s mom)- health issues
Family of Keith Rohl– Joe Rothermel’s cousin
Edna Waldrop– was moved to The Haven in Tuscola for healing and rehab

2026 IN-THANKSGIVING PROJECT!

Saturday, November 21

9:00 a.m. – Noon

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 is set out in the sanctuary for monetary donations, and a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the south hall.



Pastor Appreciation Month
10/6/2026

October is known as Pastor Appreciation month. It is nice to receive cards, meals, and tokens of gratitude from people in the congregation. Everyone works harder when they are noticed and given a positive acknowledgment of their effort. A 2024 National poll of ministers showed that 38% of pastors in full-time ministry feel appreciated always or frequently. 12% feel rarely or never appreciated. I definitely fall into the 4 in 10 category. People at FCC often take time to get to know me and Judy. They pray for us, ask about our struggles and are concerned about what might be causing us anxiety. They know that we live a long distance from our families, so they have intentionally urged us to take whatever time we need to visit them. We have been blessed by outpourings of love and have never felt that the church places an undue burden on our time or talents. I love it when a member stops by the office just to chat, pray for me or offer me a word of encouragement and a hug.

This congregation truly takes Paul's urging in **1 Thessalonians 5:12-13** to heart. He says, *Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.*

Now, if you are looking for a tangible way to show appreciation for this Pastor, I would suggest that it come in the form of volunteering to help in the ministries of this congregation. Contact your non-Christian friends and lead them to Christ. Fervently pray for the discipleship of everyone in this community. Read your Bible daily. Continually put the things of Christ above everything else. And love one another as Christ has loved you.

Mike



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Scott Beccue

Joe Rothermel

John Dilliner

Bob Thomas

Jerry Hughes

OCTOBER 11, 2026

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

Greeters: Bill Akers (Front) Margaret Black (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Zylstra/Hughes

Nursery: Becky Sinkes

Serving: P. Eisenmenger, D. Shunk, S. Sinkes, C. Cannon

Mission of the Week:

COLEGIO BIBLICO

Eagle Pass, Texas

Gonzalo Flores, President