



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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July 9, 2024

Community  
Vacation Bible School  
July 14-18  
6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Villa Grove United Methodist Church



**\*\*Adult and student volunteers are being asked to register. If you use the QR code (see poster on church bulletin board) or the site ([villa-grove.mycokesburyvbs.com](http://villa-grove.mycokesburyvbs.com)), you will find a MENU at the top and a drop-down for volunteers to register.**

**\*\*There will be a meal each evening, between 5:15 and 5:45 p.m., open to all. The community is being asked for monetary donations to help buy the food and supplies needed for these meals.**

**\*\*If you have SMALL camping tents, sleeping bags and other camping equipment that could be used for VBS decorations, please let SARAH HUGHES or KAREN WILLIAMSON know.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP! Contact FCC or the Methodist Church, if you have questions.**



*Wednesday, July 10 Elders meeting- 6:00 p.m.  
Board meeting- 7:30 p.m.*

*Thursday, July 11 Women's Christian Fellowship meets at the church at 6:30 p.m.*

*Hostesses: 2023-24 Officers*

*Devotions: Jeretta Mabry*

*Missions: Paula Webber*

*Sunday, July 21 Fellowship Committee meeting after Sunday School at 11:45 a.m.*

**JULY 7, 2024**

Worship 92

Sunday School 56

Sunday Morning Celebration 3

King's Kids 2

High School/College 5

Blessed Believers 13

The Fellowship Class 26

Chosen Ones Class 7

OFFERING (6/30/2024): \$1,887.00

Spendable 1,832.00

Worship (coffee) 55.00



**WORK DAY**

**Saturday, July 13-- 9:00 a.m.**

**The new railing in the hallway will be installed. Your help will be appreciated!**

# IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Patti Groves- successful knee replacement surgery; prayers for healing

Joyce Ritter- surgery has been cancelled

Mary Louise Klucinkas- had eye procedure to help with eyesight

Terry & Lois Naddy- moving to Arizona on Tuesday

Kilee Simpson- will have c-section on Thursday, July 11

Hailey Watson (Barb Watson's daughter-in-law)- going on a mission trip to London with her two daughters, Ruby and Ruthy

Pray for a successful VBS, July 14-18. Pray for adult workers and that the VG community's children will have a good week, learning to trust God.



*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for the graduation card. I'm very thankful for the wonderful and supportive church family.*

**SHELBY HUGHES**

## BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT

It's time to collect donations for the Back to School Project! You may place your donation in the cans by the collection baskets, or in your Sunday School class, or donations may be deposited directly to the Back to School account at the Villa Grove State Bank. Please make checks payable to the "Back to School Project." Above all, please pray for our students and school staff.

Thank you in advance for supporting our students.

With thanksgiving,  
SARAH CANNON



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## **Reference or Revelation?** **7/9/2024**

I have led many Bible studies on a variety of topics. I have preached sermons on what the Bible says about prayer, baptism, love, forgiveness, the end times, being a disciple, repentance, and dozens more. When people come to me for advice on difficult issues in life, like preparing to have a God honoring marriage, handling a divorce, loving a prodigal child, struggling through gender identity, dealing with abortion, kicking addictive habits, etc. I refer to the Bible, and pour through its pages so that I can find a solid, Biblical foundation on which to stand. I know that God's word is powerful: **Hebrews 4:12 – For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.** Scripture is an amazing reference book.

Then it dawned on me. The word of God (the Bible) is not just a reference book. The word of God is also the revelation of God to humans. The word of God is Jesus (cf: John 1:1ff). Jesus reveals the character of God, the desires of God, the will of God, the forgiveness of God, the salvation of God, the grace of God, the heart of God, and the love of God. God sent His word, Jesus, to earth so that His nature, and eternal countenance might be grasped by frail, fragile, temporary humans. God wants us to know Him as much as is humanly possible.

When we love the word of God, we do more than love a reference book. We love His revelation. When we read the Bible, we should do more than look for proof-texts to validate our point or answer one of life's questions. We should be discovering God. If we faithfully seek Jesus in scripture, we will find God revealed. Read the Bible and let the revelation begin.

*Mike*



### **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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Office Hours: 10:00-4:30 (M, T, Th, F)

#### **Elders:**

John Dilliner                 Jerry Hughes  
Bob Dowler                 Joe Rothermel

### **JULY 14, 2024**

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

**Greeters: (South) Molly McClintock  
(Front) Bill Akers  
Coffee Fix & Cleanup: Ray Weaver & Frances Dowler  
Serving: M. Hughes, B. Smith, R. Duzan, D. Shunk**

**Elder-On-Call for July: JOE ROTHERMEL (217)369-5285**

**Mission of the Week: AXIOM CHRISTIAN (University of Illinois)  
Urbana/Champaign, Illinois**

### **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**VICKI GENTRY  
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