



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*Behold, What Manner of Love*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Friday, May 19th and Saturday, May 20th** Upward Soccer Evaluations will be Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to noon

**Saturday, May 20th** Children's Event (6th grade and under)—Theme is "Armed Forces Day" 10:00 a.m. to Noon

**Sunday, May 21st** Graduates will be recognized during worship service.

**Sunday, May 21st** Costa Rica Mission Trip Meeting #3 meets @ 1:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, May 21st**

Costa Rica Mission Trip Fundraiser at Culvers. Come between 5 p.m. and 7p.m.

**Monday, May 22nd** Last Day to order an FCC shirt celebrating 150 year anniversary of the church

### **Tuesday, May 23rd**

Young @ Heart will meet at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship, food and prayer

### **Wednesday, May 24th**

Last W.O.W. of the season for Youth which meets at 5:30 p.m. for supper with Bible study to follow

**Thursday, May 25th** Upward Soccer meeting @ 5:30 p.m. and V.B.S. meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 1st** Missions Meeting will meet @ 5:30 p.m.

## **Ponderings of the Preacher . . .**

Spring is the season of graduation. I wish to extend to all of our graduates from First Christian Church my heart-felt congratulations. You have completed a phase of your education and are ready to begin a new time in your life. You have worked hard in order to be able to achieve this and you deserve to be recognized and commended.

Let me share a few quotes about graduation. I hope that they might be an encouragement to all of our graduates.

"That diploma you hold in your hands today is really just your learner's permit for the rest of the drive through life. Remember, you don't have to be smarter than the next person, all you have to do is be willing to work harder than the next person." – Jimmy Iovine

"By all reckoning, the bumblebee is aerodynamically unsound and shouldn't be able to fly. Yet, the little bee gets those wings going like a turbo-jet and flies to every plant its chubby little body can land on to collect all the nectar it can hold. Bumblebees are the most persistent creatures. They don't know they can't fly, so they just keep buzzing around. Like the lowly bumblebee, honored graduates, never give in to pessimism. Don't know that you can't fly, and you will soar like an eagle." Earl Bakken

"My favorite animal is the turtle. The reason is that in order for the turtle to move, it has to stick its neck out. There are going to be times in your life when you're going to have to stick your neck out. There will be challenges and instead of hiding in a shell, you have to go out and meet them." – Westheimer

Let me add some of the words found in the Bible to encourage and challenge you as you move forward in life

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. 1 Corinthians 15:58 *New Living Translation*

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Galatians 6:9 *New Living Translation*

Finally, let me say that your church family at First Christian Church is proud of you and your accomplishments. As you continue with your life and your education, may you continue to put God first in your life!

C U N Church,  
David



***Serving In May***

***Elder:*** Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating

***Deacons:*** Tom Waldhoff, Vernon Jamison, Don Thoele, Kevin Jamison

***Deaconesses:*** Darlene Elliott & Cheryl Bloemker

<b><i>5-7-17 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$4511.16 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>	<b><i>5--14-17 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total:\$4,788.00 includes Faith Promise</i></b>
Worship:93                      Sunday School:20 Evening Worship: 18	Worship: 96                      Sunday School: 22 Evening Worship: dismissed for Mother's Day
<b><i>Faith Promise Missions: \$875.00</i></b>	<b><i>Faith Promise Offering:\$342.00</i></b>
Costa Rica Mission Trip \$300.00    Building:\$40.00	Costa Rica Mission Trip\$ 100.00    Building:\$40.00
Upward Soccer Registration \$280.00	Sunday School:\$13.00
Sunday School:\$10.50      C.R.M.T. Bake Sale \$18.75	Upward Soccer Registration:\$280.00

***May 21st Greeters:*** Chris & Angie Denoyer ***May 21st Home Communion:*** Kevin Jamison & Tom Shouse

***May 28th Greeters:*** George & Marcie Shouse ***May 28th Home Communion:*** John Donathan & Martin Zubiarte

## ***Sunday Evening Service***



### **Sunday, May 21st**

Join Us for an evening worship service  
with contemporary music.

The service starts at **5:00 p.m.**, then we will go to Culver's

## ***Young @ Heart***

### **Tuesday, May 23rd**

Come @ 9:00 a.m. to share in coffee/tea,  
fellowship and prayer in Beebe Hall

All 50 and over are invited to come and be with  
us on Tuesday mornings



## ***Thanks For Anniversary Well Wishes***

### **Shorty & Lee Beals**

Thanks to everyone for the well wishes and cards we received  
for our 65th wedding anniversary celebration. Also, thanks to  
those who attended the open house/dance. It was all greatly  
appreciated.





# Prayer Requests



**Homebound and Nursing Home:** Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Loretta Quast, Cecil "Paul" Richey, Wilma Sherrick, Marie Fulk, Harry Johnson, Don VanDeveer, Lulubelle Winn, Oneida Lewis, Eleanor Bounds, Elinor Wolford, Elfrieda Zerkel, Eldon Ooton, Darlene Zimdars, Agnes Simpson



**Cancer:** Laura Knierim, Sharon Douglas, Shirley Strickland, Ron Anderson, Tatum, Ashley Judd, June Cain, Linda Smith, Paul Dempsey, Barb Eaton, Patty Willis, Alayna Plank, Renae Metke, Andy, Mike Page, Tom Koester, Brett Walker, Gary Lewis, Brandy Harper, Tiffany Dunaway, Brad Arney's Great Grandson Parker Burns, Susie Mast, Nancy Koester, Patrice Runyon, John Arnold, Carley Tull, Robert Barkauska, Jessica Baker, Nikki Szyonik, Katie Krueger, Misty Ulmer, Lanny Grove, Joshua McConnell, Rosemary Niemerg, Paula Jones, Mike Altgilbers, Ruth, Barb Gaddis, Elizabeth Weidner, Trish Couch, Wyatt Smith, Dallas Parkhurst, Ray Bushue, Bill Dentln, Darrell Raymond, Jane Ann's Friend, Joy Gamber, Gene Moeller, Angie Thomason, Cindy Thomason, Ellen Walk, Sue Heth, Ken Gilbert, Arlene Mullen, Donna Pollock, Cheryl Woodard, Joe Stoops, Roland O'Leary, Jill Fiddler, Scott Chalcant, Dallas Hurst, Caleb, Tammy Zuber, Mary Vail, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Linda Packer, Diane Slone, Jim Coatney



**Special Needs:** Darlene & Gary Elliott, Elaine Griffin, Mary Muntean, Michelle Vonderheide, Russ Mitchell, Lois Ooton, John Weiffenbach, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, Tracey Scoggins, Carl Gowler, David Shouse, Rosalie Walls, Sandy Grimsley, Brad Donaldson, Bobby Dean, Jeff Christianson, Justine's co-worker, David Shouse, Janet Esker's Grandson, George Shouse, Kristen Fernandez, Shirley Jamison's two sisters, Bill Price, Dee Musgrave, Craig Lattig

(These names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Then, we need an update to put their names back on this Special Needs list.)



**Missions:** Costa Rica Mission Trip



**Military:** J.R. Trueblood, Troops in harms way, Tyler Cross in the Air Force

**Grieving Families:** Rosario Medero Family, Bob Bushue Family, Tanner Rupinski Family

## Come To Culver's

**Sunday, May 21st**

**When:** From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.


**What:** All tips and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to our Costa Rica Mission Trip Fund.

Come out and support our team going on the Costa Rica Mission Trip scheduled for July 31st to August 7th.



# June 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Missions meeting @ 5:30 p.m.</i>	2 <i>Youth Event (7th through 12th grade)</i>	3
4	5	6 <i>Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.</i>  <i>Elders Meet @ 6:30 p.m.</i>	7	8	9	10
11	12   <i>Upward Soccer 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.</i>	13 <i>Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.</i>  <i>Upward Soccer 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.</i>	14  <i>Open Church 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</i>	15  <i>Upward Soccer 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.</i>	16  <i>Upward Soccer 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.</i>	17  <i>Upward Soccer Game Day 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</i>
18	19	20 <i>Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.</i>	21  <i>Open Church 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</i>	22 <i>Ark &amp; Creation Museum Trip</i>	23 <i>Ark &amp; Creation Museum Trip</i>  <i>Youth Event (7th through 12th grade)</i>	24 <i>Upward Soccer Play Day Children's Event 10:00 a.m. to Noon</i>
25 <i>C.R.M.T. Meeting @ 1:00 p.m. #4</i>	26   <i>Upward Soccer 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.</i>	27 <i>Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.</i>  <i>Upward Soccer 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.</i>	28  <i>Open Church 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</i>	29  <i>Upward Soccer 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.</i>	30  <i>Upward Soccer 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.</i>	<u><i>August 1</i></u> <i>Upward Soccer Game Day 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</i>

## ***June Birthdays & Anniversaries***

5. Troy Bloemker	BD	16. Klent & Tracey Scoggins	WA
6. Linda Rush	BD	18. John Donathan	BD
7. Brenton Jamison	BD	20. Jeromy Knaus	BD
7. Jeff & Laurie Akeman	WA	20. Josh Knaus	BD
9. Audrey Shouse	BD	22. Payton Bushue	BD
9. Katie Rush	BD	23. LeAnn Spruell	BD
9. Toby & Heather Wolke	WA	26. Holly Bloemker	BD
10. Jeff Akeman	BD	29. Rodney Raber	BD
11. Scott & Julie Healy	WA	30. Nancy Harper	BD
11. Terry & Nancy Harper	WA		
13. Erin Calvert	BD		
15. Darlene Elliott	BD		
15. Randy Bushue	BD		



## **Immeasurable Harvest**

### **2016-2017 Faith Promise Giving**

#### **Promised**

**\$38,790**



#### **Given**

**\$24,763**

## ***May Challenge***

### **Eliminating Biblical Illiteracy**

Biblical illiteracy has increased dramatically in recent years. People including Christians know less and less about the Bible. If we claim to be a people of the Book, we should have a working knowledge of the Bible. During the next several months, we as a congregation will be working toward eliminating Biblical illiteracy by increasing our knowledge and understanding of the Bible. Each month we will be focusing on a different part of the Bible and attempting to increase our knowledge of that part of Scripture.



In May, our challenge is to memorize The Ten commandments. Won't you join us in this worthwhile endeavor? Be sure to pick up your Bible question calendar for May.





## 2017 Graduates

### Promoted To High School

**Alexis  
Smith**

Stew/Stras  
May 21st  
Graduation

**Trenton  
Scoggins**

Effingham Jun-  
ior High School

**Katie Rush**

Effingham Jun-  
ior High School

**Callista Denoyer**

Earned the President's award for academic excellence with three years high honor roll and scoring at the 85%tile or higher on standardized testing Effingham Junior High School

### High School Graduate

**Alex  
Denoyer**

Illinois State  
Scholar; Chosen  
for an undergraduate re-  
search fellowship scholar-  
ship at Indiana State Uni-  
versity. Valedictorian-  
Effingham High School.



**Austin  
Spillman**

John Phillip  
Sousa award,  
Louis Armstrong Jazz  
award, Director's Award  
Effingham High School.



**Shane  
Waldhoff**

Art club, Band  
Bass Guitar  
And Sax, Origami.  
Teutopolis High School.



**Jack  
Bloemker**

SIUE Academic  
Scholarship  
St. Anthony High School



**Will  
Starwalt  
EHS**



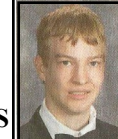
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Freeman  
EHS**



**Ashley  
Shewmake  
EHS**



**Anthony  
Jamison  
South  
Central HS**



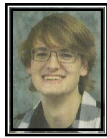
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Utz  
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**Blaze  
Hartke  
EHS**



**Chance  
Hull  
EHS**



**Bailey  
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EHS**



**Samantha  
Steele  
EHS**



**Jacob  
Sapp  
EHS**



### College Graduates And Armed Forces



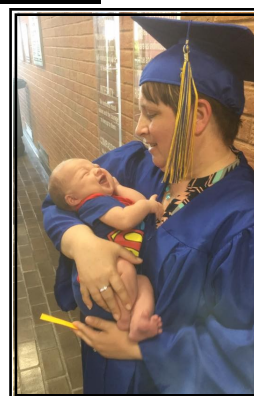
**Gabriel Waldhoff**

Various officer positions with Beta  
Theta Pi Fraternity at SIU.  
2016 IDSA-STL Student Design Com-  
petition Innovation 1st place Award.  
Liberal Arts Degree in Industrial  
Engineering S.I.U. With Honors  
May 13th  
Gabe is Patrol Leader in the National  
Guard and has earned the German  
Armed Forces Proficiency Badge,  
Company Coin and Expert Rifleman  
Award.



**Astrid Reyes**

Marketing Bachelor's  
Degree  
Eastern Illinois  
University  
May 7th



**Barb Jamison**

Early Childhood  
Associates  
South Eastern Illinois  
May 12th



**T.J. Gordon**

Graduated Marine Corps  
May 7th