



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*Under His Wings*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Saturday, February 24th** FCC Directory Signing Party begins at 6:00 p.m. bring a snack to pass around

**Tuesday, February 27th** Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, February 28th** W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper then Bible study to follow. "Recovering America's Religious Heritage" is the adult study

**Friday, March 2nd** Next Level Camp Orientation meets at 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 3rd** Men's Day @ St. Louis Christian College begins 10:00 a.m. and concludes at noon, then a Barbecue lunch will be served

**Sunday, March 4th** Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal or your choice due in Beebe Hall for Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

**Tuesday, March 6th** Elders meet at 6:30 p.m.



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

It has been a long time in coming but it is finally here. After seeing it, I believe you will agree that it has been worth the wait. It will be a valuable tool in helping members of our church to become better acquainted with others in the congregation. You may be wondering what it is that I am talking about. Our new church pictorial directory has arrived. Our directory has twenty-eight pages of pictures and information sharing details about the life and ministry of First Christian Church as well as a beautifully designed front and back cover. I would like to personally and publicly thank Bev Thoele, Cleone Bloemker, and Linda Packer for all of the work they did in putting this directory together. It was not an easy task. I hope that each family who is a part of our church can have a copy of this directory. All of those who either had their picture taken or submitted a picture for the directory will receive one. If you have recently begun attending First Christian Church, I want you to have a copy as well. If you don't fit in any of those categories but are a part of our congregation, I want you to have a copy as well. We have ordered additional copies so that hopefully no one will be left out.

I invite you to come to the Signing Party and Singspiration being held this coming Saturday night, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. At that time we will distribute the directories. You can have your brothers and sisters in Christ sign your directory along with sharing a brief note of encouragement. This will make your directory a real keep-sake for years to come. For those who have recently begun attending our church this will provide an opportunity to connect names with faces. We will also enjoy a time of praise through music. So please if you have a special in song or verse that you feel the Lord is asking you to share, come prepared to share it. The Lord will use you to bless everyone in attendance. If you can, please bring a snack to share with everyone. I hope to see you Saturday night!

C U N Church,  
David



### ***Serving In February***

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

***Deacons:*** Greg Spillman, Chris Denoyer, Jeff Akeman, Terry Harper

***Deaconesses:*** Cleone Bloemker & Vicky Maxwell

<b><i>2/11/18 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>		<b><i>2/18/18 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$5,090.55 includes Faith Promise</i></b>	
Worship:Ø	Sunday School:	Worship: 90	Sunday School:25
<b><i>Faith Promise Missions: \$</i></b>		<b><i>Faith Promise Offering:\$385.00</i></b>	
<b><i>Building:\$</i></b>		<b><i>Building:\$80.00</i></b>	
<b><i>Sunday School:\$</i></b>		<b><i>Sunday School:\$26.50</i></b> <b><i>Upward Soccer Next Level: \$70.00:</i></b>	

**February 25th Greeters:** Terry & Nancy Harper **February 25th Home Communion:** Martin Reyes

**March 4th Greeters:**

**March 4th Home Communion:** Chris Denoyer & Toby Wolke

## ***Directory Signing party***

### **Saturday, February 24th**

Starts at 6:00 p.m.

Come and receive a copy of the new First Christian Church directory and sign each other's copy.

There will be singing and fellowship.

Bring a snack to pass around



## ***Young @ Heart***

### **Tuesday, February 27th**

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







# March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”</p> <p>Mark 14:32 (NIV)</p>				1	2 Upward Soccer Next Level Orientation 6:00 p.m.	3 Men’s Day @ St. Louis Christian College
4 Food Pantry Items due -peanut butter, jelly or your choice	5	6 Young @ Heart 9a.m.  Elder’s Meet @ 6:30 p.m.	7 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	8	9	10
11	12	13 Young @ Heart 9a.m. Next Level Camp 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Women’s Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.	14 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	15 Next Level Camp 5:00 p.m. to 7:30	16	17 Children’s Event Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m. to Noon
18 Deacons and Deaconesses and spouses supper @ 5:30 p.m.	19	20 Young @ Heart 9a.m.  Next Level Camp 5:00 p.m. to 7:30	21 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	22 Next Level Camp 5:00 p.m. to 7:30	23	24 Next level Camp game 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
25	26	27 Young @ Heart 9a.m.  Next Level Camp 5:00 p.m. to 7:30	28 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	29 Next Level Camp 5:00 p.m. to 7:30	30 Chain of Prayer 	31





## *March Birthdays & Anniversaries*

1-Matthew Healy-	BD	15-Vernon & Shirley Jamison-WA	
2-Elsie Palmer-	BD	21-Paula McCammon-	BD
2-Tracey Scoggins-	BD	23-Judy Tapp	BD
3-Bob & Judy Gregory	WA	24-Greg Spillman	BD
4-Mylee Lewis	BD	26-Sonja Davis-	BD
5-Morgan Healy-	BD	26-Velda Cunningham-	BD
7-Joyce Cameron-	BD	31-Bob Gregory	BD
8-Jane Ann Zerkel-	BD	31-Jamie Shouse-	BD
11-Alexandria Denoyer-	BD	31-Jessica McCammon-	BD
14-Shirley Jamison-	BD		

## *Community Service*

### **2017 Jr. Miss Effingham County Fair Queen, Elizabeth**

**Weidner** (she herself has Stage IV Neuroblastoma Cancer)

She is requesting people **donate new unopened hotel samples** (shampoo/conditioner, shower gel/soap. Deodorant, razor/shaving cream, toothbrush/toothpaste/mouthwash, comb, baby wash, etc.)

**These items would be for families to use during inpatient stays** for parents/caregivers through **Children's Miracle Network Hospitals of St. Louis** (Cardinal Glennon, Children's)

**The items can be dropped off at**

XFM and KJ country radio stations

Illinois Extension

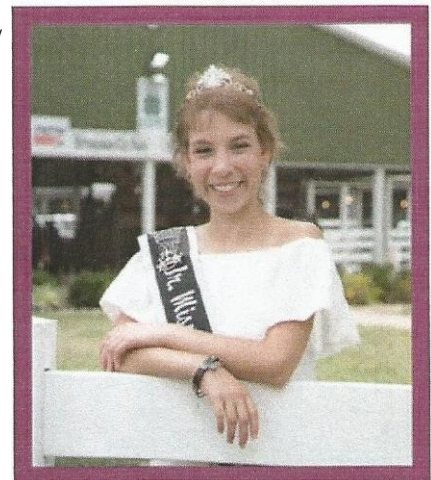
Old Mac's

Habing's Furniture and Floor Coverings

A Queen's Dream Pageant and Prom Wear

Farmhouse Consignment & Resale

Kathy Schroeder's house-8607 E 1250th AVE, Effingham, IL 62401



## *February Book of the Month*

### **I John, II John, III John**

A study guide is available on the foyer table.

Pastor David will be preaching from I, II and III John during the month of February.

#### **Goals:**

Greater knowledge of the Bible

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



## *Faith Promise*

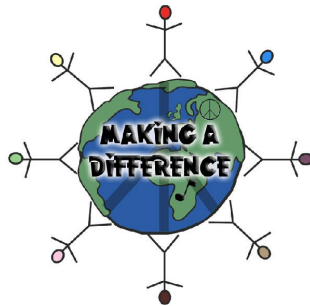
### **2017-2018 Faith Promise Giving**

#### **Promised**

\$30,220.00

#### **Given**

\$11,922.00



## *Next Level Camp*

### **Friday, March 2nd**

Orientation begins at 6:00 p.m. for these 6th, 7th and 8th graders

The Next Level Camp practices will be every Tuesday and Thursday from March 13th through April 26th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Game Days will be March 24th, April 14th and 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



# *St. Louis Christian College Men's Day*

**Saturday, March 3rd**

**Theme:** "Coming Home" by Terry Stine, President of St. Louis Christian College


**Prizes:** Given to multiple generations in attendance

**Registration:** by February 24th

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to Noon followed by a Barbecue lunch

**Cost:** Free



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# *Calvary Baptist Food Pantry*

**Sunday, March 4th**

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal or your choice are due in Beebe Hall



# *Oil Belt Coming Events*

**Saturday, March 17th Ladies' Day 2018**

**Theme:** "For Such A Time As This"

**Time:** Doors open @ 8:15 a.m.; Program Begins @ 9:00 a.m.;

Dismissal @ 2:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$20.00

**Registration:** By March 9th



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SERVICE REQUESTED

### *Special study at WOW beginning on February 21.*

**Delaine Donaldson** will be sharing a series of **six lessons on “Recovering America’s Religious Heritage.”** In these sessions Delaine will be teaching about the role of the Christian faith in the establishment of our nation. In recent years our history books have omitted many of these important facts.

The following is an **overview of what he will be presenting:**



- February 21** The struggle between the secular and religious worldviews found in the United States today
- February 28** America’s religious heritage during the Age of Exploration
- March 7** The Colonial experience
- March 14** The role of religion in shaping the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution
- March 21** - Pre-Constitutional period of time
- March 28** - Religion’s role in shaping the Constitution and Early America

These sessions will **begin at 6:30 p.m. and be one hour in length.** Everyone is invited to attend and encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor to participate in this unique opportunity.

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