



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Under His Wings

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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, March 24th Next Level
Soccer Game 10:00 a.m. to Noon

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

Wednesday, March 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 30th Chain of Prayer
will be from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sign up sheet is in the foyer.

Friday, March 30th Prayer Service in
the chapel @ the Cross at 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 31st All men in-
vited to breakfast @ 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 1st Easter Sunrise Ser-
vice will begin @ the cross at 6:30
p.m. Pastor David is in charge of the
service this year.

Sunday, April 1st Calvary Baptist
food pantry items Tuna, Tuna Helper,
Cereal or your choice is due in Beebe
Hall

Tuesday, April 3rd Elders meet @
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10th Women's Meet-
ing meets @ 6:30 p.m.



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Resurrection Sunday is fast approaching! I am having a hard time coming to grips with that. Perhaps, it is because we haven't had very much warm weather to convince me that Spring is actually here. I want to encourage you to participate in the events that our church is sponsoring or that are being presented in our community that celebrate the greatest event in human history. Jesus of Nazareth was physically raised from the dead never to die again. Because of His resurrection, His followers have the assurance that death is not the end but that we too will participate in a physical resurrection and our bodies will be transformed to resemble His glorious body (Philippians 3:21).

Our children will present a skit about Palm Sunday this coming Lord's Day morning. It is about a Jewish rabbi hearing the evidence about Jesus and deciding that Jesus truly is King.

Once again on Good Friday, March 30, we are asking you to participate in a season of prayer. Our church family will be praying from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. many of you have participated in this prayer time for many years. Many have already signed up for a 15 minute time slot. There are still slots available. Call the office for an available time slot. It is a wonderful time that you can pause and remember Christ's great sacrifice for you.

The Cross Foundation is once again sponsoring a Good Friday prayer service at the cross on Friday night. Roger Marshall from First Baptist Church is in charge. This service will be held in the chapel in the visitors' center. After the service, the cross will be illuminated with red light. The service will begin at 7:15 p.m.

The men and boys are invited to a breakfast on Saturday morning, March 31. Please come and join your brothers in Christ for a good breakfast, great fellowship, and a devotional time. This will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The Effingham Ministerial Association will be sponsoring the Easter Sunrise Service at the cross on Sunday morning, April 1. The services will begin at 6:30 a.m. Our church is in charge of this service. I encourage you to come.

On Easter Sunday morning we will meet for worship just as we do every Lord's Day morning throughout the year in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Each family in attendance that morning will receive a book, *The Case for Easter*, written by Lee Strobel. Invite a friend or family member. Many people will be more receptive to an invitation at Christmas or Easter than at any other time of the year. Give them an opportunity to hear the Good News – Jesus has risen!

C U N Church
David

***Serving In March******Elder:*** Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating***Deacons:*** Chris Hutcheson, Kelvin Williams, John Donathan, Larry Thomason***Deaconesses:*** Darlene Elliott & Cheryl Bloemker

<i>3/11/18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$4,186.27 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>3/18/18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$2,794.85 includes Faith Promise</i>
Worship: 105 Sunday School: 29	Worship: 101 Sunday School: 30
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$1,210.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise Offering: \$190.00</i> <i>Next Level Soccer Camp: \$70.00</i>
Building: \$40.00 Next level Soccer Camp: \$75.00	Building: \$40.00
Sunday School: \$18.00 Lighting Donation: \$25.00	Sunday School: \$16.00

March 25th Greeters: Dennis & Mimi Bushue ***March 25th Home Communion:*** Dennis Bushue***April 1st Greeters:*** Elaine Griffin & Sonya Davis ***April 1st Home Communion:*** Open

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, March 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



W.O.W. Adult Bible Study



Wednesday, March 28th

W.O.W. begins @ 5:30 p.m. with supper, then worship in song and Bible study to follow.

Adults lessons "Recovering America's Religious Heritage" with Delaine Donaldson speaking.

Eldon Ooton Family



Shared Flowers

The family provided beautiful basket bouquets for Sunday, March 4th. Eldon and his wife Bernice were long standing members of first Christian most of their lives. They were very instrumental in building our church. His daughter's address is: Karen Berman, 2311 Montclair, Springfield, IL 62704-5533



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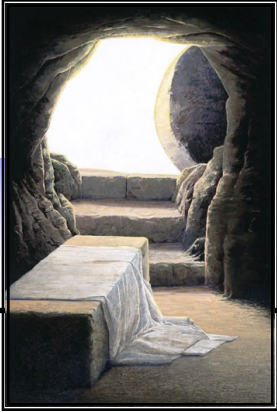
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Chain of Prayer

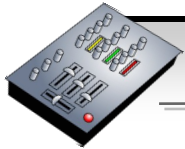


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3 Young @ Heart @ 9:00 a.m. Next Level Soccer camp 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	4 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	5 Next Level Soccer camp 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	6	7
8	9	10 Women's Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. Next Level Soccer camp 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	11 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	12 Next Level Soccer camp 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	13	14 Next Level Game 10:00 a.m. to Noon
15 V.B.S. Meeting @ Noon	16	17 Next Level Soccer camp 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	18 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	19 Next Level Soccer camp 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	20	21 Children's Event—Bingo @ Evergreen Nursing Home
22	23	24 Next Level Soccer camp 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	25 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	26 Next Level Soccer camp 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	27 Youth & Young Adult Event, Movie: Avengers Infinity War 1	28 Next Level Game 10:00 a.m. to Noon
29	30	<p>“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 8:12 (NIV)</p>				

April Birthdays And Anniversaries

3 Tom Waldhoff	BD	22 April Moeller	BD
4 Richard & Cheryl Beatt	WA	23 Rachel Akeman	BD
5 Gabriel Reyes	BD	25 Dallas Kingery	BD
6 Linda Van Alst	BD	25 David Reyes	BD
7 Bernie Sabens	BD	27 Kevin Jamison	BD
8 Kara Lynn Shouse	BD	27 Randi Bushue	BD
9 Tom & Cathy Waldhoff	WA	29 Angela Vonderheide	BD
9 Klent Scoggins	BD		
11 Beverly Thoele	BD		
12 Larry & Vicky Maxwell	WA		
12 Richard & Joyce Cameron	WA		
13 Lane Croslow	BD		
19 Gen Byers	BD		
21 Heather Wolke	BD		
21 Don Thoele	BD		



Sound Room Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



Need Minimum of Two Volunteers

If we have 6 people in rotation in **manning the church's Audio/Visual booth** during our Sunday morning services **everyone only has two months** out of the year to man the booth.

No experience is necessary... Jon Zerkel will be happy to train any volunteers. Responsibilities include ensuring that all speakers have access to a working mic, displaying the power point slides for announcements, hymns, and the sermon, and recording the sermon.

Contact Jon Zerkel with any questions

Guy's Breakfast



Saturday, March 31st

Come at 8:30 a.m. for food, prayer and fellowship with the men of the church.





March Book of the Month

Luke

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table.

Pastor David will be preaching from **Luke** during the month of March.

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

\$13,617.00



Next Level Soccer Camp

Camp Dates

For 6th, 7th and 8th graders

The Next Level Soccer Camp practices will be every Tuesday and Thursday 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.



Thanks For Your Help

Volunteers & Food Donations

Thank You to June Ashley, Nancy Harper and Marcie Shouse for assisting with the Eldon Ooton funeral dinner. Great team work. Thanks to all you provided the delicious desserts as well

Great Team Work
~Cheryl Bloemker

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, April 1st

Tuna, Tuna Helper Cereal
or your choice are due in
Beebe Hall



Special study at WOW

Delaine Donaldson is sharing a series of on “**Recovering America’s Religious Heritage.**” In this session Delaine is 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 the **last session in this series:**

March 28 - Religion’s role in shaping the Constitution and Early America

This session 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.



First Christian Church, 901 N. Henrietta St., Effingham, IL 62401

Good Friday @ The Cross

Friday, March 30

Where: The Cross at the Crossroads

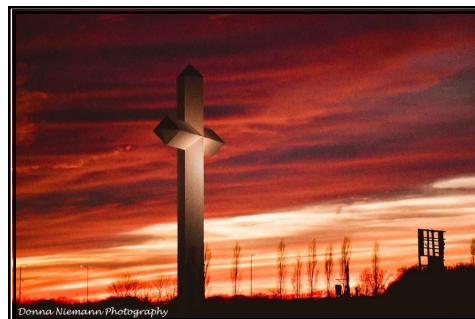
When: 7:15 pm in the Chapel of the Cross Welcome Center.

What: Prayer Service

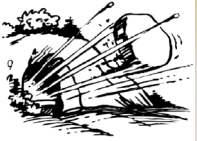
Who: Pastor Roger Marshall, Cross Foundation board member and pastor of First Baptist Church in Effingham

Music: provided by First Presbyterian Church.

Following the prayer service, at **approximately 7:30pm,** the Cross will glow “red” to signify the death of Jesus Christ. All faiths are invited to participate in this moving experience.



Donna Niemann Photography



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SERVICE REQUESTED

He who is without sin
cast the first stone.

*He is not here;
he has
Risen!*

Luke 24:6

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 1st

Service starts @ 6:30 a.m. @ the Cross, 1900 Pike Ave, Effingham, IL
Pastor David is in charge of the service this year.

Come and hear praise music and remembrance of Jesus defeating death and rising from the dead after He took the wrath of God for our sins.

