First Christian Church of Effingham

Under His Wings

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Mark Your Calendar <u>Tuesday, March 13th</u> Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 13th Women's Ministry will meet @ 6:30 p.m.

<u>Tuesday, March 13th</u> Next Level Soccer Camp meets from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

<u>Wednesday, March 14th</u> W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper then Bible study to follow. "Recovering America's Religious Heritage" is the adult study

<u>Thursday, March 15th</u> Next Level Soccer Camp meets from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

<u>Saturday, March 17th</u> Children's Event from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Easter Egg Hunt

<u>Sunday, March 18th</u> Supper @ 5:30 p.m. to discuss committees for Building and Grounds projects

Tuesday, March 20th Next Level Soccer Camp from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 22nd Next Level Soccer Camp from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 23rd Youth and Young Adults meet for game night from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Ponderings of the Preacher ...

The Apostle John wrote these words in his first letter (2:12-14): I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been for-

given on account of his name. I write to you fathers, because you have known him who is from

the beginning.

I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, dear children, because you have known the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

It is thought that these three groups are not divided according to physical age but by stages in their spiritual development. The little children are the "babes in Christ"; the young men were more developed Christians; the fathers were those who were the mature Christians. Into which of these categories do you fall? Are you striving to grow in your faith? Each of us should be doing our best to grow in our Christian maturity.

When I first read this Scripture many years ago, I thought of myself as one of the little children, but then as I matured in Christ I considered myself as one of the young men. Now, I hope that I would be considered in the "father" category, one who has matured in his faith.

As I think about the progression we make in our faith, I can't help but think about chronological age as well. I was a child, then a young man, but now have reached the stage where I could be considered an older man (age is relative of course as to whom you are being compared). In talking with my mother recently, she was reminding me that my aunt had a birthday in March. If she were still living she would have been 95. I knew many people if they were still alive who would be that age and many (my grandparents and others) who would be at least 120. How time passes us by! We still have a few in our church who are that age, give or take a few years on either side. I am thankful that I have had the privilege of knowing these folks. May God give me the strength to be an example to those who are younger both in physical age and in Christian maturity! May we use the time God gives us wisely!

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning. Let's all do our best to be at church.

CUN Church, David



Serving In March Elder: Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating **Deacons:** Chris Hutcheson, Kelvin Williams, John Donathan, Larry Thomason **Deaconesses:** Linda Rush & Irma McConnell 2/25/18 Attendance & Giving 3/4/18 Attendance & Giving Total: 11,483.00 includes Faith Promise Offering Total: \$4,572.50 includes Faith Promise Worship:95 Sunday School:26 Worship:103 Sunday School:12 Faith Promise Missions: \$275.00 Faith Promise Offering:\$210.00 Grinnell Insurance Claim: \$7,257.00 Building:\$40.00 Building:\$40.00 Next Level Soccer Camp: \$70.00 Sunday School:\$16.00 Sunday School:\$19.00

<u>March 11th Greeters:</u> J.P. & Shannon Smith <u>March 11th Home Communion:</u> Greg Spillman & Kelvin Williams <u>March 18th Greeters:</u> Linda Packer & Elsie Palmer <u>March 18th Home Communion:</u> Kevin Jamison & Martin Zubiate

Next Level Soccer Camp: \$630.00

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, March 13th

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp: \$25.00

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

Women's Mínístry

Tuesday, March 13th

Starts at 6:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy a snack, fellowship, prayer and video series *The Influential Disciple* lesson 4 on Healthy Relationships.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the visits, prayers, and cards when I was a patient in the hospital. Thank you also for the beautiful spring lower bouquet and the delicious blackberry pie. It's slow going in my recovery, but I'm hanging in there.

In Christian love, Irma



Homebound and Nursing Home: Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Cecil "Paul" Richey, Wilma Sherrick, Marie Fulk, Don VanDeveer, Oneida Lewis, Elinor Wolford, Elfrieda Zerkel, Darlene Zimdars

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Cancer: Laura Knierim, Sharon Douglas, Shirley Strickland, Ron Anderson, Tatum, Ashley Judd, Linda Smith, Paul Dempsey, Barb Eaton, Patty Willis, Alayna Plank, Renae Metke, Andy, Mike Page, Tom Koester, 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 Szynonik, Katie Krueger, Misty Ulmer, Lanny Grove, Joshua

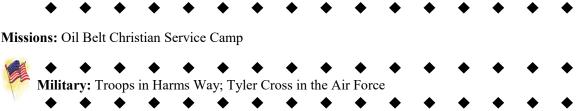
McConnell, Rosemary Niemerg, Paula Jones, Ruth, Barb Gaddis, Elizabeth Weidner, Wyatt Smith, Dallas Parkhurst, Ray Bushue, Bill Dentln, Jane Ann's Friend, Joy Gamber, Gene Moeller, Ellen Walk, Sue Heth, Ken Gilbert, Arlene Mullen, Cheryl Woodard, Joe Stoops, Jill Fiddler, Scott Chalvant, Dallas Hurst, Caleb, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Diane Slone, Elizabeth-7year old, Candy Walden, Ken Roley, Lois Bartels, Cindy Meitzner, Mat Reed, Adam Stoops, Allen Griffin, Kathy Schroeder, Joyce Jordon Griggs, Mitchell Coffin, Grace Frye, Steve Sabens, Dennis Young's Sister-in-law's sister, Sara Paul, Virginia Fox



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, Elaine Griffin, Mary Muntean, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, David Shouse, Brad Donaldson, Callista Denoyer, Sarah Gremo & baby Cal, John Weiffenbach, Ron Thomason, Lydie Anderson, Holly-Justine's Friend, Amy Sidwell, Olivia Adams, Dorothy Locke, Josh & Rochelle Dunckel, Craig Lattig, Ethel Lash, Grandma Lucille, Irma McConnell, Phyllis

& Russ Mitchell, Bonnie Thomas, Jody Scribner, Bill Breu, David Roley, Crystal Peters, Shirley Barry, Lloyd Woods, Barb Long, Paul, Ruby Tabor, Nadine Bair, Ken Thomason, Zoe Sanchez-Grubb, Kent Farley, Diane Donaldson, Sallie Johnson, Justine's co-worker's brother-in-law, Cathy Harrison, Sandy Grimsley, Sandi Donaldson, Bev Thoele, Sara (Roedl) Niccum's premature son Oliver, Larry Robards, Charlie & Cathy Peters, Bobbie Raymond

(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.)



Grieving Families: Duane Guffey Family, Christine Niebrugge Family, Larry Donoho Family, Burl Reisner Family, Baby Niccum Family, Eldon Ooton Family

W.O.W. Adult Bíble Study



Wednesday, March 14th

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.



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.





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Next Level Soccer Camp

Camp Dates

For 6th, 7th and 8th graders

The Next Level Soccer 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.



Time: Doors open @ 8:15 a.m.; Pro Dismissal @ 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$20.00 Registration: By March 9th





Saturday, March 18th

10:00 a.m. to noon Please, bring a basket or sack to collect eggs and candy



Youth & Young Adults Event

Friday, March 23rd

Who: 7th grade to 12th grade and 18 years old to 29 years oldTime: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.Place: First Christian ChurchWhat: Game NightBring your favorite game and snack





Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, April 1st

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





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:



- March 7 The Colonial experience
- March 14The 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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