



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Under His Wings

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, March 13th Young @
Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday, March 18th 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 forgiven 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.

C U N 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

<i>2/25/18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: 11,483.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>3/4/18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$4,572.50 includes Faith Promise</i>
Worship: 95 Sunday School: 26	Worship: 103 Sunday School: 12
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$275.00</i> <i>Grinnell Insurance Claim: \$7,257.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise Offering: \$210.00</i>
<i>Building: \$40.00</i> <i>Next Level Soccer Camp: \$70.00</i>	<i>Building: \$40.00</i>
<i>Sunday School: \$16.00</i> <i>Oil Belt Christian Service Camp: \$25.00</i>	<i>Sunday School: \$19.00</i> <i>Next Level Soccer Camp: \$630.00</i>

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

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, March 13th

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

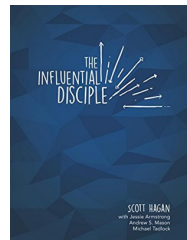
All 50 and over are invited to come and be with us on Tuesday mornings



Women's Ministry

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.

Thank you Message

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

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W.O.W. Adult Bible Study



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.



Faith Promise

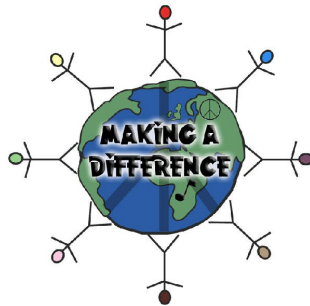
2017-2018 Faith Promise Giving

Promised

\$30,220.00

Given

\$12,407.00



Next Level Soccer Camp

Camp Dates

For 6th, 7th and 8th graders

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





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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Children's Easter Egg Hunt

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 old

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Place: First Christian Church

What: Game Night

Bring your favorite game and snack



Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, April 1st

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





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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:**



- 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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