



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Peace Like A River

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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, September 22nd

Rededication of the cornerstone @
5:30 p.m. Supper served directly after
rededication, then, singspiration will
begin

Tuesday, September 25th Young @
Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee/
snack, prayer and fellowship

Wednesday, September 26th All ages
invited to attend W.O.W. Supper at
5:30 p.m. and worship/Bible study to
follow

Saturday, September 29th Men's
Gathering meets @ 6:00 p.m. and
fellowship together over supper.

Monday, October 1st Elders meet @
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 4th Mission
Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 7th Pizza Crust,
Pizza Sauce or your choice items are
due in Beebe Hall for Calvary Baptist
Food Pantry

Tuesday, October 9th Women's Min-
istry meets @ 6:30 p.m. in Beebe
Hall

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

In yesterday's message, I shared that one of our motivations for spreading the gospel message is the fact that our Lord Jesus is coming soon. We do not know the day or hour so it behooves each of us to be ready every day for that coming. The following is a poem that encourages self-examination to help you prepare for His coming.

If the Lord Should Come Today

If the Lord should come on Monday, in the clouds and with a shout,
Would He find you doing something for Him that really counts?

If the Lord should come on Tuesday In the twinkling of an eye,
Would you think of the good deeds you had vainly let slip by?

If the Lord should come on Wednesday as well you know He may,
Would you be engulfed in gossip with someone along the way?

If the Lord should come on Thursday, and you met Him in the air,
Would you be afraid to face Him with your record He held there?

If the Lord should come on Friday and you knew the hour had come,
Would you face Him with excuses for the thing you had not done?

If the Lord should come on Saturday, and the trumpet you had heard,
Would He find you with the Bible seeking knowledge from His Word?

If the Lord should come on the Lord's Day, oh, my friend, how dark
the way,
If He should find you absent from worship on that day!

Mrs. Johnny Hood

I hope to see each of you this coming Sunday. Let's all do our best to
be present when we meet for worship!

C U N Church,
David



Serving In September

Elder: Delaine Donaldson, Don Thoele & Dennis Bushue alternating
Deacons: Terry Harper, Vernon Jamison, Greg Spillman, Kevin Jamison
Deaconesses: Shannon Smith & Jane Ann Zerkel

| <i>9/9/18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$3,190.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i> | <i>9/16/18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$2,900.13 includes Faith Promise Offering</i> |
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| Worship:92 Sunday School:22 | Worship:95 Sunday School:27 |
| <i>Faith Promise Missions: \$275.00</i> <i>Oneida Lewis Memorial:\$270.00</i> | <i>Faith Promise Offering:\$335.00</i> <i>Oil Belt Senior Adult Day:\$24.00</i> |
| <i>Building:\$40.00</i> | <i>Building:\$40.00</i> <i>Wedding Sound Person:\$75.00</i> |
| <i>Sunday School:\$19.00</i> | <i>Sunday School:\$26.00</i> |

September 23rd Greeters: Sandy Grimsley & Linda Packer ***September 23rd Home Communion:*** Jon Zerkel
September 30th Greeters: Trenton Scoggins & Gabe Reyes ***September 30th Home Communion:*** Don Thoele

Time Capsule

Saturday, September 22nd

Come and join us for the rededication of the cornerstone @ 5:30 p.m.
 Supper will be supplied by the church
 Bring a dessert of your choice
 Then, after supper enjoy the singspiration



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, September 25th

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





Prayer List



Homebound and Nursing Home: Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Marie Fulk, Don VanDeveer, Elinor Wolford, Darlene Zimdars, Dorothy Locke, Cecil "Paul" Richey, Bonnie Thomas

Cancer: Laura Knierim, Sharon Douglas, Shirley Strickland, Ron Anderson, Tatum, Ashley Judd, Paul Dempsey, Barb Eaton, Patty Willis, Alayna Plank, Renae Metke, Andy, Mike Page, 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, Misty Ulmer, Lanny Grove, Joshua McConnell, Rosemary Niemerg, Ruth, Barb Gaddis, Elizabeth Weidner, Wyatt Smith, Dallas Parkhurst, Ray Bushue, Bill Dentln, Jane Ann's Friend, Joy Gamber, Gene Moeller, Arlene Mullen, Joe Stoops, Jill Fiddler, Scott Chalcant, Dallas Hurst, Caleb, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Diane Slone, Ken Roley, Lois Bartels, Cindy Meitzner, Mat Reed, Adam Stoops, Allen Griffin, Joyce Jordon Griggs, Mitchell Coffin, Steve Sabens, Reenie's Cousin Teri, A.J.'s Grandmother, Hanna Henning, Marissa (Walton) Banovz, Ashley (friend to Mary Muntean), Bob Pike, Bill LeCrone, Janet (Dennis Young's Friend), Rod Raber



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, Mary Muntean, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, Callista Denoyer, Sarah Gremo, Ron Thomason, Craig Lattig, Phyllis Mitchell, Jody Scribner, Nadine Bair, Zoe Sanchez-Grubb, Diane Donaldson, Sandy Grimsley, Bobbie Raymond, Chris Hutcheson's nephew, Reenie's nephew A.J., Michele Vonderheide, Melissa Ross, Vicky Stout, Alistair Titsworth, Brad Arney, Danny Vasquez, Gary Elliott's Sister-Evelyn, Alline Lewis, Lucien Grey Valdez (6 week old), Sarah (Alex's friend), Debbie Apke, J.C. Packer, Reyes' house to sell, Roger Friese, Pat Clark, Lois Ooton, Mildred Rankin, Cathy Weiffenbach, Sharon Gallup, Morgan Turner, Dennis Reynolds, Gary Carr, Linda Shaw, John Donathan's uncle, Bill Fry, Phyllis (Bev Thoele's Sister), Ken & Velma Thomason, Bob Pike, Rhodes Gephart, Cleo McManaway, Dennis Stuckey, Terry & Ashley Ralston & Baby—Amzie, Gary Banks & family, Elfrieda Zerkel, Marsha Smith, Roberta Washer, Brad Hockman & family, Wesley Hall and students @ Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC; Peggy Phelan, Larry Cline

(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: Operation Christmas Child, The Salvation Army

Military: Troops in Harms Way; Tyler Cross in the Air Force, Zach Apke

Grieving Families: Oneida Lewis Family, Bob Grubb Family, Christen Papa Family, Lyndle Golden Family, Russ Mitchell Family

Worship On Wednesday

Wednesday, September 26th

All ages meet for Worship On Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for supper then Worship & Bible study till 7:30 p.m. Menu: Hamburgers & Fries





OCTOBER 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Elders meet @ 6:30 p.m. | 2 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. | 3 W.O.W. @ 5:30 p.m. | 4 Missions meeting @ 6:30 p.m. | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. Women's Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. | 10 W.O.W. @ 5:30 p.m. | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Faith Promise Week Lynn Cazier of CMF & Feed the Crave speaker Andrew Bloemker | 15 | 16 Young @ Heart meets @ 11:30 a.m. for luncheon and mission speakers | 17 W.O.W. meet @ 5:30 p.m. for Foreign Cuisine supper and mission speakers | 18 | 19 | 20 Children's Event meet @ Evergreen Nursing to play Bingo with residents @ 10:00 a.m. |
| 21 Faith Promise collect pledge card and several speakers from missions Pot luck lunch | 22 | 23 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. | 24 W.O.W. @ 5:30 p.m. | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. | 31 Treat Town from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. | Like a snow-cooled drink at harvest time is a trustworthy messenger to the one who sends him; he refreshes the spirit of his master. Proverbs 25:13 | | |

October Anniversaries & Birthdays

2-Dennis Young
 3-Matthew Vonderheide-BD
 3-Barb Jamison-BD
 4-Dennis & Mimi Bushue-WA
 4-Delaine Donaldson-BD
 4-Sue Thomason-BD
 5-Regina Curry-BD
 9-Maleah Rose Lewis-BD
 11-Julie Healy-BD
 11-Jesse & Gabi Bushue-WA

15-Cleone Bloemker-BD
 16-Randy & Kim Bushue-WA
 18-Gary & Darlene Elliott-WA
 19-Judy Gregory-BD
 20-Holly Arney-BD
 24-Darlene Reynolds-BD
 24-Marie Waddell-BD
 25-Chris Denoyer-BD
 30-Teresa Stanfield-BD



Men's Gathering—5th Saturday

Saturday, September 29th



Men's Fellowship

All men, young men and boys come and join us for supper @ 6:00 p.m.

Thanks To The Harpers

Tuesday, September 11th

Women of the church enjoyed a cookout and evening at Lake Sara with hosts Terry & Nancy Harper. Beautiful evening and delicious food! Thanks so much!



Heartfelt Thanks



Décor Committee Thanks

A special thanks to Claudine Rush for all the fresh flower arrangements she has brought to beautify the altar. So much appreciated.



Elders Meet

Monday, October 1st

Elders' Meet @ 6:30 p.m.

Any concerns or ideas, let an elder know



Missions Meeting

Thursday, October 4th

Last Meeting before the Faith Promise Rally, "Make A Difference". Meet @ 6:30 p.m.



Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, October 7th

Pizza Crust, Pizza Sauce

or your choice are due in Beebe Hall



Women's Ministry

Tuesday, October 9th

Meeting starts @ 6:30 p.m.

All ladies invited to join us

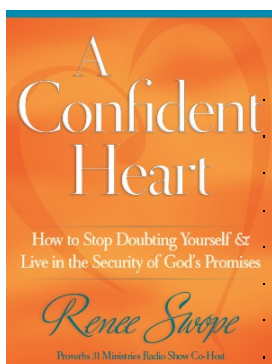
Come for fellowship, prayer and Bible study.

First Session of "A Confident Heart" study.



Mission Statement:

"For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing."



SESSIONS

1. Introduction & Invitation
2. Don't Throw Away Your ...
3. Letting God Fill My Empty ...
4. Discovering the Plans God Has ...
5. Turning In to God's Thoughts ...
6. The Woman God Created You to Be
7. Sometimes Worry Makes Me Wonder
8. Looking through the Lens of ...

FEATURING TIME

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| Renee Swope | 3 MINS |
| Renee Swope | 5 MINS |
| Renee Swope | 7 MINS |
| Renee Swope | 6 MINS |
| Renee Swope | 5 MINS |
| Renee Swope | 6 MINS |
| Renee Swope | 4 MINS |
| Renee Swope | 6 MINS |



September Book of the Month

I & II Thessalonians

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

Pastor David will be preaching from **I & II Thessalonians** during the **month of September**

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

\$28,337.00



Come to Sunday Brunch



Sunday Brunches

All are invited each Sunday to brunch in Beebe Hall. There is always plenty of coffee, tea, hot cocoa, juice and a nice variety of goodies. Thanks to Irma McConnell, Laurie Akeman, Bonnie Vonderheide, Claudine Rush, Bev Thoele & Daisy Fry who prepare the food.

Faith Promise 2018/2019

Sunday, October 14th to Sunday, October 21st

Sunday, October 14th Faith Promise Pledge Cards passed out

Speakers: Lynn & Dori Cazier from Christian Missionary Fellowship (CMF); Andrew Bloemker main speaker during worship service



Tuesday, October 16th luncheon hosted by Young @ Heart @ 11:30 a.m.

Speakers: Lynn & Dori Cazier-CMF and Heartland Christian Village. Possibly FISH

Wednesday, October 17th Foreign Cuisine Supper @ 5:30 p.m.—Bring your favorite dish

Speakers: Lynn & Dori Cazier-CMF; Amy Kemp-Oblong Children's Christian Home; Oil Belt Christian Service Camp and possibly Christian Campus House EIU

Sunday, October 21st—Collect the Faith Promise Pledge Cards & a pot luck lunch after worship service with meat provided by the church

Speakers: Rick Champ, Vice President of St. Louis Christian College; Jim Miles of H.I.S. K.I.D.S., Inc. and possibly Salvation Army and Youth With A Mission

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

I Peter 4:10



**First Christian church
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SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Treat Town
First Christian Church
901 N. Henrietta St.
Effingham, IL**

Wednesday, October 31st

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Food In Fellowship Hall: Hot dogs, hot chocolate, apple cider and popcorn will be served in Fellowship hall at the end of treat town.

Sign Up: Pick a room on the map in the foyer, sign your name to the room and decorate it as a store in the hall leading up to Fellowship Hall.

Pass out treats from the room you decorate. Around 200 children are expected to pass through treat town between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.