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Under His Wings

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 10th Elders'
Meet @ 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 11th Young @
Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee/
snack, prayer and fellowship

Tuesday, September 11th Women's
Ministry meets at Nancy Harper's for
a cookout @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 12th All ages
invited to attend W.O.W. Supper at
5:30 p.m. and worship/Bible study to
follow

Monday, September 17th Missions
meeting meets @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 29th Men's
Gathering meets time and event to be
announced



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

I hope that all of you had a safe and happy Labor Day weekend. Labor Day is exactly what it sounds like, a day to honor those who work. According to Wikipedia, Labor Day had its origins in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew. Trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor and Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894.

Labor is commanded by God. After God had planted the Garden of Eden, He placed Adam in the garden to "work it and take care of it." We often complain about having to work, but the Bible teaches us that work is actually a gift of God. "I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil-this is the gift of God" (Ecclesiastes 3:12-13). God created us for the purpose of working and honoring Him. "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10). The Bible urges us to work for men as if we were working for God. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving" (Colossians 3:23-24).

I am grateful that my salvation does not depend on my work. However, because God has saved me, I should be working for Him. My love for the Lord should be a motivating factor in my service to Him. In writing to the Thessalonians, Paul mentioned their labor prompted by love and the work produced by faith (1 Thessalonians 1:3).

In addition to these Scriptures, there have been many songs written encouraging us to faithfully serve our Lord. Among some of those songs are "To the Work, To the Work," "We'll Work 'Till Jesus Comes," and "Work for the Night is Coming."

Let's be faithful in our service to the Lord! I hope to see each of you this coming Sunday morning as we gather for worship. Let's all do our best to be present.

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>8/26/18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$4,161.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>9/2/18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$ 4,412.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>
Worship:96 Sunday School:23	Worship:89 Sunday School:26
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$252.00</i> <i>Oil Belt Senior Adult Day:\$12.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise Offering:\$910.00</i> <i>Oil Belt Senior Adult Day: \$61.00</i>
<i>Building:\$40.00</i>	<i>Building:\$40.00</i>
<i>Sunday School:\$21.00</i>	<i>Sunday School:\$26.00</i>

September 9th Greeters: Dee Musgrave & Judy Tapp **September 9th Home Communion:** Kevin Jamison & Terry Harper
September 16th Greeters: J. P. & Shannon Smith **September 16th Home Communion:** Greg Spillman

Elders Meet

Monday, September 10th

Elders' Meet @ 6:30 p.m.
Any concerns or ideas, let an elder know



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, September 11th

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



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.





Prayer List



Homebound and Nursing Home: Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Marie Fulk, Don VanDeveer, Elinor Wolford, Elfrieda Zerkel, 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, 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, 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, Brad Hockman & family, Hanna Henning, Barb (Delaine & Sandi's friend), Marissa (Walton) Banovz, Ashley (friend to Mary Muntean), Bob Pike, Bill LeCrone, Janet (Dennis Young's Friend)



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, Mary Muntean, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, Brad Donaldson, Callista Denoyer, Sarah Gremo & baby Cal, Ron Thomason, Josh & Rochelle Dunckel, Craig Lattig, Phyllis & Russ 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, Aline 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

(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: Brianna Athey Family, Oneida Lewis Family, Bob Grubb Family, Christen Papa Family

Thank You Church Family

Barb Morrison & Her Family

Thank you so much for your calls, prayers, food, visits and the memento from the Women's Circle. All are appreciated so much. The church family is so giving, and it helps the family that is in distress to know you all care.





Women's Ministry

Tuesday, September 11th

1st meeting of the season meets @ 6:00 p.m.

All ladies invited to join us @ Nancy Harper's
Come for **cook out**, fellowship, prayer and Bible study.

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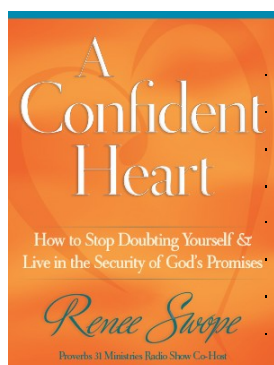
If Car Pooling, meet at church @ 5:30 p.m.



Mission Statement:

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

II Corinthians 2:15 NIV



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 |

Worship On Wednesday



Wednesday, September 12th

Adults & Children (preschool through 6th graders) meet for first
Worship On Wednesday of the season at 5:30 p.m. for supper
then Worship & Bible study till 7:30 p.m.

September 12th supper is Tacos, September 19th supper is Breakfast items and September 23rd
supper is Hamburgers and fries.



Missions Meeting

Monday, September 17, 2018

Please come and help plan the 2018/2019 Faith Promise Rally.
 "Make A Difference" will be October 14th through October 21st.
 Missionaries will attend and speak on Sunday, October 14th,
 Tuesday, October 16th, Wednesday, October 17th
 & Sunday, October 21st.

Faith Promise Pledge Cards will be available Sunday, October 14th,
 and Faith Promise Pledge Cards will be collected on Sunday, October 21st.

1 Peter 4:10

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



Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, October 7th

Pizza Crust, Pizza Sauce
 or your choice are due in Beebe Hall



Thanks To All Who Helped

Cheryl Bloemker ~Décor Committee

It's been a busy summer and the church has been buzzing with activity. With Soccer Camp & Bible School, it has kept both pastors & their staff running. Great Work!!!

On Mother's Day, we honored mothers: Youngest: Chelsey Beavers; Eldest: Lee Beals; Most Children: Mary Muntean.

On Father's Day, we honored fathers: Youngest: A visitor; Eldest: Emil Beals; Most Children Present: Pastor Martin Reyes.

The church has been kept beautiful by several women & a big thanks to Reenie Miller, Bev Thoele, Rosie Parkhurst, Kaye Wyckoff, Mimi Bushue & Elaine Griffin. They have all done a wonderful job.

The court yard has really been beautiful this summer.

Congratulations to all of those who have made it so. A lot of Work by all!!!



Faith Promise

2017-2018 Faith Promise Giving

Promised

\$30,220.00



Given

\$27,727.00



**First Christian church
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Effingham, IL 62401
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.