



First Christian Church of Effingham

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O Breath of Life

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, January 22nd Young @
Heart meet @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee,
fellowship and prayer

Wednesday, January 23rd W.O.W.
meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper then
worship and Bible study will follow

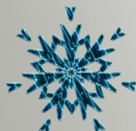
Saturday, January 26th Children's
Event will meet from 10:00 a.m. to
noon

Saturday, January 26th Men's Gath-
ering meets from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30
p.m.

Thursday, January 31st Vacation
Bible School meeting begins @ 5:30
p.m.

Sunday, February 3rd Canned Fruit,
Jell-O, Pudding or your choice are
due for Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Thursday, February 7th Elders meet
@ 9:00 a.m.



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Already we are half-way through the first month of this new year. Time has a way of passing by doesn't it? Opportunities come and go and we must be ready to take advantage of those opportunities when they present themselves to us. In Colossians 4:5 we are encouraged to "make the most of every opportunity."

I want to remind the men of some upcoming opportunities. For the past several months on one Saturday evening a month, we have been getting together for a time of food and fellowship. This gives us a chance to spend time together, become better acquainted, and encourage one another in our walk with the Lord. The next time we will be getting together is January 26. You are invited to come and be a part of this gathering.

As amazing as what it may seem, this will be almost the last newsletter in which I can promote this next men's event. Oil Belt's annual men's night is being held on Friday night, February 8. There have been several men from First Christian who have attended this event in the last several years. I want to encourage you to go with us to Oil Belt on that night. Supper will be at 6 p.m. with the service at 7 p.m. The registration is \$20 but the church has felt so strongly about the importance of our men attending that they have agreed to pick up the cost of registration. The theme for the service is *Man Up: Make Disciples*. Please let me know if you would like to go. This is only about three weeks away!

Finally, I want to say thank you to all the men who are serving Christ in our church. I appreciate your willingness to be doing His work! Remember the encouragement we are given in 1 Corinthians 16:13-14.

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love."

Our attendance at church this past Sunday was down due to the weather. If we miss out on this next weather system predicted for the weekend, let's do our best to be in the worship services this next Lord's Day morning.

Have a wonderful and blessed week!

C U N Church,
David



Serving In January

Elder: Jan.20-Jon Zerkel, Jan. 27-Dennis Bushue, Feb. 3-Troy Bloemker

Deacons: Jeff Akeman, Chris Denoyer, Greg Spillman, Kevin Jamison

Deaconesses: Judy Tapp & Reenie Miller

<i>1/6/19 Attendance & Giving</i> Total: \$5,038.26 includes Faith Promise Offering	<i>1/13/19 Attendance & Giving</i> Total: \$2,287.94 includes Faith Promise Offering
Worship: 107 Sunday School: 28	Worship:62 Sunday School:23
Faith Promise Missions: \$1,610.00	Faith Promise: \$235.00
Building:\$40.00	Building:\$40.00
Sunday School:\$19.00	Sunday School:\$12.00 Countrymark Refining & Logistics:\$52.44

Greeters for January 20th: Delaine & Sandi Donaldson	Home Communion for January 20th: Chris Hutcheson & Terry Harper
Greeters for January 27th: Linda Packer & Sandy Grimsley	Home Communion for January 27th: David McConnell & Kelvin Williams

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, January 22nd

Come and join us for snack, coffee/tea, prayer & Fellowship @ 9:00 a.m.



W.O.W. Adult Study

WOW January 23rd

Everyone is encouraged to be a part of our Wednesday evening activities.

Supper will be at 5:30p.m..

The **children, youth and young adults** will begin their activities at **6:00p.m.**

The **adults** will begin their Bible study at **6:30p.m.**

Becoming a Welcoming Church is the topic that the adult Bible Study group will be considering during the next several weeks. This study will be based on a book by Thom Rainer. Each of the chapters will be a topic of study.

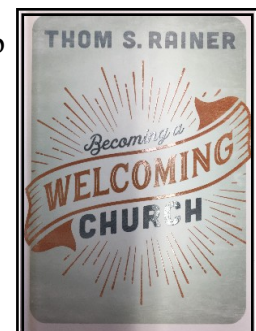
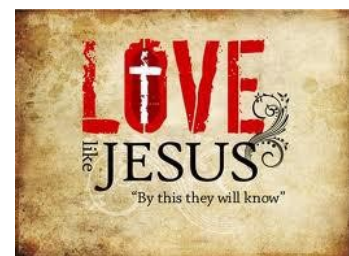
Lesson 3 - Signs and Sites

Lesson 4- Safe Church/Clean Church

Lesson 5- Greeters, Welcome Centers, and the Welcoming Church

Lesson 6 - The Path to Becoming a Welcoming Church

Plan to be a part of this learning experience!





Prayer List



Homebound and Nursing Home: Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Marie Fulk, Don VanDeveer, Elinor Wolford, Darlene Zimdars, Dorothy Locke, Bonnie Thomas, Shirley Barry, Elfrieda Zerkel

Cancer: Laura Knierim, Sharon Douglas, Shirley Strickland, Ron Anderson, Tatum, Ashley Judd, 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 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, Hanna Henning, Marissa (Walton) Banovz, Ashley, Bob Pike, Bill LeCrone, Janet (Dennis Young's Friend), Doris Percival, Malcolm Jollivay & Family, Sandra Helmink, Norma Buehler, All Kids with cancer, Keaton Gabel-13 year old, Raeleigh-7 year old, Kristen Avotea, 2 year old boy, Jill Fidler, Stephanie Packer, Brad Hockman, Aiden-2 year old, Sue Martin, Robin Nees, Jim Shouse



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, LeAnn Spruell, Sarah Gremo, Craig Lattig, Phyllis Mitchell, Jody Scribner, Chris Hutcheson's nephew, Melissa Ross, Vicky Stout, Brad Arney, Danny Vasquez, Gary Elliott's Sister-Evelyn, Alline Lewis, Lucien Grey Valdez(6 month old), Sarah (Alex's friend), Debbie Apke, J.C. Packer, Pat Clark, Lois Ooton, Mildred Rankin, Cathy Weiffenbach, Morgan Turner, Dennis Reynolds, Gary Carr, Linda Shaw, John Donathan's uncle, Phyllis (Bev Thoele's Sister), Ken & Velma Thomason, Bob Pike, Rhodes Gephart, Gary Banks & family, Marsha Smith, Roberta Washer, Sharon Caylor, Bobby Spracklen, Roger Wyckoff, Emily Griffin, Cal Gremo, Rory Miller, Ken Wolke, Mike Niebrugge, Sarah Blume, Victoria Gifford, Jim Schroeder, Cathy Lane, Shirley Jamison, Emmie Jane Sidwell-2 year old, Sonya Davis, Thelma Kirchoffer, Krissy Moore, Anthony Jamison, Tracey Scoggins, Zoe (Reenie Miller's Granddaughter), Allison Spracklen, Travis Schoenfelden, Diane Donaldson, Todd Phelps, Vernon Jamison, Ruth Meyers, Dan & Rusty Shouse, Garret & Doug Tapp

(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: Judy Winter family, Wilbert Schaefer family, Nancy Larimore Family, Kody & Family (his dad passed away)

Faith Promise 2018/2019

Faith Promises Received

A total of \$35,070.00 for the year 2018/2019.

Received So Far: \$12,025.10


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

1 Peter 4:10





FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>“So in everything, do to others as you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 7:12</p>					1	2
3 Calvary Baptist Food Pantry Items, Canned Fruit, Pudding, Jell-O or your choice	4	5 Young @ Heart meet @ 9:00 a.m.	6 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	7 Elders Meet @ 9:00 a.m.	8	9
10	11	12 Young @ Heart meet @ 9:00 a.m. Daughters of the King meet @ 6:30 p.m.	13 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	14 	15	16
17	18	19 Young @ Heart meet @ 9:00 a.m.	20 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	21	22	23
24	25	26 Young @ Heart meet @ 9:00 a.m.	27 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	28	<p>“But I trust in your un-failing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.” Psalm 13:5</p>	



February B-Days & Anniversaries



3— <i>Danny Rush</i>	<i>BD</i>	18— <i>Irma McConnell</i>	<i>BD</i>
8— <i>J.T. & Cheryl Bloemker</i>	<i>WA</i>	18— <i>Marsha Bloemker</i>	<i>BD</i>
11— <i>Chris Hutcheson</i>	<i>BD</i>	19— <i>Martin & Justine Reyes</i>	<i>WA</i>
13— <i>Callista Denoyer</i>	<i>BD</i>	24— <i>Daisy Fry</i>	<i>BD</i>
14— <i>Vernon Jamison</i>	<i>BD</i>	24— <i>Sandy Grimsley</i>	<i>BD</i>
16— <i>Linda Shaw</i>	<i>BD</i>	25— <i>Trenton Scoggins</i>	<i>BD</i>
17— <i>Stephanie Vonderheide</i>	<i>BD</i>	28— <i>Megan Lattig</i>	<i>BD-(Elliott)</i>

Best Wishes



Dennis Young Wishing You . .

Happy Birthday and/or Happy Anniversary in 2019. Have a happy celebration and many more in future years.

Children's Event

Saturday, January 26th

Children 6th grade and under, meet at the church from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.



Men's Gathering

Saturday, January 26th

All men and boys meet from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Beebe hall.
Fun, Food & Fellowship





Calvary Baptist Food Pan-

Sunday, February 3rd

Canned Fruit, Jell-O, Pudding
or your choice are due in Beebe Hall



Elders Meeting



Thursday, February 7th

NOTICE: NEW TIME AND DAY:

Elders will meet @ 9:00 a.m. for their meeting

January Book of the Month

Hebrews

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table.
Pastor David will be preaching from **Hebrews**
during the month of **January**

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible &
Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



Helpers Needed

CAN YOU HELP WITH DINNERS?

We need to know who will be available to help with church dinners (Sundays) and serving following funerals. If you can help please complete this and drop in the basket in the foyer.

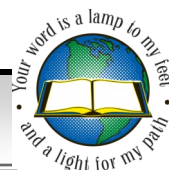
Name and Phone# _____

Place a check mark beside the ways you can help

Set Up _____ Serve _____ Clean up _____

Sunday _____ Funerals _____

And occasionally after church
clean up kitchen from morning fellowship _____



Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

Men's Night

When: Friday, February 8th

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Speaker: Jason Poznich—"Man Up: Make Disciples"

Registration: \$20.00

Special Offering will be taken

Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.

Supper Served: 6:00 p.m.

Program: 7:00 p.m.

Register online at OilBelt.com



Big Overnighter

When: March 29 to 30 Or March 30 to 31

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Who: 3rd through 5th Graders

Cost: \$20.00

Register online @ oilbelt.com

Speaker: Kyle Stortzum-Fellowship of Christian Athletes



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Ladies Day

Psalm 100:2 (Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.)

Date: March 16th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00

Register: online @ oilbelt.com

Speaker: Beth DeFazio, Professor of Biblical communication & Speech @ Ozark Christian College





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SERVICE REQUESTED**

