



First Christian Church of Effingham

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What Manner of Love

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Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, April 4th Elders meet @ 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 4th Women's Morning Ministry meets at Cracker Barrel @ 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 4th VBS meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 6th Velda Cunningham's 90th birthday Open House is from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday, April 8th The memorial service for Don VanDeveer is visitation from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with 6:00 p.m. service. All here at FCC

Tuesday, April 9th Young @ Hearts meets @ 9:00 a.m. for food, fellowship & prayer

Tuesday, April 9th Women's Evening ministry meets @ 6:30 p.m. at FCC

Wednesday, April 10th W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper, then, worship and Bible study

Saturday, April 13th Easter Egg Hunt for 6th grade and under @ 10:00 a.m.

Friday, April 19th Good Friday Prayer Chain is from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Most people like jokes. Today is April 1 a.k.a. April Fool's Day. For those people who like jokes and tricks, this is their holiday. I hope that you enjoy the day but temper your jokes with a little bit of kindness and understanding. Don't be mean or cruel in the tricks you try to pull on others.

April Fool's Day is also a holiday for another group of people – atheists. I am very careful about calling anyone a fool. Many years ago in high school, I was friends with a boy who often called people "a fool." I began doing that as well until my parents told me about a passage in the Bible that warned about calling anyone a fool. "But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell." (Matthew 5:22b) Upon learning about those words Jesus spoke, I stopped that practice immediately. Be very careful about calling another person "a fool."

However, I believe I am on safe and solid ground when I call an atheist a fool. Listen to what the Bible says about those who deny the existence of God. "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Psalms 14:1a) That statement is repeated in Psalms 53:1a. If God calls an individual a fool, then I am safe in making that evaluation as well.

Although it is true that anyone who denies the existence of God is a fool, I must not make that statement with a mean spirit, but I should be saddened by the state of that person. Let's not say that the person is a fool self-righteously, judgmentally or vindictively. Rather, let us say that in humility – But for the grace of God that could be me. Let us say that in compassion – caring for that person in their lost state. Let us say that prayerfully – asking God to touch their hearts so that they might turn from their unbelief and come to salvation.

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning and to be able to greet you personally.

C U N Church
David

Serving In April***Elder:*** April 7th :Dennis Bushue***Deacons:*** Terry Harper, Vernon Jamison, Greg Spillman, Kevin Jamison***Deaconesses:*** Judy Gregory & Sheila Hutcheson

<i>3/24/19 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$ 3,415.50 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>3/31/19 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$ 4,246.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>
Worship:96 Sunday School: 26	Worship:106 Sunday School:26
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$345.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise: \$410.00</i> <i>Costa Rica Mission Trip Deposit:\$400.00</i>
<i>Building:\$40.00</i>	<i>Building:\$40.00</i>
<i>Sunday School:\$19.00</i> <i>Benevolence-Salvation Army:\$20.00</i>	<i>Sunday School:\$24.00</i>

<i>Greeters for April 7th: Dallas & Hazel Kingery</i>	<i>Home Communion for April 7th: Jon Zerkel & George Shouse</i>
<i>Greeters for April 14th: Claudine Rush & Linda Packer</i>	<i>Home Communion for April 14th: John Donathan & Terry Harper</i>

Women's Morning Ministry

Thursday, April 4th

The Morning Women's Ministry will meet at 10 a.m. at Cracker Barrel. The group shares in a devotional time that includes Bible study and prayer along with a time of fellowship. All ladies are invited to attend.



V.B.S. Meeting

Thursday, April 4th

Come and meet with us @ 5:30 p.m. to continue discussing plans for 2019 Vacation Bible School July 8th through July 12th



Faith Promise 2018/2019

Faith Promises Received

A total of \$36,570.00 for the year 2018/2019.

Received So Far: \$18,636.10

"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



Prayer List



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

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, 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, Ken Roley, Lois Bartels, Cindy Meitzner, Mat Reed, Adam Stoops, Allen Griffin, Joyce Jordon Griggs, 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, Brad Hockman, Aiden-2 year old, Sue Martin, Robin Nees, Jim Shouse, Kitty Jo Herrmann, Floyd Miller, Dennis Young's Great Nephew, Kent Farley, Vicki pals



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, LeAnn Spruell, Sarah Gremo, Craig Lattig, Phyllis Mitchell, Chris Hutcheson's nephew, Lucien Grey Valdez (9 month old), J.C. Packer, Cathy Weiffenbach, Dennis Reynolds, Linda Shaw, John Donathan's uncle, Phyllis (Bev Thoele's Sister), Ken & Velma Thomason, Rhodes Gephart, Marsha Smith, Sharon Caylor, Bobby Spracklen, Roger Wyckoff, Rory Miller, Victoria Gifford, Emmie Jane Sidwell-2 year old, Sonya Davis, Thelma Kirchoffer, Krissy Moore, Anthony Jamison, Travis Schoenfelden, Diane Donaldson, Vernon & Shirley Jamison, Dan & Rusty Shouse, Stephanie Packer, Kenny Scoggins, Lynn Weddle, Madison (2 yr. old with brain tumor), Pat Beals, David Powers, Dallas Kingery, Sandy Brockett, Larry Shoemaker, Joyce Walters, Denny & Ruth Williams, Crystal Robinson, August Long, Gary Scoggins, Graham Buehler, Llewellyn Lattig, Abby Nelson Thompson

(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: Heartland Christian Village-Neoga, IL

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

Grieving Families: Don VanDeveer Family, Robin Nees Family, Amy Nix Family, Tom Bales Family, Martin Zubiate's Brother-in-Law's family, Joshua Wood Family

Thank You Church Family

50th Anniversary

We would like to thank our church family for helping us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We had a wonderful day!!!

We thank the Lord for the life he has given us.

Sincerely in Christ,
Vernon & Shirley Jamison



April Book of the Month

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

Pastor David will be preaching from **Mark**.

during the month of April

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible &

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



90th Birthday Open House

April 6th

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Stop by and wish Velda a
happy birthday.

Please no gifts, your presence
is present enough



“Dear friend, I pray that you may
enjoy good health and that all
may go well with you, even as
your soul is getting along well.”

3 John 2 (NIV)

Memorial Service

Monday, April 8th

The memorial service for Don VanDeveer is visitation from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with 6:00 p.m. service. All here at First Christian Church

W.O.W. Adult Study

WOW April 10th

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

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

The **adults** Bible study at **6:30p.m.** **BUILDING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY IN A CONGREGATION** with Delaine Donaldson

Good Friday

Prayer Chain—Friday, April 19th

Signup sheet is on the information desk. Sign up for a 15 minute slot from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please, enter the foyer, quietly, about 15 minutes before your time to pray. There will be a clock in the hallway to know when to go in to pray. Check your name off the list. If no one comes to relieve you at the designated time, go ahead and leave.



E-Mail From Visitors March 24th

Dear Pastor and loving congregation,

I wanted to take a minute to thank you for your warm and overwhelming welcome this past Sunday, March 24th. My sister, Althea Winkel, and I walked in to the coffee time prior to your service and were immediately greeted by multiple people, one of whom (Bonnie) I went to High School with in the 1970's. As we enjoyed your refreshments, we were greeted by 8 or 10 members who were genuinely glad we came. It became even more evident that your church is living your faith when we entered the sanctuary and found quite a few new friends again. I grew up in Effingham and wish I attended your church in the 1970s.

I have traveled quite a bit and when I do, often visit a church in whatever city I find myself. Althea and I can honestly say that we have never felt more welcome. You and your church are a great example of a place that we would love to worship regularly if only we lived closer. You should also know that we specifically chose to share worship at your church because of your Biblically-based statement of faith, that you were up-front and bold in that statement on your web site. Thank you for that as well. (We chose to avoid several other churches that were probably worried about offending people by avoiding clearly stating what they believe.)

Once again, it was great to meet you all. We spoke to several local residents about what a great body of Christ you are. If we come to Effingham again, we will absolutely visit. If we can ever be of service to you and your flock, please reach out.

Blessings,

Scott MacKenzie

Scott A. MacKenzie, CRPC® CKA®

Senior Partner, Wealth Manager

Information Center

Serving

If you would like to volunteer to serve for one month, let Pastor David know.

The church family thanks Don Thoele so much for custom building the desk.

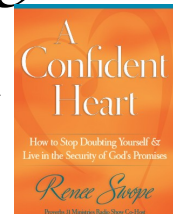
In addition, he has built two bulletin boards for the hallways and new signage in the halls.



Women's Evening Meeting

Tuesday, April 9th

Come and **meet @ 6:30 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. Snacks, fellowship, prayer and lesson 6: *The Woman God Created You To Be* from the video series *A Confident Heart* by Renee Swope **We will watch a movie: *I Can Only Imagine***



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SERVICE REQUESTED



Saturday, April 13th
Starts @ 10:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt
901 N. Henrietta St.
Effingham, IL



Bring a basket or sack to collect your eggs