



First Christian Church of Effingham

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What Manner of Love

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Mark Your Calendar

Baby Bottles Family Life Center
Baby Bottle Project is now available.
Return bottles by Father's Day

Friday, May 24th Upward Soccer
Evaluations will be from 5:00 p.m. to
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 25th Upward Soccer
Evaluations will be from 10:00 a.m.
to Noon

Saturday, May 25th Men's Gathering
meets from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 28th Young @ Heart
meets @ 9:00 a.m. for food, fellow-
ship & prayer

Thursday, May 30th Vacation Bible
School Meeting meets @ 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 2nd Food Pantry items
Canned Meat, Dessert Mixes or your
choice are due in Beebe Hall

Thursday, June 6th Morning
Women's Coffee meets @ Cracker
Barrel @ 10:00 a.m.

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Why am I a Christian? This was the question that was posed in Sunday School this past week. It is a good question to consider. Am I a Christian because my parents were Christians? Am I a Christian because that was the way I was raised? Or am I a Christian because my faith is based upon facts and is true? My faith is not just a subjective (based on personal feelings and choices) thing but is based on historical facts.

May is the month of graduations. High School students are soon to be leaving the protection of their parents and going out into a very hostile world. When I say "hostile," I mean unsupportive of their faith. This is an extremely critical time for these students. Will they remain true to the faith that they have confessed or will they renounce it? They will be facing many challenges intellectually and morally. Let's pray for them as they go into the world.

Let's also continue with the work of preparing our kids who are still at home to face a world of unbelief and skepticism. Let's prepare them to carry out the command found in 1 Peter 3:15. "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." There are reasons why we believe what we believe – more than "Mom and Dad believed it," and "The Bible says so." Our kids as well as their parents and all believers for that matter need to be able to give a reason for their faith. Let's remember what Peter wrote in 2 Peter 1:16. "We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty."

I encourage you to come to the adult Sunday School class for the next several Sundays to learn the reasons for our faith. You will be glad that you did.

I hope to be able to greet each of you this coming Lord's Day morning when we gather for worship. Let's all do our best to be present!

C U N Church,
David



Serving In May

Elder: May 26th :Don Thoele

Deacons: Chris Denoyer, Jeff Akeman, Chris Hutcheson, Kelvin Williams

Deaconesses: Crystal Habing & Marcie Shouse

<i>5/12/19 Attendance & Giving</i> Total: \$ 4,434.10 includes Faith Promise Offering	<i>5/19/19 Attendance & Giving</i> Total: \$ 4,325.00 includes Faith Promise Offering
Worship: 97 Sunday School: 29	Worship: 85 Sunday School: 15
Faith Promise Missions: \$830.00	Faith Promise: \$310.00
Building: \$40.00 Upward Soccer: \$225.00	Building: \$40.00 Costa Rica Mission Trip: \$700.00
Sunday School: \$11.00 Costa Rica Mission Trip: \$400.00	Sunday School: \$8.00 Upward Soccer: \$135.00

Greeters for May 26th: Ruby Tabor & Joyce Walters	Home Communion for May 26th: Martin Reyes
Greeters for June 2nd: Larry & Sue Thomason	Home Communion for June 2nd: Kevin Jamison Kelvin Williams

Family Life Center

Baby Bottle Project

The baby bottle project began on Mother's Day and ends on Father's Day. Please, pick up a baby bottle in the foyer. Fill it with coins and return it on Father's Day to the foyer.



Men's Gathering

Saturday, May 25th

Come, all boys and men to supper, prayer and fellowship @ the church at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, May 28th

Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee, fellowship and prayer





Prayer List



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

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, Quentin, Kent Farley, Vicki pals, Dave Bingham



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, Gary Scoggins, Graham Buehler, Llewellyn Lattig, Abby Nelson Thompson, Barbara Wence, Marsha Bloemker, Barbara Gilley, Cheryl Hamilton, Cheryl Beatt, Marilyn O'Leary

(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.)

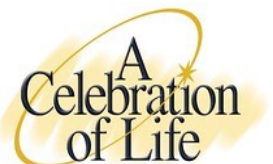


Missions: Heartland Christian Village-Neoga, IL

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

Grieving Families: Jim Ooton Family, JoElla Burton Family, Cheryl Hamilton Family, Scott Beals Family

Celebration of Life



Scott Beals

On Sunday, May 26th, the celebration of life visitation will be at First Christian Church from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The service will begin @ 2:20 p.m. with Pastor David leading the service.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”</p> <p>I Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)</p>						1
2 Food Pantry items due in Beebe Hall	3	4 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	5	6 Morning Women's Group meets @ 10:00 a.m. @ Cracker Barrel	7	8
9	10 Upward Soccer-5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	11 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. Upward Soccer -5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	12 Summer Youth W.O.W. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	13 Elders meet @ 9:00 a.m. Upward Soccer-5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	14 Upward Soccer-5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 	15 Upward Soccer Game Day 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
16	17	18 Children Event-Mini Golfing	19 Summer Youth W.O.W. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	20 V.B.S. meeting @ 5:30 p.m.	21	22
23	24 Upward Soccer-5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	25 Upward Soccer-5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	26 Summer Youth W.O.W. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	27 Upward Soccer-5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	28 Upward Soccer-5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	29 Upward Soccer Game Day 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Men's Gathering @ 6:00 p.m.
30	<p>“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, “</p> <p>Colossians 3:23 (NIV)</p>					

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

5. *Troy Bloemker* *BD*
 6. *Linda Rush* *BD*
 7. *Jeff & Laurie Akeman* *WA*
 9. *Toby & Heather Wolke* *WA*
 10. *Jeff Akeman* *BD*
 11. *Terry & Nancy Harper* *WA*
 13. *Erin Calvert* *BD*
 15. *Darlene Elliott* *BD*
 16. *Klent & Tracey Scoggins* *WA*

18. *John Donathan* *BD*
 23. *LeAnn Spruell* *BD*
 26. *Holly Bloemker* *BD*
 30. *Nancy Harper* *BD*



Decoration Committee

Hope You All Had A Happy Mother's Day

This year our special Mother's were eldest, Daisy Fry, youngest, Justine Reyes, most children, Shirley Jamison.



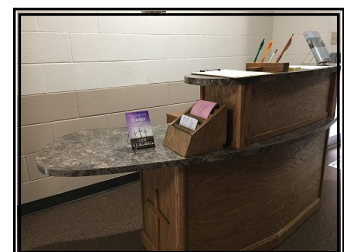
Thanks to all of the good helpers Kacey Scoggins, Cleone Bloemker, Elaine Griffin, Alexis Smith, Ally Smith, & Rachael Akeman. Good job all of you!!

The church was decorated for the month of April by Don & Beverly Thoele. The Sanctuary and Beebe Hall looked great and we thank you for all of your hard work.



Mimi Bushue decorated for the month of May, and she made some neat looking centerpieces for the tables. Thanks so much to all of you for beautifying the church.

Be sure to thank Don Thoele for the beautiful welcome desk he has made. It is really a wonderful desk. It will make it more welcoming to guests and newcomers.





May Book of the Month

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table for I & II Timothy & Titus.

Pastor David will be preaching from **these books** .
during the month of May

Goals:

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



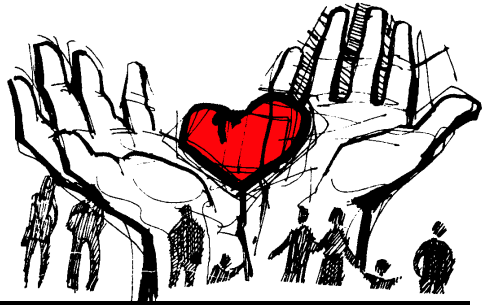
V.B.S. Meeting

Thursday, May 30th

We meet @ 5:30 p.m. to continue discussion on what the Bible Study will cover. The theme this year is: **Work as Worship**

The Science portion is being explored. The Cooking portion will have feedback from Reenie Miller. The Recycling will be narrowed down to the items and crafts needed. The Christian Worker list will be narrowed down as well. The main **Bible verse is Colossians 3:23(NIV)**

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters “



Food Pantry Items

Sunday, June 2nd

Please, bring canned meat, dessert mixes or your choice to Beebe Hall for the Calvary Baptist Church Food Pantry.



Faith Promise 2018/2019

Faith Promises Received

Our goal for the year 2018/2019 is \$36,570.00 .

We have received so far: \$23,310.10

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





Morning Women's Meeting

Thursday, June 6th

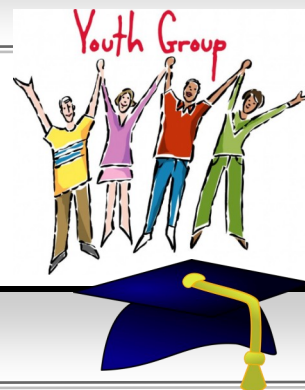
All women are invited to meet @ 10:00 a.m. at Cracker Barrel for food and fellowship and devotional time together.



Youth W.O.W.

Wednesday, June 12th

Youth (7th to 12th grades) meet @ 5:30 p.m. for supper. Summer W.O.W.



Graduates

2019—(Graduates will be recognized during worship service on May 26th)

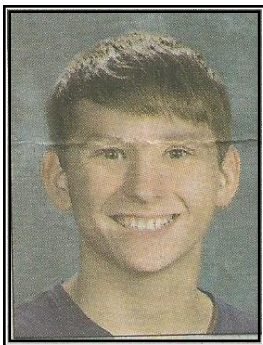
Eighth Grade Promoted to High School:

Jennifer Jamison (Kevin & Barb Jamison's Daughter), Haley Rogers (granddaughter to George & Marcie Shouse)

High School Grads:



Holly Bloemker
Effingham High School
National Honor Society Member
(Troy & Marsha's daughter)



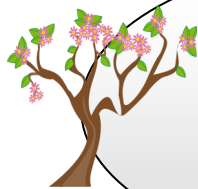
Tanner Gordon
Effingham High School
(Vernon & Shirley Jamison's grandson)



Bayleigh Flynn
Effingham High School
National Honor Society (Reenie Miller's Granddaughter)



Katelynn Grimsley
Altamont High School
(Sandy Grimsley's granddaughter)



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SERVICE REQUESTED



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Upward Soccer

Sign up is for grades 5K to 6th graders. An application is on the web site (<http://fceffingham.com/get-connected-4/>) and can be printed off. Fill it out and send to Martin Reyes @ 901 N. Henrietta St., Effingham, IL

May 24, 2019 Upward Soccer Evaluations from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **or**
May 25, 2019 Upward Soccer Evaluations from 10:00 a.m. to noon