



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

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

Monday, June 10th First Week of
Upward Soccer starts

Tuesday, June 11th Young @ Heart
meets @ 9:00 a.m. for food, fellow-
ship & prayer

Wednesday, June 12th Summer
Youth W.O.W. begins at 5:30 p.m. to
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18th Children's Event
is meet @ the Mini Golf Course @
Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 23rd Pictures of you
running a race are due to be given to
Pastor Martin

Sunday, July 7th Food Pantry items
Pancake mix, Cereal, Oatmeal or your
choice are due in Beebe Hall

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Yesterday morning as Delaine Donaldson led in the Communion mediation, he mentioned that in our culture vice (sin) has become virtue and virtue has become vice. This is not the first time in history this has happened. Isaiah who lived 700 years before Jesus came to this earth wrote "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter (Isaiah 5:20). Obviously, this same thing was going on in ancient Israel.

This does seem to be an accurate description of our culture. During this last legislative session of the Illinois General Assembly, there have been several pieces of legislation that have been approved. Our governor and many state legislators are proud of their accomplishments. They have called it successful, progressive and good for the people of Illinois. That description may fit some of the legislation that has been passed. Time will tell. But other pieces of legislation passed have designated what used to be called evil good. Let me mention a few of these.

1. Legalization of recreational marijuana – For years using marijuana has been illegal. It was thought it would lead to using stronger drugs.

2. Legalization of sports betting – This has not been approved yet but it probably will be. For years, gambling was considered a sin and thus a crime. No longer.

3. Relaxing the restraints on abortion – While many states are passing laws intended to protect the unborn, Illinois has passed a law that denies the unborn have any rights at all.

4. Requiring the sexual preferences of historical figures to be taught to school children – I am not sure what the sexual preference of historical figures has to do with their contributions to our country and world, but if that person is a part of the LGBT community, it must be noted. The Bible still calls homosexuality a sin. This legislation is just another way of negating the teaching of God's Word.

If we dare oppose this agenda, we will be branded as intolerant and judgmental. Just ask Cory Musgrave, a minister from Fairfield, who had the prayer to open the day's proceedings in the Illinois House. Some legislators walked out and others turned away from him. He was condemned on social media.

But we cannot remain silent. We must continue to speak God's Word in love. We have been called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. "Dear God, please give us the strength to be your people in this place and at this time."

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning when we come together for worship.

C U N Church,
David



Serving In June

Elder: June 9th :Jon Zerkel

Deacons: John Donathan, Larry Thomason, J.P. Smith, Martin Zubiato

Deaconesses: Linda Rush & Barb Jamison

<i>5/26/19 Attendance & Giving</i> Total: \$ 4,383.00 includes Faith Promise Offering	<i>6/2/19 Attendance & Giving</i> Total: \$ 8,949.00 includes Faith Promise Offering
Worship: 95 Sunday School: 23	Worship: 72 Sunday School: 20
Faith Promise Missions: \$275.00	Faith Promise: \$925.00
Building: \$40.00 Upward Soccer: \$1,215.00	Building: \$40.00 Costa Rica Mission Trip: \$353.00
Sunday School: \$10.00	Sunday School: \$14.00 From Faith Promise To CRMT: \$4,550.00
Greeters for June 9th: George & Marcie Shouse	Home Communion for June 9th: Chris Denoyer & Terry Harper
Greeters for June 16th: Linda Rush & Danny Rush	Home Communion for June 16th: Don Thoele & Jacob Beavers

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.



Upward Soccer

Monday, June 10th

1st week of Soccer is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday-5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

1st Game Day is Saturday, June 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday, June 24th

2nd Week of Soccer is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday-5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

2nd Game Day is Saturday, June 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Come and support the camps by attending one of the days of camp or one of the game days



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, 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, 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, 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, Ruby Tabor, Amelia, Justus Donaldson, Carol Bratton, Brent Owen, Mila Leach, Tom Young, Jim Bingham

(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: JoElla Burton Family, Cheryl Hamilton Family, Scott Beals Family, Bob Pike Family

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, June 11th

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





June Book of the Month

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table for Ephesians

Pastor David will be preaching from **this book** .
during the month of June

Goals:

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



Summer Youth W.O.W.

Wednesday, June 12th

This is the first Summertime W.O.W. for the youth. It begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m.

Come and join us for fellowship and worship with Pastor Martin.



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Garden Committee

Wednesday, June 12th

The committee members will be meeting and working in the canopy area of the church.

We will meet @ 9:00 a.m. to begin working on this area of the church grounds.



Children's Event

Tuesday, June 18th

Come and Meet at the Mini Golf at Noon. We will golf and have a snack. We should be done by 2:00 p.m.





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.



Pictures Needed

Special Running Photos Requested



Pastor Martin would like photos of church family members running a race.

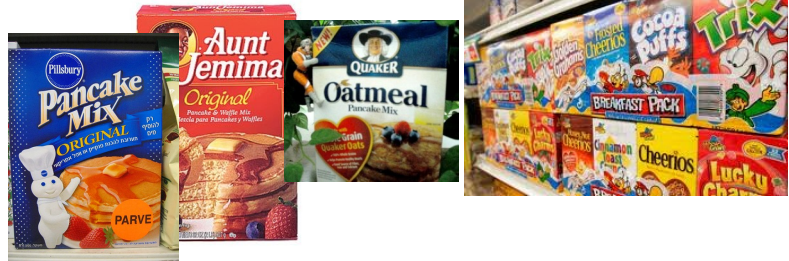
Please, send e-mail to pastormartinfcc@gmail.com along with the name of the race in which you participated.

Pastor Martin requests the photos to be e-mailed to him by June 23rd.

Food Pantry Items

Sunday, July 7th

Please, bring Pancake Mix, Cereal, Oatmeal 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: \$24,333.10

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





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SERVICE REQUESTED



First Christian Church
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Vacation Bible School-901 N. Henrietta St.

Dates: Monday, July 8th through Friday, July 12th

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

Theme: Work as Worship

Bible Verse: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

Work in Science, Work in Cooking, Work in Recycling

