



First Christian Church of Effingham

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What Manner of Love

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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, August 24th Men's Gathering meets @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 25th Open House for Darlene Zimdars 90th birthday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday, August 26th Card shower for Darlene Zimdars 90th birthday

Tuesday, August 27th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. for food, fellowship & prayer

Wednesday, August 28th Youth W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 1st Food Pantry items Vegetables, cereal or your choice are due in Beebe hall

Thursday, September 5th Women's Morning meeting at Cracker Barrel starts @ 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 10th Women's Ministry meets @ Nancy Harper's @ 6:30 p.m. Bring A Dish

Thursday, September 12th Elders meet @ 9:00 a.m.

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

In the book of Joshua we have been reading about a "holy war" that was waged by Israel against the Canaanites. The Canaanites lived in the land promised by God to the descendents of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God had commanded the Israelites to totally annihilate the Canaanites and take possession of their land. That sounds like jihad to me. Jihad is a term that we have associated with radical Islamic terrorists. Actually the term jihad can have different meanings and unfortunately the meaning we have associated with the word has become the dominant one in our thinking. One of the other meanings is "the human struggle to promote what is right and to prevent what is wrong." That sounds like a worthy and admirable struggle to me. In fact, that is the kind of struggle in which we as Christians are involved. We are trying to change the world; we are trying to promote what is good and we are trying to prevent what is wrong.

We do not wage our jihad with guns, missiles, or bombs. "For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds." (2 Cor. 10:3-4) So what are some of the methods we use in our holy war?

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. It is possible as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:9-21

I hope to see each of you this coming Sunday morning.

C U N Church,
David



Serving In August

Elder: August 25th Dennis Bushue

Deacons: J. P. Smith, Martin Zubiate, George Shouse

Deaconesses: April Moeller & Marcie Shouse

<i>8/11/19 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$4,799.95 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>8/18/19 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$4,254.70 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>
Worship: 90 Sunday School: 17	Worship: 90 Sunday School: 26
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$420.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise: \$250.00</i>
Building: \$40.00 Holly Arney Memorial Donations: \$1,610.00	Building: \$40.00 Holly Arney Memorial Donations: \$125.00
Sunday School: \$19.00	Sunday School: \$22.00
<i>Greeters for August 25th: Cecil & Charlotte Wright</i>	<i>Home Communion for August 25th: Kevin Jamison & Terry Harper</i>
<i>Greeters for September 1st: Dennis Young & Kelvin Williams</i>	<i>Home Communion for September 1st: Chris Denoyer & Jeff Akeman</i>

Men's Gathering

Saturday, August 24th



All boys and men are invited to join us for supper, fun and fellowship.
We will meet @ 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Men's Fellowship



Open House

Sunday, August 25th



You are invited to celebrate Darlene Zimdars' 90th birthday at an open house in Beebe Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Darlene requests no presents.

Just come and have some cake with her.





Prayer List



Cancer: Kaye Wyckoff (chemo & radiation), Gen Byers (surgery for colon cancer), Jim Bingman (oral cancer, chemo and radiation), Allen Ritter (surgery for skin cancer 8/19/19)



Special Needs: Dennis Bushue (stent in kidney), Haley (cousin to Mimi), Ohio & Texas shootings, Juanita Lindsey, Pauline Verdeyen, Kenzie Waymoth (appendix burst), Phyllis Mitchell (broke her back), Unnamed Request (cirrhosis of the liver)

Missions: Heartland Christian Village-Neoga, IL; Family Life Center, Oblong Christian Children's Home

Grieving Families: Bill Schmidt Family, Holly Arney Family, Dallas Parkhurst Family

Praises: Lily Grace born August 8, 2019 to Christopher & Cassie McCammon, great grandparents are George & Marcie Shouse; Dennis Young's niece's grandson is cancer free

Anastasia Lynn born August 8, 2019, to Jesse & Gabbie Bushue, great grandparents are Dennis & Mimi Bushue.

Prayer List

First Christian Church believes in the importance and power of prayer. Every prayer request shared is important and we want to enlist the prayers of our congregation to intercede on behalf of those special needs.

Because of the length of our prayer list the most recent prayer needs are sometimes overlooked. Some can look at the lengthy list and say that it is the same and just overlook it. For these reasons we are changing the way we will be publishing our prayer list.

Only the most recent (1 month) will be published. This does not mean the other requests are not important. You as individuals are encouraged to maintain your own personal prayer lists containing those special needs on which you want to focus. We will continue to keep the master list in the church office.

We ask for your help to keep our prayer list current. If you know of a need that has been met, a prayer that has been answered, a death that has occurred, etc., please notify the church office so that the correction can be made.

For the next few weeks a master list will be at the information desk. Please stop by and make any corrections that you are aware of that need to be made. Thanks for your continued prayers!



September 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Calvary Baptist food pantry items canned vegetables, cereal or your choice	2	3 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	4 Youth W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	5 Women's Morning ministry 10:00 a.m.	6	7
8	9	10 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m. Women's meeting @ Nancy Harper's @ 6:30 p.m.	11 Adult, Children & Youth W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	12 Elders Meet @ 9:00 a.m.	13	14
15	16	17 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	18 W.O.W. meets 5:30 p.m.	19	20	21
22	23	24 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	25 W.O.W. meets 5:30 p.m.	26	27	28 Men's Gathering @ 6:00 p.m.
29	<p>"Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains." James 5:7</p>					

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 Astrid Zubiato	BD
4-Analise Brown	BD
5-Dorothy Locke	BD
5-Maci Renee Lewis	BD
7-Charolette Bushue	BD
8-Jake & Chelsey Beavers	WA
13-Emily Griffin	BD
16-Sandi Donaldson	BD
18-Elaine Griffin	BD
21-Dallas & Hazel Kingery	WA
22-Hazel Kingery	BD
22-J.T. Bloemker	BD
22-Sheryl Rincker	BD
29-Claudine Rush	BD
29-Chris & Sheila Hutcheson	WA



All Church Picnic

Sunday, August 25th

Don't forget! The **all-church picnic** is being held this coming Sunday night, **August 25 beginning at 5 p.m.** We will meet at **Lake Sara in the area where the community building** is located. We will be using the pavilions on the point extending out into the lake. To find the area simply cross the dam, go past the drive for the Effing-

ham Water Authority and turn into the next access road. Bring your lawn chairs and a dish to share with those in attendance. **The church will provide table service and drinks.** As the evening draws to a close, we will have a **"Galilean Church Service" at approximately 6:30.** Just as Jesus from a boat taught the people on the shore, we will conduct the worship service from a boat just off shore. You won't want to miss out on this wonderful opportunity to worship God and to spend time with your church family Church Picnic



This is for all ages and invite a friend to come with you.

Faith & Fellowship



August Book of the Month

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table for Joshua
Pastor David will be preaching from **the book of Joshua** during
the month of August

Goals:

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



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, August 27th

Come and join us for coffee/tea, fellowship and prayer @ 9:00 a.m. (50 year olds and Up)



Faith Promise 2018/2019

Faith Promises Received

Our goal for the year 2018/2019 is \$36,570.00 .
We have received so far: \$30,640.10

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



Sound Room Volunteers

Help Needed

It takes a lot of people to help a church function properly. Sometimes we do not realize just how much help is needed because so much of the work is done behind the scenes.

We do appreciate those people who operate our sound and video systems each Sunday. We are in **need of more volunteers** to help with this important ministry.

If you think this might be an area in which you can serve, please let Jon Zerkel or the office know. You can be trained to operate these systems.

Also needed are volunteers to compile the power point presentations for the song service. Jon has a library of several hundred songs that would be used in these presentations. Often it is just a matter of copy and paste to put together the presentation. Jon has been putting the power point presentations together for several years. He needs some assistance in doing this.





Youth W.O.W.

Wednesday, August 28th

Youth & Young Adults W.O.W. begins @ 5:30 p.m. Come and join us for supper, worship and Bible Study



Food Pantry Items

Sunday, September 1st

Please, bring Canned Vegetables, Cereal, or your choice to Beebe Hall for the Calvary Baptist Church Food Pantry.



Women's Morning Group

Thursday, September 5th

Meet @ Cracker Barrel at 10:00 a.m. for fun, food, fellowship, devotional and prayer



Women's Ministry Fall Kick Off

Tuesday, September 10th

We will meet @ Nancy Harper's house for grilled hamburgers. Please, bring a dish to go with hamburgers.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to Nancy so she will have enough hamburgers. e-mail: tnharper47@att.net

Address is:

14979 N. 17th Ave.

Effingham, IL

To Car Pool: Meet @ the church at 6:00 p.m.





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SERVICE REQUESTED



Card Shower

Monday, August 26th

90th birthday for Darlene Zimdars. We are asking all the church family to send a birthday card to Darlene to celebrate her becoming 90 years old! She loves to get cards.

Her Address:

505 W. Temple Rm.1
Effingham, IL 62401-2250

