



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*What Manner of Love*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Tuesday, August 13th** Young @  
Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. for food,  
fellowship & prayer

**Tuesday, August 13th** V.B.S. Recap  
Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

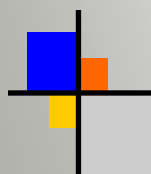
**Saturday, August 17th** Children's  
Event from 10:00 a. m. to noon; Back  
2 School Party

**Tuesday, August 20th** Missions  
Meeting meets @ 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, August 24th** Men's Gath-  
ering meets @ 6:00 p.m.

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

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



## **Ponderings of the Preacher . . .**

In light of the recent shootings and the strife that divides our country, I am reminded of the words of a song that first became popular in 1965. Here are some of the lyrics of that song.

“What the world needs now, is love, sweet love. It’s the only thing that there’s just too little of.” The lack of love for one another will eventually and certainly destroy us. That sad and awful truth is illustrated very clearly in the following poem.

### **The Cold Within**

Six humans trapped by happenstance in bleak and bitter cold.

Each one possessed a stick of wood or so the story’s told.

Their dying fire in need of logs, the first man held his back

For of the faces ‘round the fire he noticed one was black.

The next man looking cross the way saw one not of his church

And couldn’t bring himself to give the fire his stick of birch.

The third one sat in tattered clothes; he gave his coat a hitch

Why should his log be put to use to warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and thought of the wealth he had in store

And how to keep what he had earned from the lazy shiftless poor.

The black man’s face bespoke revenge as the fire passed from his  
sight;

For all he saw in his stick of wood was a chance to spite the white.

The last man of this forlorn group did naught except for gain;

Giving only to those who gave was how he played the game.

Their logs held tight in death’s still hand were proof of human sin.

They didn’t die from the cold without; they died from the cold  
within.

The words of that 1965 song are still true. “What the world needs now is love sweet love. Not just for some but for everyone.” The golden text of the Bible, John 3:16, says that God loved the world. If we are to be like our Father in Heaven, we also need to love the world or as Jesus instructed us, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

I hope to see you this coming Lord’s Day morning. Let’s all do our best to be in attendance at our worship service!

C U N Church,  
David



### ***Serving In August***

**Elder:** August 11th Delaine Donaldson

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

**Deaconesses:** April Moeller & Marcie Shouse

<b>7/21/19 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$ 3,484.31 includes Faith Promise Offering</b>		<b>7/28/19 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$3,324.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</b>	
Worship: 87                      Sunday School:25		Worship: 73                      Sunday School:16	
<b>Faith Promise Missions: \$390.00</b>		<b>Faith Promise: \$346.00</b>	
Building:\$40.00 Costa Rica-VBS Donation: \$166.27		Building:\$40.00 Initial Offering:\$2.00	
Sunday School:\$18.00 Initial Offering:\$1.00		Sunday School:\$16.00	
<b>8/4/19 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$ 4,640.00includes Faith Promise Offering</b>			
Worship:94		Sunday School:19	
<b>Faith Promise Missions: \$1,180.00</b>		Building:\$40.00	
Sunday School: \$16.00			
<b>Greeters for August 11th: Dennis &amp; Mimi Bushue</b>		<b>Home Communion for August 11th: Delaine Donaldson</b>	
<b>Greeters for August 18th: Linda Packer &amp; Sandy Grimsley</b>		<b>Home Communion for August 18th: Martin Reyes</b>	

## ***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!





## *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

**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, 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, Doris Percival, Malcolm Jollivay & Family, Sandra Helmink, Keaton Gabel-13 year old, Raeleigh-7 year old, Kristen Avotea, 2 year old boy, Jill Fidler, Aiden-2 year old, Sue Martin, Jim Shouse, Kitty Jo Herrmann, Kent Farley, Vicki pals, Jim Bingham, Carol Wilsey, Ryker-4 year old, Teresa Hathway, Kaye Wyckoff

**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, Dennis Reynolds, Linda Shaw, John Donathan's uncle, Phyllis (Bev Thoele's Sister), Ken & Velma Thomason, 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, Dan & Rusty Shouse, Stephanie Packer, 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, Abby Nelson Thompson, Barbara Wence, Barbara Gilley, Cheryl Beatt, Marilyn O'Leary, Ruby Tabor, Amelia, Justus Donaldson, Carol Bratton, Brent Owen, Mila Leach, Hazel Kingery, Terry Ervin, Lisa Fudge, Anna Hicks, Barb Akeman, Rhodes Gephart

**(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; Family Life Center



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

**Grieving Families:** Bill Schmidt Family, Holly Arney Family

## *Thanks For Prayers*

### *Caring Prayers Help*

*Your prayers for the medical condition I was enduring was so much appreciated!*

*No Cancer!!! No Stents necessary for the heart!!!*

*Thank you for your caring at this difficult time.*

*Hazel Kingery*





## *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.



## *Children's Event*

### **Saturday, August 17th**

All children 6th grade and under are invited to the Back 2 School party from  
10:00 a.m. to noon.



## *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**



## *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.







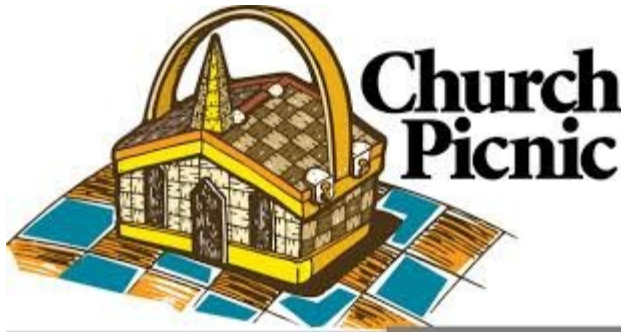
## *All Church Picnic*

### **Sunday, August 25th**

The Young at Heart is sponsoring an end of summer all church picnic. Everyone both young and old is invited to come and share in this wonderful time of food, fun, fellowship and worship. It will be held on Sunday evening, **August 25 beginning at 5**

**p.m. at Lake Sara.** Bring your favorite picnic food along with your lawn chairs and yard games. As the evening draws to a close, we will have a "Galilean Worship Service." 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.

# Faith & Fellowship



## *Faith Promise 2018/2019*

### **Faith Promises Received**

Our goal for the year 2018/2019 is \$36,570.00 .  
We have received so far: \$28,790.10

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*



## *Food Pantry Items*

### **Sunday, September 1st**

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





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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

