



First Christian Church of Effingham

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What Manner of Love

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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, September 21st All Children 6th grade and under are invited to meet @ 5:00 p.m. Come, watch a movie at the church!

Tuesday, September 24th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. for food, fellowship & prayer

Wednesday, September 25th W.O.W. begins @ 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 28th All boys and men are invited to the Men's Gathering meets @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 3rd Elders meeting will meet @ 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 3rd Women's Morning Group meets @ 10:00 a.m. at Cracker Barrel



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

In 1859, Charles Dickens wrote *A Tale of Two Cities*. One of the bestselling novels of all time, this was a story about the difference between two different places that were not so far apart geographically, but worlds apart politically – England and France. The story had its setting in 1775, as the French Revolution was beginning to take shape. Dickens began his story with these words:

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way.

It seems incredible that life could be so different for those who were living just a few miles apart, but it was.

I have another story to relate. I call it the "Tale of Two Bills."

Here's how it goes.

A well-worn one dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country.

"I've had a pretty good life. Why, I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean."

"Wow!" said the one dollar bill. "You really have had an exciting life!"

"So, tell me," said the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

"The one dollar bill replied, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Christian Church . . ."

The twenty dollar bill interrupted, "What's a church?"

Whether we take our twenty, fifty, or hundred dollar bill to church may actually determine whether the people of this world will experience the best of times or the worst of times; whether they will be going direct to heaven or going direct the other way. We can have an impact on our world by the monetary gifts we share. In a few weeks, we will once again be challenged to consider making a promise in faith so that others can hear about Jesus. Let's begin to pray that God would lead us in making that decision.

C U N Church,

David

***Serving In September******Elder:*** September 22nd Jon Zerkel***Deacons:*** Terry Harper, Greg Spillman, Kevin Jamison***Deaconesses:*** Shannon Smith & Elaine Griffin

<i>9/8/19 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$ 4,222.72 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>9/15/19 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$ 4,565.51 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>
Worship: 95 Sunday School: 25	Worship: 87 Sunday School: 24
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$590.00</i> <i>Interest on CDs for Benevolence: \$142.66</i>	<i>Faith Promise: \$605.00</i>
<i>Building: \$40.00</i> <i>Cookbook Sale: \$10.00</i>	<i>Building: \$40.00</i> <i>Countrymark Refining: \$49.51</i>
<i>Sunday School: \$15.00</i> <i>Holly Arney Memorial: \$40.00</i>	<i>Sunday School: \$12.00</i> <i>Operation Christmas Child: \$100.00</i>
<i>Greeters for September 22nd: Crystal Habing & Sara Lemar</i>	<i>Home Communion for September 22nd: Dennis Bushue & Kelvin Williams</i>
<i>Greeters for September 29th: Elaine Griffin & Sonya Davis</i>	<i>Home Communion for September 29th: Jon Zerkel & Martin Zubiarte</i>

Children's Event

Saturday, September 21st

All children 6th grade and under meet @ the church @ 5:00 p.m. for a movie



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, September 24th

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



W.O.W.

Wednesday, September 25th

All ages W.O.W. begins @ 5:30 p.m. for supper. worship and Bible Study follow from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.





Prayer List



Cancer: Arlene Fleener (inoperable colon cancer), Larry Malone, Linda Miselbrook

Special Needs: LeAnn Spruell (cellulitis), Mary Gullet (stress), Long Family (unspoken request), Robert Spracklen (liver and kidneys), Peyton Bushue (heal from wreck he was in) Dennis Bushue (pain and stent in kidney), Natalie Harrison (high fever), Muriel Dunkel (heart surgery), Greg Myatt (broken bones due to accident), Cathy & Joel Harrison (moving to Olney & Joel is starting new pastor job), John Weiffenbach, Paulette Stoops (heart surgery, Sept. 18), Linda Shaw (stage 4 kidney disease), Amanda Young (tonsillectomy), Dennis Young's friend

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

Grieving Families: Nadine Bair Family, Mary Sur Family, Joyce Furlong Family, Marcia Rexroat Family, Carl Fergus Family

Praises: Gen Byers went home from the hospital after surgery on colon. Phyllis Mitchell went to rehab at Lakeland

You Blessed Us

Thanks To All

Our family wishes to convey our sincerest appreciation for your prayers and support during Holly's passing. We are blessed to have a church family and friends like you and are thankful for all you've done.



Love,
Brad Arney Family

Men's Gathering

Saturday, September 28th



All boys and men are invited to supper @ 6:00 p.m. Also, fellowship and a devotional follow supper.

**Men's
Fellowship**




Elders' Meeting

Thursday, October 3rd

The elders will meet @ 9:00 a.m.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	2 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	3 Morning Women's group meets @ Cracker Barrel- 10:00 a.m. Elders meet @ 9:00 a.m.	4	5
6	7	8 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. Women's Meeting meets @ 6:30 p.m.	9 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	10	11	12
13	14	15 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	16 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	17	18	19
20 Faith Promise Rally introduced	21	22 Young @ Heart meets @ 11:30 a.m. Faith Promise Rally luncheon	23 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m. Foreign Cuisine Pot Luck Supper	24 Faith Promise Prayer Meeting 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	25	26 Faith Promise Magic Show with Harvey Waddelow (All church event) 6:00 p.m.-7:00p.m.
27 Faith Promise Cards passed out. Speaker is Harvey Waddelow + potluck to follow	28	29 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	30 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	31 Treat Town 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.		





September Book of the Month

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

Goals:

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



II Corinthians

Faith Promise 2018/2019

Faith Promises Received

Our goal for the year 2018/2019 is \$36,570.00 .
We have received so far: \$33,310.10

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

I Peter 4:10



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.





Women's Morning Meeting

Thursday, October 3rd

All ladies are invited to attend. Meet @ Cracker Barrel @ 10:00 a.m. There will be fellowship, a devotional and prayer.



Food Pantry Items

Sunday, October 6th

Please, bring , Pizza Crust, Pizza Sauce, or your choice to Beebe Hall for the Calvary Baptist Church Food Pantry.

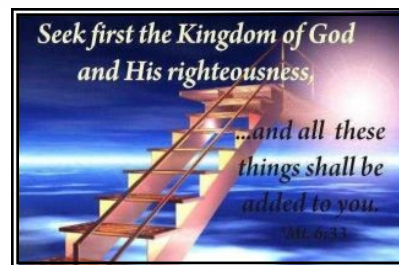


Faith Promise Rally 2019

Sunday, October 20th to Sunday, October 27th

Theme: Take God At His Word

Bible Verse: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33



Sunday, October 20th—Introduce Faith Promise and Faith promise cards will be handed out; four mission representatives will speak. (a short video from the Caziers for Christian Missionary Fellowship will be shown. Three other speakers will be speaking)

Tuesday, October 22nd—Young @ Heart luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sue Elke—FISH, Tyler Mulvaney—Oil Belt, and Danah Hines—Christian Campus House EIU will speak.

Wednesday, October 23rd—W.O.W. will be foreign cuisine night. There will be some worship songs and prayer and three mission representatives will speak. (3 mission speakers)

Thursday, October 24th—A prayer meeting for Faith Promise will be held form 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Milk and cookies will be served afterwards.



Saturday, October 26th—A magic show by Harvey Waddelow will be presented from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow the magic show.

Sunday, October 27th—Amy Kemp—Oblong Children's Christian Home and Harvey Waddelow will speak during worship. Faith Promise cards will be collected at the end of the worship service and a pot luck lunch will follow.



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SERVICE REQUESTED



Open House & Card Shower

When: Saturday, October 19th

Come Celebrate Dennis & Mimi Bushue's 50th Wedding anniversary with this card shower and open house.

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: First Christian Church



Golden Wedding Anniversary

