



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, September 10th Young @
Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. for food,
fellowship & prayer

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

Wednesday, September 11th All ages
W.O.W. begins @ 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

This past Sunday, we distributed the book *Take God at His Word* written by Dr. Gregg Hood. This begins a four week series of sermons and lessons on the topic of giving. However, I do not want you to think that this is only about giving. The purpose of this study goes far beyond the goal of increasing our giving. This study will help us experience the blessings that God wants to share with His children. This book and the sermons and lessons that accompany it will help us all better understand what the Bible has to say about money, financial decisions, and trusting God to care for our every need.

Doug Parsons a minister near Houston, Texas wrote the following about *Take God at His Word*.

Money, money, money. Everybody has his hand out. There is a style of asking for dollars that offends. Instead of trying to sweet talk, harass, coddle or plead – why not try the scriptural way of giving? That's why Dr. Gregg Hood's new book, *Take God at His Word*, is so on target. In this small, easy-to-read, but dynamic book, he presents a biblical, honest, and encouraging study of the promises of God as they pertain to giving. It is an excellent guide because it covers a subject on which, we need a sound, biblical perspective. I recommend it to all who seek to do God's will.

For many of you, the book will simply be a confirmation of truths you have already discovered and experienced. You have been practicing biblical stewardship for a long time. That's okay because we all need to be reminded periodically of the truths found in God's Word. Perhaps for some of you, the book may be a real challenge to your faith. You have never really looked at what the Bible says about stewardship. Regardless of which group you may be in, please pray that God will speak to us during these next several weeks and that He will be glorified.

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning when the First Christian Church gathers for worship.

C U N Church,
David



Serving In September

Elder: September 8th Don Thoele

Deacons: Terry Harper, Greg Spillman, Kevin Jamison

Deaconesses: Shannon Smith & Elaine Griffin

<i>8/25/19 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$3,454.01 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>9/1/19 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$ 3,459.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>
Worship:97 Sunday School:25	Worship:62 Sunday School:16
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$290.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise: \$1,185.00</i>
<i>Building:\$40.00</i>	<i>Building:\$40.00</i> <i>Holly Arney Memorial: \$30.00</i>
<i>Sunday School:\$27.00</i>	<i>Sunday School:\$14.00</i>
<i>Greeters for September 8th: Chris & Sheila Hutcheson</i>	<i>Home Communion for September 8th: Don Thoele</i>
<i>Greeters for September 15th: John & Cathy Weiffenbach</i>	<i>Home Communion for September 15th: David McConnell</i>

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, September 10th

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



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.





Prayer List



Cancer:

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)

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

Grieving Families: Dallas Parkhurst Family, Nadine Bair Family

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

Thanks So Much

Open House Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who attended my open house and sent cards for my 90th Birthday. It was very much appreciated.

God bless you all,
Darlene Zimdars

Thank You
So Much

Feed The Crave 10th Anniversary



YOU'RE INVITED
TO THE 10 YEAR CELEBRATION OF FEED THE CRAVE

Sunday, September 8th @ 4 pm
Christ's Church of Effingham
2511 S. Veterans Drive

Silent Auction
showcasing
handcrafted items

Mission Impact

Meal
Desserts
Ice Cream

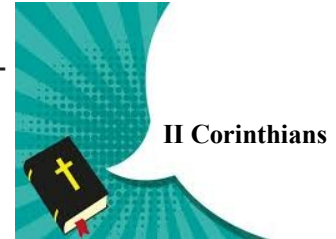


September Book of the Month

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.



W.O.W.

Wednesday, September 11th

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.



Faith Promise 2018/2019

Faith Promises Received

Our goal for the year 2018/2019 is \$36,570.00 .
We have received so far: \$30,930.10

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.

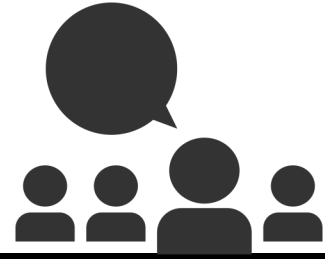




Elders' Meeting

Thursday, September 12th

The elders will meet @ the church at 9:00 a.m.



Children's Event

Saturday, September 21st

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



Men's Gathering

Saturday, September 28th



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**



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.





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SERVICE REQUESTED



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Take God At His Word

Each family can pick up a copy to share at home. The Sermon series for September will explore God's Word based on this book, *Take God at His Word*. in the coming weeks. Be sure to get your book . Read the introduction and chapter 1.

