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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, October 19th Open House & Card Shower for Dennis & Mimi Bushue's 50th Wedding Anniversary from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 20th Faith Promise Rally introduced; video from Cazier's on Christian Missionary Fellowship (CMF) & Elaine Griffin on Salvation Army. Terry Stine on St. Louis Christian College. Faith Promise Cards will be given out

Tuesday, October 22nd A luncheon hosted by Young @ Heart is at 11:30 a.m. Sue Elke from FISH, Tyler Mulvaney from Oil Belt & Danah Hines from Christian Campus House EIU are the speakers

Wednesday, October 23rd Foreign Cuisine potluck served at 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. then, worship and 3 speakers (Feed the Crave & Oblong Home & YWAM)

Thursday, October 24th A prayer meeting for Faith Promise will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 26th Magic Show by Harvey Waddelow will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with refreshments served afterwards

Sunday, October 27th Harvey Waddelow will speak during worship service. The Faith Promise cards will be collected

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

One of the things most people want today is to be able to make a difference in the community, nation, and world. As we look around us at the monumental needs that exist, we might be discouraged and think that there is no way that I can make a difference in the world. Let me encourage you by saying, "You can make a difference."

You can make a difference in many different areas but the area upon which I want to focus is the eternal difference in the lives of people. As we prepare for our Faith Promise Week, we will be challenged to consider making a promise in faith to give a certain amount of money for the cause of world-wide evangelism. You will be tempted to think that the little dab of money that you have cannot make any real difference in the lives of others. That is a lie that Satan would love for us to believe because we are then tempted to spend that money elsewhere. The truth is that each dollar that is given through our missions program at First Christian Church can and does have an impact upon the lives of others.

Consider for a moment the dollar that is given to Oil Belt Camp. Because of that dollar there is a child that hears about Jesus and gives his/her life to Him. That dollar has made an eternal difference in that person's life. Another dollar given to the camp may help a young person to be challenged to give his/her life to specialized Christian service. In the coming years that young person may touch many lives for Christ in his/her service through the local church or on the mission field. Once again the dollar you have given has an eternal impact on someone's life.

Our money does make a difference! I urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to hear the reports from those missions we support. See and hear what God is doing with your dollars to make a difference in the lives of others. Please be praying that God would speak to you letting you know what He wants you to do in respect to world-wide missions. Check out the activities for our Faith Promise week (a listing is found elsewhere in our newsletter) and plan to be present as often as you can. It looks like a great week.

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning and be able to greet you personally.

C U N Church,
David



Serving In October

Elder: October 20th Delaine Donaldson

Deacons: Chris Hutcheson, Kelvin Williams, Jeff Akeman, Chris Denoyer

Deaconesses: Heather Wolke & Cleone Bloemker

<i>10/06/19 Attendance & Giving</i> Total: \$ 7,495.37 includes Faith Promise Offering	<i>10/13/19 Attendance & Giving</i> Total: \$ 3,585.00 includes Faith Promise Offering
Worship: 95 Sunday School: 29	Worship: 93 Sunday School: 24
Faith Promise Missions: \$1,010.00	Faith Promise: \$230.00
Building: \$40.00	Building: \$40.00 Cookbooks \$20.00
Sunday School: \$24.00	Sunday School: \$18.00 Senior's Day @ Oil Belt: \$15.00
Greeters for October 20th: Jeff & Laurie Akeman	Home Communion for October 20th: Chris Hutcheson & J.P. Smith
Greeters for October 27th: Delaine & Sandi Donaldson	Home Communion for October 27th: David McConnell

Box Tops & Plastic Bags

Two Collections

Box Tops are being collected by Irma McConnell

Plastic Bags are being collected by Sheryl Rincker



Faith Promise Rally

Sunday, October 20th

Faith Promise cards will be handed out.



Lynn & Dori Cazier video for **Christian Missionary Fellowship** will be viewed

Elaine Griffin will speak on **Salvation Army**

Terry Stine will speak for **St. Louis Christian College**



<p>Take God At His Word</p> <p>As God enables me, I will help take the Gospel into all The world by giving to the missions program of First Christian Church My faith promise is \$ _____ annually/monthly/weekly (please circle your choice) For November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020</p>
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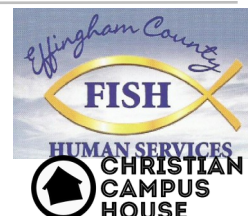
Faith Promise Luncheon

Tuesday, October 22nd

Luncheon Starts @ 11:30 a.m. hosted by Young @ Heart

All are invited to Come and hear the speakers:

Speakers: Sue Elke from **FISH**; Tyler Mulvaney from **Oil Belt Christian Service Camp**; Danah Hines from **Christian Campus House EIU**





Prayer List

Cancer: Larry Malone, Linda Miselbrook, Craig Wolf (Pancreatic Cancer), Anthony (leukemia & staff infection)

Special Needs: John Weiffenbach, Paulette Stoops (heart surgery, Sept. 18), Linda Shaw (stage 4 kidney disease), Bobby Spracklen, Cheryl Kuhlig (shunt to drain fluid from brain), Pamela Kaufman (liver problems), Pam Mayhaus, Julie Alline Bandseth, Rick Champ, Linda McKinney



Missions: Faith Promise Rally

Grieving Families: Mary Sur Family, Joyce Furlong Family, Marcia Rexroat Family, Carl Fergus Family, Grieving Families from Sullivan, Heather Began Family, Kent Farley Family, Bill Robey Family, Mildred Renken Family

Foreign Cuisine W.O.W.

Wednesday, October 23rd International Cuisine Night

Last year during our Faith Promise Rally, we encouraged everyone to bring a dish of food that had an international origin. This was served at WOW during Faith Promise week. There was a wonderful response to this unique emphasis on missionary outreach. There were a dozen different dishes that were brought.

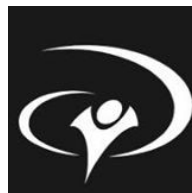
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for supper



We are doing this again on **Wednesday night, October 23rd**. Please consider bringing a dish to share with those in attendance. **Let us know** if you are going to participate. We would like to put signs by each of the dishes to identify what it is and its country of origin.

Please notify the office if you are planning on participating in this activity.

Speakers: Youth With A Mission-Roger Gephart & Feed the Crave-Shaun Splechter & Amy Kemp from Oblong Children's Christian Home



Thursday, Prayer Meeting

Thursday, October 24th



A prayer meeting for Faith Promise will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Milk and Cookies will be served afterwards.





November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” Colossians 3:15</p>						
3	4	5 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	6 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	7 Cracker Barrel Ladies Group 10:00 a.m. Elders Meet 9:00 a.m.	8	9
10	11	12 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.  Women's Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	13 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	14	15	16
17	18	19 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	20 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	21	22	23 Children's Thanksgiving dinner 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Men's Thanksgiving Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.
24	25	26 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	27 No W.O.W. Youth Thanksgiving Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.	28	29	30
						



Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries For November

1-David McConnell	BD
2-Angela Denoyer	BD
2-Shannon Smith	BD
6-Sheila Hutcheson	BD
10-Moris Sowers	BD
11-Terry Harper	BD
11-Tom Shouse	BD
11-Gene Roley	BD
14-Barb Morrison	BD
14-Stacy Brown	BD
15-Cheryl Bloemker	BD
17-Wanda McCoy	BD
18-Bonnie & Dale Vonderheide	WA
18-Reenie Miller	BD
18-J.P. Smith	BD

Magic Show Saturday, October 26th

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



What: Harvey Waddelow will be presenting a Bible-based magic show

Refreshments: Served After The Magic Show



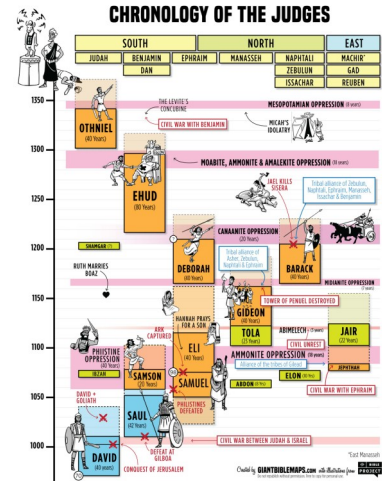
October Book of the Month

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table for Judges & Ruth. Pastor David will be preaching from **the book of Judges & Ruth** during the month of October.

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



Faith Promise 2018/2019

Faith Promises Received

Our goal for the year 2018/2019 is \$36,570.00 .

We have received so far: \$35,462.10

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



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.



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Faith Promise Rally 2019

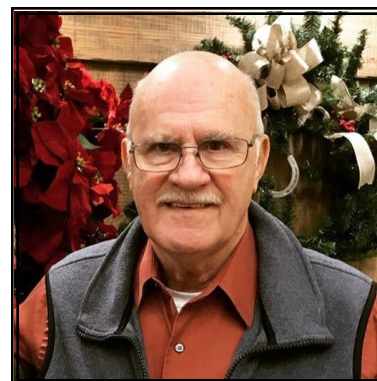
Sunday, October 27th

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 27th—John Letizia for **Heartland Senior Living** will speak at the beginning of the worship service
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.



Please, **bring your favorite** salad, entrée, vegetable or dessert to the Pot luck directly after worship service on Sunday, October 27th.



Women's Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 10th—Save the Date

Supper will begin @ 6:00 p.m.

Secret Sisters will be revealed

Ornament exchange

Devotional and fellowship times

Note: Secret Sisters remember to make a contact once a month (card, note, etc.)





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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

