



First Christian Church of Effingham

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What Manner of Love

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, January 28th Young @
Heart Meets @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee/
tea, fellowship and prayer

Wednesday, January 29th W.O.W.
meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper and
6:00 p.m. for Bible Study

Sunday, February 2nd Canned fruit,
Jell-O, Pudding or your choice are
due for the Calvary Baptist food pan-
try

Tuesday, February 4th Vacation
Bible School meeting starts @ 5:30
p.m.

Thursday, February 6th Elders'
meet @ 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 6th Morning
ladies group meets @ Cracker Barrel
at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, February 7th Men's Night @
Oil Belt Christian Service Camp at
5:30 p.m.



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

For the last several weeks during our Sunday worship services, I have been sharing with you thoughts and ideas about our purpose statement. I hope those messages have been helpful and challenging. One of the benefits of a purpose statement is to keep a person or group on task. It is so easy to become involved and focused on doing things the right way but forgetting the reason for doing them.

One of golf's immortal moments came when a Scotchman demonstrated the new game to President Ulysses Grant. Carefully placing the ball on the tee, he took a mighty swing. The club hit the turf and scattered dirt all over the President's beard and surrounding vicinity, while the ball placidly waited on the tee. Again the Scotchman swung, and again he missed. Our President waited patiently through six tries and then quietly stated, "There seems to be a fair amount of exercise in the game, but I fail to see the purpose of the ball. Although a great deal of attention was being given to the stance prior to the swing and a lot of effort was being put into the actual swing, the main purpose of the game was not being achieved.

We can become focused on making sure our building looks beautiful, our services are pleasing to those who attend, our finances are stable, our teaching is biblical, and our reception to guests is friendly; yet we can forget our purpose as Christ's Church. We want to be a family of believers in Christ. We want to love God, one another, and our community. We want to be true to God's call to be His Church.

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning as we come together to worship our God. Our worship service without your presence just won't be complete!

C U N Church,
David



Serving In January Elder: January 12th Dennis Bushue Deacons: Jeff Akeman, Chris Denoyer, Greg Spillman, Kevin Jamision Deaconesses: Judy Tapp & Reenie Miller	
1/12/20 Attendance & Giving Total: \$ 5,080.00 includes Faith Promise Offering	1/19/20 Attendance & Giving Total: \$ 9,469.50 includes Faith Promise Offering
Worship: 79 Sunday School: 21	Worship: 80 Sunday School: 24
Faith Promise Missions: \$1,391.00	Faith Promise: \$460.00 Morris Sowers Memorial: \$5,000.00
Building: \$65.00	Building: \$40.00 Bernie Box Donations: \$323.00
Sunday School: \$10.00	Sunday School: \$15.00 Countrymark Refining: \$31.50
Greeters for January 26th: Delaine & Sandi Donaldson	Home Communion for January 26th: David McConnell
Greeters for February 2nd: Gary & Darlene Elliott	Home Communion for February 2nd :

Bernie's Fire Shower Donation

Sunday, January 26th

Donations will be received one more week. We are collecting donations to purchase a Wal-Mart card to give to Bernie Sabens to purchase what she needs to replace all she lost in the fire that consumed her kitchen and a lot of smoke damage.



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, January 28th

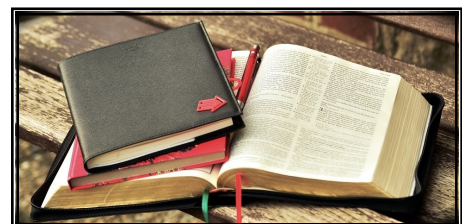
All 50 and over meet @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee/tea, fellowship and prayer.



W.O.W.

Wednesday, January 29th

All ages meet for supper @ 5:30 p.m. and Bible study @ 6:00 p.m.





Prayer List



Cancer: Robert Mattingly (lung cancer), Aaron (Elsie's Neighbor)

Special Needs: Mary Jo Parola (still not speaking after fall), Chelsey Foltz (miscarriage), Chuck Croft (Rehab at Champaign), Audrey Spracklin (ICU @ Peoria), Vernon Jamison (Home recuperating), Darlene Zimdars (Lakeland Rehab.), Shirley Barry (pray for healing), Phyllis Mitchell (pray for healing), John Weiffenbach (knee replacement), Matthew (thumb surgery), Mrs. Spencer (broken neck and brain bleed), Anthony Jamison (Personal issues), Christy Slifer (hip replacement), Bernie Sabens (fire in apt. total loss), Barbara Long (broken Shoulder), Dale & Dianne Donaldson (both have health issues), Lee Beals, Janice Pike (double lung transplant)

Missions: Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

Grieving Families: Jean Teak Family, Hazel Wyckoff Family, Danny Little Family, Kenny Palmer Family, Elnora Marie Fulk Family, Morris Sowers Family, Wilmer Kruger Family, Harold Heth Family

Thanks To All Of You

Church Family Helpers

I would like to thank my church family member who have been so helpful in disposing of the furnishings of my house. Especially Cecil Wright and Dennis Bushue who moved tables to and from.

Blessed by you all,
Claudine Rush



Food Pantry Items

Sunday, February 2nd

Please bring Canned Fruit, Jell-O, Pudding or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



January Book of the Month

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table for I Samuel.

Pastor David will be preaching from **the book of I Samuel** during the **month of January**

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible


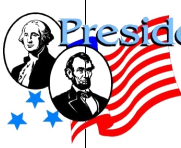
Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.





February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.</p> <p>Psalm 111:10 (NIV)</p>						1
2 Food Pantry items Canned Fruit, Jell-O, Pudding or your choice is due	3	4 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. V.B.S. Planning meeting @ 5:30 p.m.	5 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	6 Elders' meet @ 9:00 a.m. Women's Morning meeting meets @ 10:00 a.m. @ Cracker Barrel	7	8
9	10	11 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. Women's meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	12 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	13	14  <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15
16 	17	18 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	19 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	20	21	22 Children's Event from 10:00 a.m. to noon
23	24	25 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	26 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	27	28	29 Men's Gathering meets @ 6:00 p.m.



3— <i>Danny Rush</i>	<i>BD</i>	18— <i>Irma McConnell</i>	<i>BD</i>
8— <i>J.T. & Cheryl Bloemker</i>	<i>WA</i>	18— <i>Marsha Bloemker</i>	<i>BD</i>
9— <i>Gene & Sherry Roley</i>	<i>WA</i>	19— <i>Martin & Justine Reyes</i>	<i>WA</i>
11— <i>Chris Hutcheson</i>	<i>BD</i>	24— <i>Daisy Fry</i>	<i>BD</i>
13— <i>Callista Denoyer</i>	<i>BD</i>	24— <i>Sandy Grimsley</i>	<i>BD</i>
14— <i>Vernon Jamison</i>	<i>BD</i>	25— <i>Trenton Scoggins</i>	<i>BD</i>
16— <i>Linda Shaw</i>	<i>BD</i>	28— <i>Megan Lattig</i>	<i>BD</i>
17— <i>Stephanie Vonderheide</i>	<i>BD</i>		

Birthdays & Anniversaries

V.B.S. Meeting

Tuesday, February 4th

Vacation Bible School Meeting will meet @
5:30 p.m.



Elders Meeting

Thursday, February 6th

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





Men's Gathering

All Men & Boys

Saturday, January 25th

All are invited to come and join us for supper, fellowship and prayer

@ 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Faith Promise Rally 2019/2020

Promises Made

\$53,492.00 for 2019/2020

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



Received So Far:

\$11,124.00

Take God At His Word

Decorating The Church

Signup Sheet

On the Secret Sister table a signup sheet will be available for anyone who wishes to decorate the church and fellowship hall for a month in the year 2020.



Women's Morning Group

Thursday, February 6th

All ladies invited to meet @ Cracker Barrel @ 10:00 a.m. for food, fellowship & devotional



Oil Belt Christian Service Camp



Upcoming Events

Men's Night

When: February 7th

Time: 5:30 p.m. Doors Open; Supper: 6:00 p.m. Worship:
7:00 p.m.



Speaker: Matt Merold, Senior Minister of Bethany Christian Church, Washington, IN

Theme: Who's Your **1 NE?**

Early Bird registration (before Jan. 31): \$20.00 After Jan. 31:
\$25.00

2020 Summer Camp

Online Registration opens March 2nd
27 Camps for K—College Age!

2020 Prayer

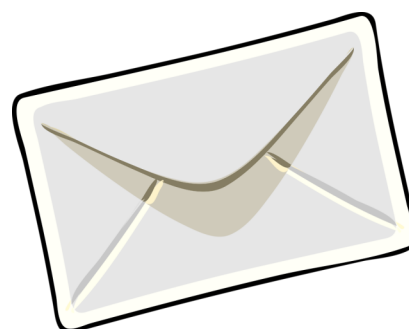
Commit to pray each day for Oil Belt this year.
2021 will be Oil Belt's 75th year—Pray for their future vision



A Note To The Church Family

To the person who left envelopes on Miss Cleone's desk for me:
There is an envelope waiting for you to pick up.

Thank You,
Elaine Griffin





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SERVICE REQUESTED

Faith Promise 2020



Take God At His Word