



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, February 22nd Children's
Event from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. All
children 6th grade and under

Tuesday, February 25th Young @
Heart Meets @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee/
tea, fellowship and prayer

Tuesday, February 25th Sound Sys-
tem training meets @ 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26th W.O.W.
meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper and
6:00 p.m. for Bible Study

Saturday, February 29th Men's
Gathering meets for supper @ 6:00
p.m.

Sunday, March 1st Peanut Butter,
Jelly, Cereal or your choice are due
for the Calvary Baptist food pantry

Tuesday, March 3rd Children's
Event Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. (V.B.S.
& Soccer)

Thursday, March 5th Elders' Meet-
ing @ 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 5th Women's
Morning meeting @ Cracker Barrel
meets @ 10:00 a.m.

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Do you ever feel discouraged in serving God? Some people might think that this is not something a "true" servant of God would ever feel. If he/she is feeling discouraged, then it must be a lack of faith that is causing that. Before we become too quick to jump to that conclusion, let me tell you about a couple of men who became discouraged. After reading about their experience, then maybe you can understand discouragement in service a little better.

The first man was really excited about serving God. However, no one around him seemed to share that excitement. In fact, he thought that he was the only one who was still loyal to the cause. His life had even been threatened because of his service and faithfulness.

The second man was serving God by being a missionary. The pressures of the mission field were really getting to him. He wasn't even sure he was going to be able to stick it out. He found no joy in life and his heart was weighed down with despair.

According to some people, they must have been lacking in faith. Before you agree with that assessment, let me identify these two men. The first one's name was Elijah. Read about him in 1 Kings 19. The second one's name was Paul. Read about his feelings in 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

God reassured Elijah that there were still many who were faithful to him (7000 in fact). Paul realized that he was going through tough times so that he could understand that he needed to rely on God and not himself.

Let's remember the words Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:58. "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

I look forward to seeing you this coming Lord's Day morning. Let's all do our very best to be present when First Christian Church gathers for worship!

C U N Church,
David



<i>Serving In February</i> <i>Elder:</i> February 23rd Troy Bloemker <i>Deacons:</i> Chris Hutcheson, Kelvin Williams, John Donathan, Larry Thomason <i>Deaconesses:</i> Cheryl Bloemker & Astrid Zubiato	
<i>2/9/20 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$2,960.71 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>2/16/20 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$12,106.50 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>
Worship: 84 Sunday School: 23	Worship: 88 Sunday School: 21
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$292.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise: \$5,246.00</i> <i>Heartland Auxiliary: \$443.00</i>
<i>Building: \$60.00</i>	<i>Building: \$40.00</i> <i>Payment of Flooring: \$611.50</i>
<i>Sunday School: \$17.00</i> <i>CD Interest/Local Missions: \$103.96</i>	<i>Sunday School: \$21.00</i>
<i>Greeters for February 23rd: Dallas & Hazel Kingery</i>	<i>Home Communion for February 23rd: Martin Reyes</i>
<i>Greeters for March 1st: Reenie Miller</i>	<i>Home Communion for March 1st: Kevin Jamison & Terry Harper</i>

Children's Event

Saturday, February 22nd

All children 6th grade and under are invited to join us from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.
We will meet @ the church.



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Young @ Heart

Tuesday, February 25th

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



Sound System Training

Tuesday, February 25th

Anyone wishing to learn how to run the sound system, come and meet with us @ 5:30 p.m.





Prayer List



Cancer: Angie Thomason (Breast Cancer 2nd time)

Special Needs: Matthew (thumb surgery), 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), Darlene Murphy (lesion on the brain), Judy Faber (cirrhosis of the liver), Lloyd Brown, June McConnell, Carol Bratton, Ginger & Randal Turner, Danielle Niebrugge (knee surgery), Cathy Weiffenbach (cataract surgery), Larry Thomason (cataract surgery), Terry Pritz (broken shoulder), Colin Kinkelaar (car wreck), Wyatt (Megan's stepson-4 months and ill), Sonja Davis (hip replacement), Brian Hite (car accident), Zach Reyes, Cassidy Bradshaw (5 yr. old diagnosed with diabetes)

Missions: National Guardsmen deployed to Afghanistan, Kirk Packer, George Thompson & Ron Ives mission trip to Nigeria, Africa Feb. 20th to March 3rd

Grieving Families: Morris Sowers Family, Wilmer Kruger Family, Harold Heth Family, Davis Family, Shirley Spencer Family

Thank You

Elsie's daughter and Family

We would like to thank you for the plague commemorating Dan's loss. The plague spoke what we were feeling. In moments of sorrow, it's family and friend's who bring love and peace. Thank you sincerely,

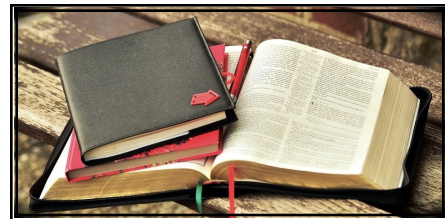
The family of Danny Little



W.O.W.

Wednesday, February 25th

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



February Book of the Month

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table for 2 Samuel .
Pastor David will be preaching from **the book of 2 Samuel during the month of February**

Goals:

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





Men's Gathering

All Men & Boys

Saturday, February 29th

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:

\$18,671.00

Take God At His Word

Food Pantry Items

Sunday, March 1st

Please bring Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



Women's Morning Meeting

Thursday, March 5th

Meets @ Cracker Barrel @ 10:00 a.m.
Join us for devotional, prayer and fellowship together



Old Country Store

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp



Upcoming Events

2020 Summer Camp

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

Now Hiring Summer Staff

Apply for a life-changing summer at oilbelt.com/serve (must be a graduating senior or college age student)



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

Ladies Day:

March 21, 2020

3rd-5th Grade Big Overnighter:

March 27-28 & 28-29 (Hours: 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.)

College-Age Greater Retreat:

May 15-17

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.



Elders' Meeting

Thursday, March 5th

Elders' meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. here at the church





W.O.W. New Lessons

Beginning Wednesday, February 19th @ 6:00 p.m., Delaine Donaldson will teach a four week study which he has titled **The Fingerprint of God On America's Heritage: Faith and the Presidency.** Each weekly study will focus on a different aspect of how the Christian Faith has shaped our country through individual Presidents.

Lesson 1—Personal faith of Selected Presidents: their prayer life, their attitude toward the Bible, and their church attendance

Lesson 2—Presidential leadership roles which have reflected Faith

Lesson 3—Presidential prayers for our Nation

Lesson 4—Presidential policies, declarations, and resolutions which have reflected the Christian Faith and have helped to maintain the wonderful religious heritage of this land.

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