



First Christian Church of Effingham

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What Manner of Love

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, March 24th Young @
Heart Meets @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee/
tea, fellowship and prayer

Wednesday, March 25th W.O.W.
meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper and
6:00 p.m. for Bible Study

Saturday, March 28th Men's Gather-
ing meets for supper @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 2nd Elders meet @
9:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 2nd Ladies morning
group meets @ Cracker Barrel @
10:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 4th Easter Egg Hunt
meets @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 5th Tuna, Tuna Helper
or your choice is due in Beebe Hall



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

The books of I & II Kings and I & II Chronicles record the history of Israel during the times of the kings. Following the reigns of Saul, David and Solomon, the nation was divided into two kingdoms, Judah (the Southern Kingdom) and Israel (the northern kingdom). During the time that the nation was divided, there were many kings who led the two kingdoms. We are unfamiliar with many of the names of those kings. Let me tell you about one of those kings. The king's name was Asa. He was Solomon's great-grandson.

On one occasion, the Cushites came against Judah with a vast army and many chariots. Asa called out to God and said, "Lord, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this vast army. O Lord, you are our God; do not let man prevail against you." (2 Chronicles 14:11) God enabled Judah to defeat the superior force from Cush. All in all, Asa was a good king. However, there is one final note on Asa's life that casts a shadow on his life and reign. It is recorded in 2 Chronicles 16:12. "In the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa was afflicted with a disease in his feet. Though the disease was severe, even in his illness he did not seek help from the Lord, but only from the physicians."

This reminds me of our present situation with the corona virus. Should we listen to the advice of the medical professionals? Absolutely! Should we be careful to follow the instructions on hygiene to prevent the spread of the virus? You bet! Are these the only resources we have available? Definitely not! Let us continue to call on the name of our God asking for His help and intervention. We did this on Sunday as we participated in the national day of prayer that the President had called for. Let us continue to pray for His help:

1. Ask God to stop the pandemic and to save lives.
2. Ask God to give wisdom to our government leaders
3. Ask God to use this situation to help people realize their need for Him.
4. Ask God to protect our missionaries and their families around the globe.

"God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble. Therefore **we will not fear**, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea" (Psalms 46:1-2)
I hope to see you this coming Lord's Day morning.

C U N Church,
David



<i>Serving In March</i> <i>Communion Table :</i> March 22nd Troy Bloemker <i>Deacons:</i> J.P. Smith, Martin Zubiate, George Shouse, Chris Denoyer <i>Deaconesses:</i> Nancy Harper & Sharon Knaus	
<i>3/8/2020 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$3,161.50 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>3/15/2020 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$ 2,146.71 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>
Worship: 75 Sunday School: 15	Worship: 49 Sunday School: 14
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$341.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise: \$221.00</i>
<i>Building: \$40.00</i>	<i>Building: \$40.00</i>
<i>Sunday School: \$4.00</i>	<i>Sunday School: \$4.00</i>
<i>Greeters for March 22nd: Judy Gregory</i>	<i>Home Communion for March 22nd: David McConnell</i>
<i>Greeters for March 29th: Judy Tapp & Dee Musgrave</i>	<i>Home Communion for March 29th: Greg Spillman & George Shouse</i>

Children's Event

Saturday, March 21st

All children 6th grade and under are invited to join us from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

We will meet @ the church.



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, March 24th

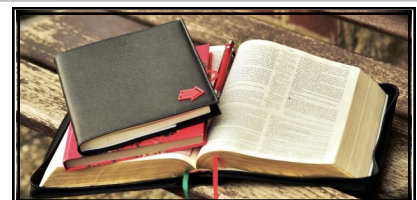
All 50 and over are invited to come for prayer, fellowship and have a snack with coffee/tea



W.O.W.

Wednesday, March 25th

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





Prayer List



Cancer: Robert Mattingly (hospice called in), Angie Thomason (starting treatments for breast cancer 2nd time), Darlene Murphy (On Hospice), Adelaide Robertson,

Special Needs: Cassidy Bradshaw (5 yr. old diagnosed with diabetes), Jeremy Bradshaw and Annie (car wreck & surgery on Jeremy, pneumonia), Gene Moeller (fluid in the lung), Clinton Smith (health Issues), Emily & Hunter Long (Natalie Riner Long born 3/10/2020), Julie Aline Brandseth (halfway house in Gillman, Il), Steve Thomason (rupture behind his eye), Judy Ludwig (surgery on shoulder), Alicia (possible brain tumor)

Grieving Families: Ron Carlson Family, Harvey Colwell Family, Lester Duckwitz Family, Robert "Bob" McDonough Family, Shirley Barry Family, Ron Buening Family, Robert Kremer Family

Men's Gathering

All Men & Boys

Saturday, March 28th

All are invited to come and join us for supper, fellowship and prayer @ **6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**



Love Your Community

Display Board With Hearts

Do you remember the sermon from a week ago? We were talking about **loving our community**.

There is a **display board in the foyer** advertising different ways in which we can love our community.

Choose one of the ways suggested on the board or select another method. Please **write on one of the hearts a way in which you have loved someone in your community**





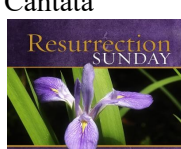
Post it on the wall underneath the words "Thankful for God's Blessings."

Don't sign your name to the heart.

If you have done multiple acts of kindness to show love to your community, please fill out multiple hearts. **Let's fill the wall with hearts** that show our love for others. **Let's be thankful for God's blessings** by passing on His love to others!

APRIL

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	2 Elder's meeting 9:00 a.m. Women meet @ Cracker Barrel 10:00 a.m.	3	4 Easter Egg Hunt- children's Event-6th graders and under 10:00 a.m.
5 Palm Sunday 	6	7 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	8 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	9	10 Good Friday —Prayer Chain 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	11
12 Easter Sunday—Mini Cantata 	13	14 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. Women's Night Meeting 6:30 p.m.	15 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	16	17	18
19	20	21 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	22 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	23	24	25 Men's Gathering meets @ 6:00 p.m.
26	27	28 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	29 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	30		

April B-days & Anniversaries

5 Gabriel Reyes	BD	23 Rachel Akeman	BD
6 Linda Van Alst	BD	25 Dallas Kingery	BD
7 Bernie Sabens	BD	25 David Reyes	BD
9 Klent Scoggins	BD	27 Kevin Jamison	BD
11 Beverly Thoele	BD	29 Angela Vonderheide	BD
13 Lane Croslow	BD		
15. Rosie Parkhurst	BD		
19 Gen Byers	BD		
21 Heather Wolke	BD		
21 Don Thoele	BD		
22 April Moeller	BD		



For The Church Family Use

Right Now Media

Online Media Source

Access From Phone, PC, Tablet, I Pad

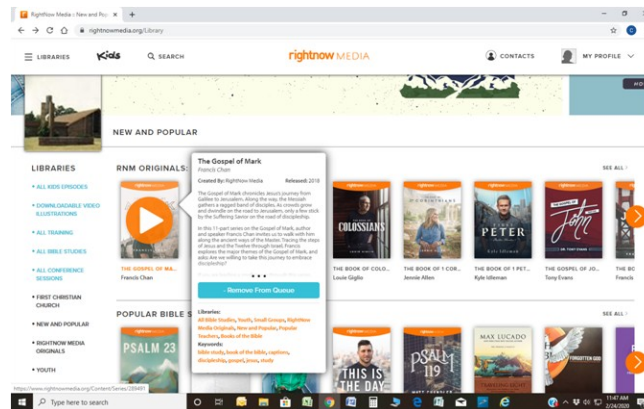
Give Pastor Martin your e-mail

An invitation will be sent to your e-mail for <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/>

Create a user name and password

When Logged In a whole library of videos are available to view at your

convenience



Women's Morning Meeting

Thursday, April 2nd

Meets @ Cracker Barrel @ 10:00 a.m.

Join us for devotional, prayer and fellowship together





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:

\$21,670.00



Take God At His Word

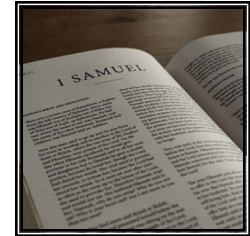
March Book of the Month

A study guide is available on the foyer table for Luke.

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



The Great Easter Egg Hunt

Time And Date Pending

Egg hunts aren't just for kids! **All ages can join in the fun** of hunting for a special Easter egg that will be hidden somewhere in Effingham. All you have to do is **finish the assigned tasks and follow the clues** to the location where this egg is hidden.

Get together your **team (4 maximum, 2 minimum)** and prepare to have a good time. Your team must **have a licensed driver and a vehicle that will properly seat every member** of your team. Your team also **must have a cell phone that will take pictures and someone who can text those pictures back to contest headquarters**. Your team can be comprised of all ages. You decide who you would like to team up with.



The tasks are easy enough for anyone to perform. They do not require special physical abilities. **If you can walk and stand, then you can be a part of this egg hunt** and participate in the activities. The **purpose of these activities is to show our love for one another and for our community**.

There is a **limit of 5 teams** so please let Pastor David know as soon as possible if you want to

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

College-Age Greater Retreat:

May 15-17

Food Pantry Items

Sunday, April 5th

Please bring Tuna, Tuna Helper or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



Mini Cantata For Easter

Sunday, April 12th

The praise team is preparing a mini cantata for presentation on Easter Sunday morning. We would love to have you help with this. Almost all of the songs are ones that are familiar.



If you would like to participate, then please let David or Jane Ann know. The first practice will be held on Saturday morning, March 14 at 10 a.m.





**First Christian church
901 N. Henrietta
Effingham, IL 62401
SERVICE REQUESTED**



**Saturday, April 4th
Meet @ 10:00 a.m.
At First Christian Church
901 N. Henrietta St.**

