



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*What Manner of Love*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Tuesdays Online Prayer Time** Starts  
@ noon on the First Christian Church  
Effingham Facebook (See page 2)

**Worship Services** Start @ 10:00 a.m.  
On Facebook and You Tube First  
Christian Church Effingham accounts

**Sunday, June 7th** Canned Meat, Des-  
sert Mixes, Cereal or your choice is  
due in Beebe Hall

**Thursday, June 4th** Elders meet @  
9:00 a.m.



## Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Two great leaders in the 1960's had a dream and each one shared that dream with America.

The first great leader was President John F. Kennedy. He shared his dream before a joint session of Congress on May 25, 1961. In his own words this was what his dream was. The United States "should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth." Eventually the country bought into that dream and on July 20, 1969 a mere eight years later the dream was achieved.

The second great leader was Martin Luther King, Jr. He shared his dream on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963. In His own words, this was his dream. "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed : 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.' ... I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. ...I have a dream that one day ... little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. Fifty seven years later, that dream has still not come to fruition.

What is the moral of the story? I see the moral of the story as "It's easier to go to the moon and back than it is to love one another. " Why is it so difficult to love others who are different than we are whether we are talking about color of skin, political persuasion, or faith? We certainly do not have to agree but we can agree to disagree without hating one another.

In a time when tempers are flaring and harsh words are being directed toward those with whom we disagree, may we not forget the second greatest commandment. "Love your neighbor as yourself." I don't know about you, but I think I need to pray a little harder asking God to help me put that second commandment into practice.

Hoping to C U N Church really soon,  
David



<i>Serving In May</i> <b>Communion Table : May 17th—Martin Reyes; May 24th—Delaine Donaldson</b>	
<b>4/26/2020 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: 3515.01.00</b> <b>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Offering</b>	<b>5/3/2020 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: 6,162.28</b> <b>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Offering</b>
Online Giving: \$130.00 Property Ministry (Building) \$40.00	Online Giving: \$767.00 Property Ministry (Building) \$40.00
<b>Faith Promise \$891.00</b>	<b>Faith Promise \$1,456.00</b>

## *Prayer Tuesdays*

### Tuesday On Facebook

Join us online on First Christian Church Effingham Facebook account to pray together. Text, call or message and let us know if you have prayer concerns you want added to the list on Tuesdays.



## *Church Online*

### Sunday Mornings

Tune in at 10:00 a.m. online at First Christian Church Facebook or You Tube pages. There will be a time of worship, communion and a message video taped each week.

For technical difficulties call or text Pastor Martin @ (217) 317-3800. He will be here from 9:30 a.m. till the church service finishes airing.



## *Prayer List*



**Cancer:** Judy Traub

**Special Needs:** Sharon Caylor (breathing problems), Cloe Spracklen (Covid 19), Lindsay Rother (possible Covid 19), Loretta Miller (low blood and B/P levels), Chris Gallina (back surgery), James (depressed), Stephanie Vonderheide (health issues), Kacey Scoggins (tonsillectomy, May 14th)

**Grieving Families:** Gene Moeller Family, John Herring Family, Ruth Meyers Family, Stella Donaldson Family

# *Oil Belt Christian Service Camp*



## SUMMER CAMP 2020

Date	Grade	Camp	Check-In	Check-out
July 19-24	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Jr. High	3:30pm	3:30pm
July 26-31	9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Sr. High	3:30pm	3:30pm
August 1	1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Sunrise Day Camp	10:30am	3:30pm
August 2-7	5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Encounter.	3:30pm	3:30pm
August 9-11	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Pathfinder.	3:30pm	5:30pm



## *On Line Giving*

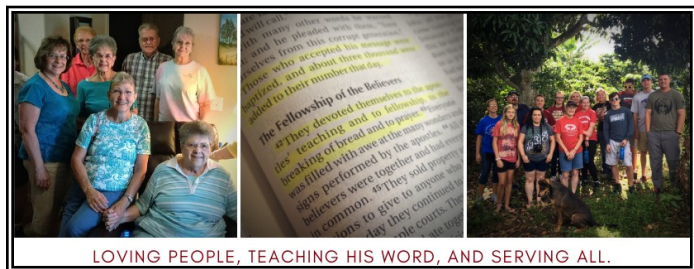
### FCCEffingham.com

Go to first Christian Church web site and click on the Giving and the page will go to the Kindrid giving page for FCC. You will have to put in your information and bank routing number to make a donation.

## *New Facebook Group*

### FCC of Effingham Group

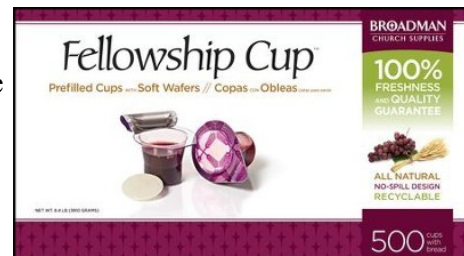
A new Facebook group is out for anyone who wishes to get online and chat. Go to First Christian Church Group on the search box on Facebook. Click join and like.



## *Communion Available*

### Communion Supplies

There are communion supplies here at the church. Just come in the church office between 8:00 a.m. and Noon Monday through Wednesday to pick up the communion.





# June

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

<b>1-Charlotte Wright</b>	<b>BD</b>
<b>5-Troy Bloemker</b>	<b>BD</b>
<b>7-Jeff &amp; Laurie Akeman</b>	<b>WA</b>
<b>9-Toby &amp; Heather Wolke</b>	<b>WA</b>
<b>10-Jeff Akeman</b>	<b>BD</b>
<b>11-Terry &amp; Nancy Harper</b>	<b>WA</b>
<b>13-Erin Calvert</b>	<b>BD</b>
<b>15-Darlene Elliott</b>	<b>BD</b>
<b>16-Klent &amp; Tracey Scoggins</b>	<b>WA</b>
<b>18-John Donathan</b>	<b>BD</b>
<b>23-LeAnn Spruell</b>	<b>BD</b>
<b>26-Holly Bloemker</b>	<b>BD</b>
<b>30-Nancy Harper</b>	<b>BD</b>



## *Women's Evening Meeting*

### **Tuesday, June 9th**

Since we have not met for the last two months, we will meet on June 9th @ 6:30 p.m.

Please wear a mask, and social distance from each other

**Danielle Niebrugge** will lead our group in a Bible study journaling hour.

**Bring a notebook and your Bible** to this special evening.





# Congratulation Graduates



Ann Niebrugge  
Daughter of Matt & Danielle Niebrugge



Collin Waymoth  
Grandson of Vernon & Shirley Jamison



Montana Packer  
Granddaughter of Linda Packer



Gabriel Reyes  
Son of Martin & Justine Reyes



## May Book of the Month

### Study Guide for Proverbs

This book was written by Solomon. At the beginning of his reign as King of Israel, he asked God for wisdom (1 Kings 3:9-12). God granted that request and Solomon was recognized as the leading authority on a variety of subjects. He was a scientist, a political ruler, a business man with vast enterprises, a poet, as well as a Moralist and Preacher. This book contains only about a third of the proverbs that Solomon wrote.

A proverb is a saying that conveys a specific truth in a direct and concise way. Solomon seems to be writing these proverbs to instruct his son in the proper way to live his life. There are a wide variety of subjects that are addressed in this book. It is difficult to break the book down in an outline so the following questions will be grouped according to the subjects addressed in the book.



#### WISDOM

1. What according to 1:7 and 9:10 is the beginning of knowledge and wisdom?
2. According to 2:6, where does wisdom come from?
3. According to 2:10-17 wisdom will save a person from what?
4. How valuable is wisdom? See 3:14-15; 4:7; 8:11; 16:16
5. What are some of the results of having wisdom? See 9:12; 19:11; 28:26; 29:3

#### HAPPINESS

1. Who is the person who is blessed? See 3:13
2. What is said about a happy heart in 15:13?
3. According to 29:3, who brings joy to his father?
4. A person can find joy by doing what in conversation? See 15:23
5. Who does 12:20 say experiences joy?



#### WORK

1. According to 14:23 what is the difference between hard work and mere talk?
2. According to 12:11, who will have abundant food?
3. According to 18:9, the one who doesn't do his work is equivalent to whom?
4. Describe what Solomon saw in 24:30-34 and the lessons he learned from it.
5. What creature in nature does Solomon use to teach the principle of hard work? See 6:6-11



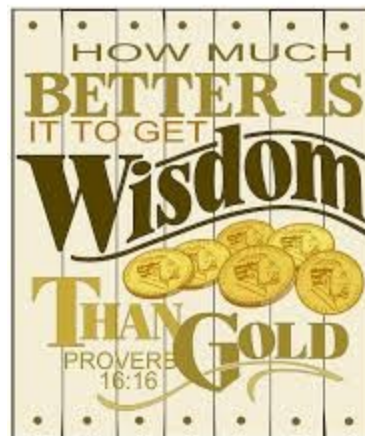


## May Book Of The Month

### Proverbs Study Continued

#### **FAMILY**

1. What is Solomon urging his readers to do in 5:15-20?
2. Where does a prudent wife come from? See 19:14
3. How should children respond to their parents? See 23:22
4. What does Solomon say about disciplining children? 22:6,15; 23:13; 29:15
5. What does a wise woman do? 14:1



#### **WEALTH**

1. What is the source of wealth? 10:22; 22:4
2. What instructions about using wealth does Solomon give in 3:9-10
3. What is said about great wealth in 15:16?
4. Read 19:4. Does wealth help or hurt friendship?
5. According to 22:2 say that the rich and poor have in common?

#### **RIGHTEOUS LIVING**

1. What does 16:8 say having just a little but living righteously is better than?
2. What is the difference in the wages of the righteous and the wicked? 10:16
3. What is the contrast Solomon draws between the righteous and the wicked in 13:9?
4. What did Solomon teach in 11:21 that we can be sure of?
5. If you plant wickedness what will you harvest? 22:8

#### **SPEECH**

1. What do you think Solomon is teaching in 10:19? Compare this to James 1:19
2. What are the two results of words spoken of in 12:18?
3. What is said in 18:6-7 about the words of a fool?
4. What are some of the truths about speech taught in 26:18-28?
5. What does 16:21-24 say about pleasant words?

#### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

1. What does Solomon say the result of too much drinking could be in 23:20-21?
2. What is said about alcohol in 20:1?
3. What do you think Solomon is warning against in 23:31?
4. According to 21:17 what effect could substance abuse have on your money?
5. What could happen if leaders or anyone else for that matter drink too much? 31:4-5







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SERVICE REQUESTED

## *Food Pantry Items*

### **Sunday, June 7th**

Please bring Canned Meat, Dessert Mixes, Cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



## *Faith Promise Rally*

### **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:**

\$27,731.00

