



First Christian Church of Effingham

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What Manner of Love

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, June 28th Church services will be @ 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Worship Services for Sundays The services will be available to watch on YouTube First Christian Church Effingham accounts for the 9:00 a.m. service each Sunday

Tuesday, June 29th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday, July 1st Youth & Young Adults meet @ 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 5th Oatmeal, Pancake Mixes, Cereal or your choice is due in Beebe Hall

Monday, July 20th V.B.S. signup online. Meets from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Soccer Camp Coming

July 27th, 28th, 30th & 31st

See Pastor Martin for registration form

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Can you believe that this year is almost half over? It has surely been an unusual one and one that we all hope will not ever happen again. These are interesting times in which we live.

Is anyone in charge of this mess? Psalms 31:14-15a says, "But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God.' My times are in your hands;". What an encouraging passage of Scripture! Despite the uncertainty of the times we can always rest secure in God's care. Our times whether they are bad, good, certain or uncertain are in His hands.

Psalms 11:3-4 says, "When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do? The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne." We can certainly identify with the first part of this passage. It seems like many of the things that we once thought were secure and reliable (the foundations) are crumbling. How should we respond? We can respond with confidence knowing that our God is still in charge and on His heavenly throne.

It seems like that I have written these words before during this current crisis. I don't mean to be repetitive but there are some truths which we need to be reminded of frequently. One of those truths is that God is in control and He is going to take care of His people.

Writing to the Philippians Paul said, "It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you" (3:1). Peter in his second letter said, "So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body" (2 Peter 1:12-13). These two apostles knew there were certain ideas that Christians needed to be reminded of often. They were not embarrassed to be repetitive in their teaching.

Let's remain faithful always trusting in God's care. Let's stay the course always being faithful in serving our Lord.

I hope to see you in one of our services on Sunday. If you feel uncomfortable in being there in person, I encourage you to continue to watch our services online.

C U N Church,
David



<i>Serving In June</i> <i>Communion Table : June 28th—Jon Zerkel; July 5th—Dennis Bushue</i>	
6/14/2020 Attendance & Giving Total: 2,254 .00 <i>includes Faith Promise & Online Offering</i>	6/21/2020 Attendance & Giving Total: \$4,708.64 <i>includes Faith Promise & Online Offering</i>
Attendance: 46 Property Ministry (Building)\$40.00	Attendance: 59 Family Life Center:\$20.00 Property Ministry (Building)\$76.00
Faith Promise \$221.00	Faith Promise \$606.00 FCC Soccer: \$20.00 Calvary Baptist Food Pantry:\$50.00

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.

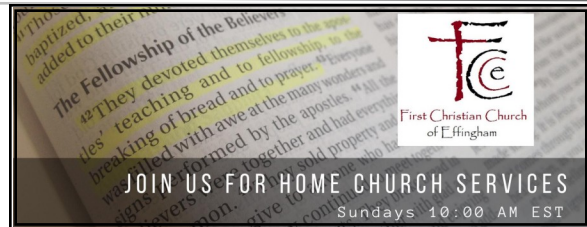


Church Online

Sundays

First Christian Church Facebook or You Tube pages will be uploaded by mid afternoon on Sundays.

For technical difficulties call or text Pastor Martin @ (217) 317-3800.



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, June 30th

All over 50 meet @ 9:00 a.m. Coffee will be available along with a snack cake. Come for the conversation and prayer time.



Youth & Young Adults

Wednesday, July 1st

All youth and young adults meet @ 5:30 p.m. for worship, prayer and Bible study





Prayer List

Cancer: Diane Slone (Chemo), Karen Wilton (breast cancer), Bobby Spracklen (hospice care), Ron Lowrance (lung cancer)



Special Needs: Bill Arnold (Ankle surgery), friend to Amanda Young (car accident), June McConnell (placement in care facility), Phyllis Mitchell (Lakeland with heart issues), Karen Ritter (heart surgery), Linda VanAlst (Heart Issues), Irma McConnell (fell on knee), Barb Morrison (retina detaching), Eric Splechter (stroke), Lynn Weddle (severe ear infection), J. P. Smith's dad (not well at all), Sharon Caylor (health issues), John Weiffenbach (knee replacement on 6/24/2020), Corey Mussin's newborn, Kayla Tebow's newborn, Bobby (broken collarbone), Keaton Gabel (fever), Long distance truck drivers, LeAnn Spruell (blood clot), Trent Packer (motorcycle wreck), Loretta Miller (Catheterization 6/24/2020), June Ashley (travel mercies), Wynona Keenan (Covid 19)

Grieving Families: Larry Ensign Family, Heather Shouse Knight Family, Nick Tautz Family, Bobby Spracklen Family

Food Pantry Items

Sunday, July 5th

Please bring Pancake mix, Oatmeal Cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



40th Anniversary

David & Irma McConnell

All the church family is cordially invited the a reception for Pastor David and Irma's 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, **July 5th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Please stop by on that day and share a moment or two with them and their family. Please no gifts, your presence is enough.



Happy 40th Ruby Wedding Anniversary



Book Of The Months June & July

Study Guide for 1 & 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles

The books of the Kings were not originally separated. This division first occurred in the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Old Testament). These two books give us the history of the two kingdoms of Israel along with their respective kings beginning with Solomon. The purpose of the author was to show how the rise, decline and the fall of the two kingdoms were the results of the holiness and faithfulness or the unfaithfulness and idolatry of the different kings and their subjects. The two books cover a time period of 4 ½ centuries (beginning of Solomon's reign to the fall of Jerusalem). Some have suggested that the books were written by Jeremiah but the authorship is uncertain. Second Chronicles is a parallel narrative of just the history of the Kingdom of Judah. Many of the details of the histories are the same but there are some details found in Chronicles that are not found in the Kings.

Outline of 1 Kings

- I. The United Kingdom under Solomon, 1:1-11:43
- II. The Divided Kingdom, 12:1-22:53

1. Describe the circumstances under which Solomon succeeded David as king of Israel.
2. What specific instructions did David give to Solomon in chapter 2?
3. What request did Solomon make of God in chapter 3?
4. What incident demonstrated Solomon's great wisdom in chapter 3?
5. What facts about Solomon related in chapter 4 speak of his great wisdom?
6. What arrangements in chapter 5 did Solomon make for the construction of the temple?
7. What were the dimensions of the temple which Solomon built?
8. How long was the temple under construction? According to chapter 6 what unusual fact was there about the scene of construction?
9. Who was in charge of the bronze work to be used at the temple?
10. What happened in chapter 8 to show God's acceptance of the temple?
11. Did Solomon believe that God lived in the temple?
12. Describe the number of sacrifices offered at the dedication of the temple.
13. What promises and warnings did God give Solomon in chapter 9?
14. After the queen of Sheba saw Solomon and his kingdom, what remark did she make?
15. What was Solomon's downfall?
16. Who were Solomon's opponents in chapter 11?
17. Describe the division of the kingdom and the events leading up to it.
18. What great mistake did Jeroboam make in chapter 12?
19. What prophecy was made by the prophet in chapter 13?
20. Describe what happened to the prophet in chapter 13.
21. What prophecy was made about Jeroboam in chapter 14?
22. What notable event happened in Rehoboam's reign?
23. Name the kings of Israel and Judah in order as they are mentioned in 1 Kings. Also note whether they were good or bad kings.
24. What prophecy did Elijah make to Ahab in chapter 17?

Book Of The Months Continued

25. How did god protect Elijah in chapter 17?
26. What arrangements were made in chapter 18 to determine who was really God?
27. Why did Elijah leave the land of Israel?
28. Who was chosen to be Elijah's successor?
29. What did God tell Ahab he would do because Ahab had spared Ben-Hadad's life?
30. Describe the incident of Naboth's vineyard in chapter 21
31. Describe the summit meeting in chapter 22 between Ahab and Jehoshaphat.
32. How did Ahab die?

Outline of 2 Kings

- I. The Kingdoms of Israel and Judah up through the captivity of Israel, 1-17
 - II. The Kingdom of Judah up through the captivity to Babylon, 18-25
1. Why was God displeased with Ahaziah in chapter 1?
 2. What mighty feat did Elijah perform in chapter 1?
 3. What did Elisha have to do in order to be given a double portion of Elijah's spirit?
 4. How was Elijah taken to heaven?
 5. How did God provide water for the armies of Israel, Judah, and Edom in chapter 3?
 6. What mighty works did Elisha perform in chapter 4?
 7. How did Naaman hear about the prophet of God in Israel?
 8. Describe how Naaman was cleansed from his leprosy?
 9. How did Elisha capture an entire army of Syrian soldiers?
 10. Describe the extreme nature of the famine in Samaria in chapter 6.
 11. How did God fulfill the prophecy of Elisha in chapter 7?
 12. How did Hazael become king of Syria?
 13. How was the prophecy of Elijah uttered in 1 Kings 21:17-24 fulfilled in chapter 9 of 2 Kings?
 14. How did Jehu abolish Baal worship in chapter 10?
 15. How was Athaliah's plan of attaining the kingdom for herself brought to ruin in chapter 11?
 16. How was the temple repaired in chapter 12?
 17. What visual aid did Elisha use to prophesy Israel's defeat of Syria in chapter 13?
 18. Describe the conflict between Judah and Israel in chapter 14.
 19. What great things did Jeroboam, son of Jehoash do as king of Israel?
 20. What king of Judah had leprosy?
 21. What new world power came on the scene in chapter 15?
 22. What detestable act did Ahaz king of Judah perform in chapter 16?
 23. What changes of worship did Ahaz make in chapter 16?
 24. How long did Assyria lay siege to Samaria?
 25. Why was Israel sent into exile?
 26. Describe Hezekiah and his reign over Judah.
 27. How did God deliver Judah from the Assyrian threat in chapter 19?
 28. What sign was given to Hezekiah in chapter 20 to verify that he would live?
 29. What sins did Manasseh commit?
 30. What king began his reign at the age of 8?
 31. What was Josiah's response when he heard what the Law said?



Book Of The Months Continued

32. What prophecy did Josiah fulfill in chapter 23?
33. Describe the succession of kings after Josiah's death.
34. How long was Jerusalem under siege?
35. Describe the destruction of Jerusalem.

Outline of 2 Chronicles

- I. Solomon's Reign, 1-9
- II. Division of the Kingdom and History of Judah with special emphasis on 5 kings in whose reigns were periods of revival, renewal and reformation, 10-36
 1. Asa, 14-16
 2. Jehoshaphat, 17-20
 3. Joash, 23-24
 4. Hezekiah, 29-32
 5. Josiah, 34-35

In addition to the books of 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles, there are historical records of the kings found in some of the prophetic books. See Isaiah 36-39; Jeremiah 20:1-6; 21:1-10; 26:1-24; 28:1-17; 36:1-32; 37-39

FCC Soccer

July 27th, 28th, 30th & 31st

See Pastor Martin for registration form

or print it off the FCC web site
@ fceffingham.com



4-DAY CAMP
JULY 27, 28, 30, & 31
FROM 5:00PM TO 7:30PM

**SOCCER
CAMP AT**



First Christian Church
of Effingham

No t-shirt, ball, or water bottle will be provided. Limit of 50 Campers

July Birthdays & Anniversaries



<i>July 1-Joshua Reyes</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>July 11-Zachary Bloemker</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>July 1-Mark Knaus</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>July 22-Jon & Jane Ann Zerkel</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>July 2-Sherry Roley</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>July 25-Shari Long</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>July 3-Larry Thomason</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>July 26-Roger & Kaye Wyckoff</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>July 5-David & Irma McConnell</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>July 29-Layne Akeman</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>July 8-Lee Beals</i>	<i>BD</i>		
<i>July 8-Troy & Marsha Bloemker</i>	<i>WA</i>		

July ★★

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.

Water Is Life V.B.S.

July 20th

First Christian Church Vacation Bible School will meet from **5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Registration is online: The first 60 children will meet on Monday, July 20th. The second 60 children will meet on Tuesday, July 21st.

All stations are outside this year: There will be water themed games, crafts, Bible teachings, E.J. Water, and worship.

Snacks will be served as well.

T-Shirts will be available if the child is signed up by July 12th.

Registration ends: on July 17th



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:

\$29,236.00





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