



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, June 14th 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 Facebook and YouTube First Christian Church Effingham accounts by the afternoon on each Sunday until further notice

Tuesday, June 2nd Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday, June 17th Youth & Young Adults meet @ 5:30 p. m.

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

Sunday, July 5th

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

I am sure that many of you have been wondering how the services went on Sunday. It was the first time we had gathered together as a church family since March 15. Almost $\frac{1}{4}$ of the year has gone by since our last church service. That comes out to $2\frac{3}{4}$ months, 12 weeks, or 83 days. It was so good to see everyone who was present. In the two services that were held, there were 54 who were present; 33 for the first service and 21 for the second service. There were 8 who attended the first service who also helped with the second service. Let me express my appreciation to all those who came and especially to those who helped make both services run smoothly.

The first service was recorded and later posted on Facebook and YouTube. In addition to those who were at the services in person, there were approximately 30 others who watched online on one of the two social media venues. Let me remind you once again that the joy of the Lord is our strength.

We will continue to hold two services for the next several weeks to help make social distancing possible as well as protecting those who may be more susceptible to the Covid-19 virus. Thanks for your cooperation in using the designated seating areas. We hope that you will feel comfortable in attending our in-person services but if you don't then we want you to know that the services will be available for your viewing on Facebook and YouTube.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find a study guide for the books of the month for June and July. I will be preaching from those books in the coming weeks. In the days in which we live when our nation is facing troubled times, there are many lessons we Christians can learn about how to help make our country more Godly. I encourage you to read these books prayerfully asking God to speak to you through the events of ancient Israel.

The last thought I want to share with you is a special invitation (also found elsewhere in the newsletter). Irma and I are celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary on July 5. We are having a reception in the church fellowship hall. Please stop by on that day to share a moment or two with us and our family.

C U N Church,
David

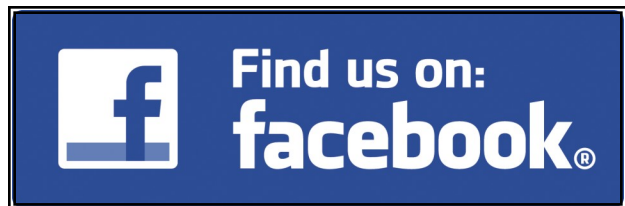


Serving In June Communion Table : June 14th—Troy Bloemker; June 21st—Delaine Donaldson	
5/24/2020 Attendance & Giving Total: 4,754.00 .00 includes Faith Promise & Online Offering	5/31/2020 Attendance & Giving Total: 2,494.95 includes Faith Promise & Online Offering
Property Ministry (Building)\$40.00	Attendance: 54 Property Ministry (Building)\$40.00
Faith Promise \$206.00	Faith Promise \$661.00
6/7/2020 Attendance & Giving includes Faith Promise & Online Offering Total: 5,809.10	
Property Ministry (Building)\$40.00	Attendance: 54
Faith Promise \$1,356.00 Donations for Masks:\$17.00	

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.

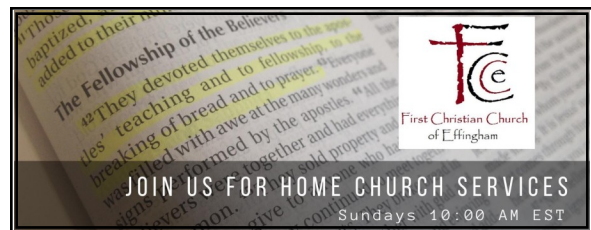


Church Online

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 16th

All over 50 meet @ 9:00 a.m. Please, bring your own coffee/tea. Please wear a mask and sit 6 feet apart.





Prayer List

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



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), Sonya Davis (Cellulitis), 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)

Grieving Families: Lois Cazier Family, Judy Traub Family, Terry Smith Family, Dave Mayfield Family, Larry Ensign Family, Heather Shouse Knight Family

Youth & Young Adults

Wednesday, June 17th

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



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

Sunday Worship Services

Sunday, June 14th

Two worship services will meet at First Christian Church.

The **first service will convene @ 9:00 a.m.** Those who are most vulnerable to the Covid 19 virus are encouraged to attend this first service.

The **second service will begin @ 11:00 a.m.** Those less vulnerable to the Covid 19 virus are encouraged to attend this second service.

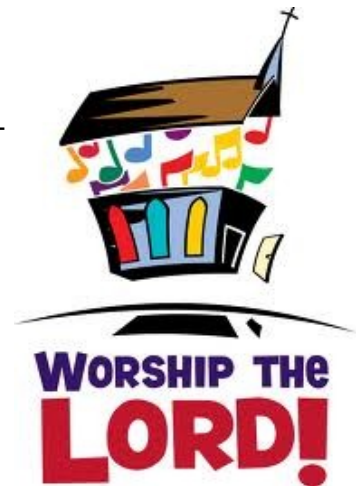
Seating: Ushers will aid in helping with 6 foot apart seating.

Giving: Offering box will be in the foyer for convenience of dropping your offering in.

Communion: Individual sealed communion will be available at each pew.

Cleaning: All touchable surfaces will be cleaned before, in between and after the services. We request all to wear masks to the worship service.

If you feel uncomfortable attending, you may still watch the service on either Facebook or YouTube later that Sunday afternoon it is uploaded.



Oil Belt Christian Service Camp



All Camps Cancelled

The guidelines that would have to met to have camp are not going to work for camp as it should be. Thus, the board decided to cancel camp for 2020. Full refunds will begin to be sent out June 15th.



Watch for updates on fall activities on the Oil Belt web site.
Thanks for supporting Oil Belt through this difficult year.

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.

Food Pantry Items

Sunday, July 5th

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



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:

\$28,409.00





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