



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*The Way, The Truth & The Life*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Worship Services for Sundays** The services will stream live to watch on You Tube First Christian Church Effingham accounts for the 10:00 a.m. service each Sunday

**Sunday, July 26th** Family Life Center baby bottle project begins

### **Soccer Camp**

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

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each evening

**Tuesday, July 28th** 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 29th** Youth & Young Adults meet @ 5:30 p. m.

**Sunday, August 2nd** Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce or your choice is due in Beebe Hall



## **Ponderings of the Preacher . . .**

Solomon in Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 wrote, “What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which one can say, ‘Look! This is something new’? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time.”

How often have you heard it said in recent months, “We are living in unprecedented times”? Is that actually true? If we believe the Word of God, we would have to disagree with that statement. In our short memory, we can’t seem to recall a time when there was a disease that had no vaccine to prevent its spread or antibiotic to treat its symptoms. Some of our older citizens surely remember the dreaded disease polio. Although it has almost totally been eliminated there was a time 70 years ago when polio was terrorizing our population. The vaccine was developed in 1955, the year of my birth.

How should we respond to this current pandemic as a church? The church has been handling epidemics for 2000 years. In the second century A.D. there was a plague that killed off a quarter of the Roman Empire but it led to the spread of the Christian faith as Christians cared for the sick. Christians shared the message that this plague was not the work of an angry god but had come as a result of a broken creation in revolt against a loving God.

In the third century, the Plague of Cyprian broke out. In his sermons, Cyprian the bishop of Carthage told Christians not to grieve for the plague victims because they lived in heaven but to make more effort in caring for the living. A century later the pagan Emperor Julian talked about how the Christians would care for even non-Christian sick people. Those early Christians took very seriously the instructions of Paul in Galatians 6:10.

“Therefore, as we have opportunity. Let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” The claim has been made that the death rates in cities with Christian communities during that plague may have been just half that of other cities.

These times may be unprecedented for us but not for the family of God. Through the centuries in the face of pandemics, persecutions, wars, depressions, and disasters the church has continued to point people to the Lord Jesus Christ as the answer to our problems. May we be found faithful to the One who has called us even as those who have gone before us were faithful!

C U N Church,  
David



| <i>Serving In July &amp; August</i><br><b>Communion Table : July 26th—Jon Zerkel; August 2nd—Dennis Bushue</b>              |   |
|---|---|
| <b>7/12/2020 Attendance &amp; Giving</b><br><b>Total: \$3,672.00</b><br><b>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Offering</b> | <b>7/19/2020 Attendance &amp; Giving</b><br><b>Total: 3,650.75</b><br><b>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Offering</b> |
| Attendance: 58<br>Property Ministry (Building)\$90.00   | Attendance: 59<br>Property Ministry (Building)\$40.00   |
| <b>Faith Promise \$385.00</b><br>Soccer Fees:\$180.00<br>Initial Offering:\$5.00  | <b>Faith Promise \$ 392.00</b>  |

## *Prayer Tuesdays*

### **Tuesday Prayer 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.



## *Worship Service*

### **10:00 A.M.**

We will continue to follow CDC guidelines for social distancing and wearing face masks

The 10:00 a.m. service will be streamed to FCC's You Tube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzvbJDnqiiSgRwsjlorIJhA>

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



## *Young @ Heart*

### **Tuesday, July 28th**

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





## *Prayer List*

**Cancer:** Journey Campton (cancer tumors), Grandma Lucy (cancerous tumors), Adam Stoops, Betty Griffin (brain tumor)



**Special Needs:** Sharon Caylor (health issues) Wynona Keenan (Covid 19), Loretta Miller (stent put in heart.), John Weiffenbach (knee rehab), Lisa Guthrie (knee rehab), Josh Douthit (virus of the brain), Country (pray for unity & discernment & God's Grace), Burl Griffith (July 8th knee scope surgery), Ruth Lowrance (July 6th hip surgery), Jim Angel (Hospice care kidneys and liver shutting down), Larry Harvey (heart issues), Jack Lemar Sr. (house burned down July 4th), Elwin Kimmel's daughter (Covid 19), Ruby Tabor (spider bite), Michelle Bracey (surgery July 13th), Kim Mattendorf (2nd hip replacement), U.S.A., Police, 1st Responders, Church, Soccer, Baby Bottle Project, Brent Owen (hip surgery Aug. 6th), Pat (Mimi's sister swollen knee)

**Missions:** Missionary in Uganda shut down for Covid 19, Columbia (Covid 19 shutdown)

## *Youth & Young Adults*

### Wednesday, July 29th

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

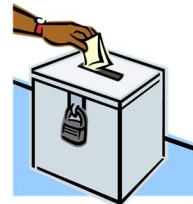


## *Nominations for Elders & Deacons*

### The Month of July

Please, prayerfully consider church family members for elders and deacons for the new fiscal year of FCC.

You can text, e-mail or by letter nominate elders and deacons.



## *Food Pantry Items*

### Sunday, August 2nd

Please bring Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.





## August Birthdays & Anniversaries



|                             |    |                           |    |
|-----------------------------|----|---------------------------|----|
| 4-Justine Reyes             | BD | 25-George Shouse          | BD |
| 7-Delaine & Sandi Donaldson | WA | 26-Darlene Zimdars        | BD |
| 7-Martin & Justine Reyes    | WA | 27-George & Marcie Shouse | WA |
| 9-Brad Arney                | BD | 29-Zachariah Reyes        | BD |
| 10-Adam Wolke               | BD | 31-RaeAnn Smith           | BD |
| 10-Paige Wolke              | BD |                           |    |
| 16 Gary & Darlene Calvert   | WA |                           |    |
| 22-Don & Bev Thoele         | WA |                           |    |
| 24-Greg & Angie Spillman    | WA |                           |    |
| 25-Bill & Daisy Fry         | WA |                           |    |
| 25-Martin & Astrid Zubiato  | WA |                           |    |



## Faith Promise 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:**


\$31,455.00



## Online 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.

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# Family Life Center



## Baby Bottle Project

Because of Covid 19 shelter in place, the baby bottle project will begin on Sunday, July 26th and all bottles are to be returned on Sunday, September 6th (Labor Day weekend).

Bottles will be in the foyer for you to pick up on Sunday, July 26th. Fill with coins, cash or check and return to the foyer by Labor Day weekend.



# Soccer Camp

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



**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

See Pastor Martin for registration form

or print it off the FCC web site at [fcceffingham.com](http://fcceffingham.com)



# Deep Cleaning & Masks

## Thank You

Thanks to **Bonnie Vonderheide and Elaine Griffin** for their deep cleaning of the auditorium and the bathrooms before the first in-person worship service on June 7th.

Thanks also, to **Crystal Habing** for making the masks that are available in the foyer to all who come.

The church family appreciates all who are helping before the worship services to ready us all to meet the Covid 19 CDC guidelines for slowing the spread.



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