



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*The Way, The Truth & The Life*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Starting Sunday, July 12th** One

Church service @ 10:00 a.m.

**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

**Tuesday, July 14th** 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 15th** Youth & Young Adults meet @ 5:30 p. m.

**Monday, July 20th** V.B.S. Water = Life! 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 forms or print off from web site

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

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

There are some verses in the Bible that in our minds just seem out of place. However, God has a reason and purpose for every verse that is found in the Bible. Sometimes it just takes a little time and a lot of effort to discover that purpose.

One of those verses is 1 Kings 16:34. "In Ahab's time, Hiel of Bethel rebuilt Jericho. He laid its foundations at the cost of his first-born son Abiram, and he set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, in accordance with the word of the Lord spoken by Joshua son of Nun." I have read that verse many times and saw it as a verse that just recorded an obscure piece of history. Only in the last few days have I seen it differently.

I now see it as a commentary on the very troubled times through which the nation of Israel was going. Approximately 500 years before this, Joshua had pronounced a curse on anyone who would venture to rebuild Jericho (Joshua 6:26). For 500 years people respected the boundaries God had set. Then those boundaries disappeared. People no longer respected the sacred things of God. Why did that happen? A key to understanding why this rule and pattern from the past was ignored and torn down is found in where Hiel was from. He was from Bethel, a center of calf worship. Calf worship had just come into prominence 60 years before courtesy of Jeroboam who was the first king of the northern kingdom of Israel. It only took 60 years of God's worship being neglected and forgotten for the sacred things of God to be disregarded.

Could there be a parallel in our own time and circumstances? Interestingly enough it was 58 years ago that the Supreme Court ruled that school sponsored prayer was unconstitutional. Since that time, some of the sacred things of God have been ignored and disregarded to a greater extent than ever before. Some of the things that the Bible declares to be holy in the sight of God are life, marriage, sex, the Sabbath Day, the tithe, and the name of God. I am not under the illusion that before 1962, we lived in a perfect country. I do contend that the respect for sacred things has deteriorated substantially in the last 58 years. By disregarding God and His Word, a society opens itself up to a host of problems.

Into the mess that existed in Israel God sent the prophet Elijah with a message. Into the mess in which we find ourselves today, God is sending His church with a message. May we be faithful in sharing that message with our culture even as Elijah was faithful in sharing his message!

C U N Church,  
David



<i>Serving In June</i> <b>Communion Table : July 12th—Troy Bloemker; July 19th—Delaine Donaldson</b>	
<b>6/28/2020 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$2,979.00</b> <b>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Offering</b>	<b>7/5/2020 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: 7,247.00</b> <b>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Offering</b>
Attendance: 49 Property Ministry (Building)\$40.00	Attendance: 56 Property Ministry (Building)\$40.00
<b>Faith Promise \$381.00</b> <b>FCC Soccer:\$180.00</b>	<b>Faith Promise \$ 1,061.00</b> <b>FCC Soccer:60.00</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.



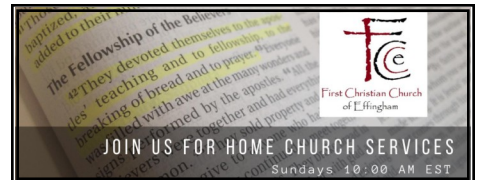
## *One Church Service Begins*

### **Sunday July 12th Begins One Service @ 10:00 A.M.**

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

A letter will be sent out this week to the church family to let you know about the worship service guidelines.

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 14th**

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)



**Special Needs:** Wynona Keenan (Covid 19), Loretta Miller (Transferred to Springfield hosp.), 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)

**Grieving Families:** Nick Tautz Family, Bobby Spracklen Family

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

## *Food Pantry Items*

### Sunday, August 2nd

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



## *Youth & Young Adults*

### Wednesday, July 15th

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.



## *Water = Life V.B.S.*



# WATER = LIFE

2020 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH VBS

### 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:**

\$30,678.00





## On Line Giving

**FCCEffingham.com**



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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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## FCC Soccer

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



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

**SOCCER  
CAMP AT**



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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)



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