



First Christian Church of Effingham

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The Way, The Truth & The Life

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, September 6th Family Life
Center baby bottles are due back

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

Tuesday, September 8th Young @
Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday, September 9th Youth &
Young Adults meet @ 5:30 p. m.

Sunday, October 4th Pizza Crust,
Pizza Sauce, cereal or your choice is
due in Beebe Hall



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

I was able to watch an amazing baseball game on Sunday afternoon. The Cardinals beat the Indians by a score of 7 to 2. That is only a summary of the story that unfolded before and during that game. The Cardinals went into that game on a four game losing streak and a pitching staff that was tired and worn down. The pitching staff and the team desperately needed a pick me up and a shot in the arm. They needed someone who could step forward, stop the losing streak and get the team moving in the right direction again. On Saturday night after the heart breaking loss to the Indians in 12 innings, Adam Wainwright (the oldest active player in the National League) stepped up. He texted the manager and told him "I got you." This was Wainwright's way of telling the manager that he would "fill the gap." In essence he was telling the manager that he would do everything within his power to be the guy tomorrow who would pitch as many innings as needed. The veteran pitcher true to his word pitched a complete game (something very unusual in today's era). Wainwright did it on his 39th birthday; most guys have retired from major league baseball at that point in their life. What a great story!

So what's the application for us as Christians today? "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none." (Ezekiel 22:30). A gap in the wall of a city would allow the enemy to enter the city. Who would step up and fill that void? In the days of Ezekiel, God didn't find anyone to fill the gap. Will He find anyone today to stand in the gap for our own country? We need to be those "gap fillers" in our own community and we should pray that there would be others who would rise up to stand in the gap for God on the state and national level.

I hope to see you next Sunday in our services. If you don't feel comfortable yet with in person attendance, please join us on the internet. Have a great week!

C U N Church,
David



<i>Serving In August</i>	
<i>Communion Table : September 6th—Troy Bloemker; September 13th—Delaine Donaldson</i>	
<i>8/23/2020 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$2,923.00</i> <i>includes Faith Promise & Online Offering</i>	<i>8/30/2020 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$5,030.00</i> <i>includes Faith Promise & Online Offering</i>
Attendance: 52 Property Ministry (Building)\$40.00	Attendance: 58 Property Ministry (Building)\$40.00
<i>Faith Promise: \$261.00</i> <i>Cookbook Fees:\$10.00</i> <i>OCC shoebox postage:\$270.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise \$411</i> <i>Quilt Guild Donation: \$100.00</i>

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, September 8th

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, September 9th

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



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.



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Prayer List



Cancer: Dorothy Bryant-(Stomach Cancer), Ronnie Johnson (cancer & Covid 19 test)

Special Needs: Sharon Caylor (health issues) U.S.A., Police, 1st Responders, Church, Chris & Sheila Hutcheson (Covid 19), Larry & Vicky Maxwell (Covid 19), Laney Jo Moran (Covid 19), Merl (Covid 19), Ronnie Johnson (Covid 19 testing), Janice Pike (body rejecting Lung transplant), Diane Slone

Missions: Operation Christmas Child, Family Life Center (Baby Bottle Project)

Bereavement: Sharon Barclay Family, Janet Calvert Family, Robert Ooton Family, Paul Prager Family, Shane Shamrock Family

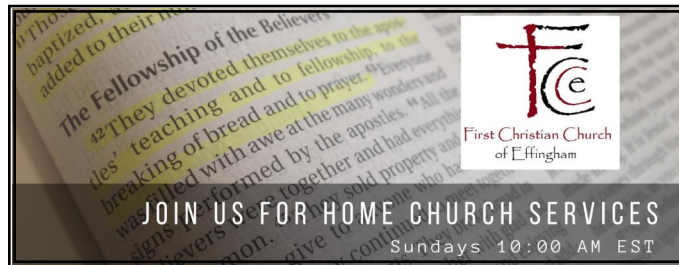
Worship Service

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.



Food Pantry Items

Sunday, October 4th

Please bring Pizza Crust, Pizza Sauce, cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.





Labor Day Camp

Family Camp

When: September 4-7

Speaker: Nikomas Perez
campus minister
at Harvester Christian Church
in St. Charles

Housing: RV/Camper or tent

Food: Take Out Style

Cost: Free

More Information: oilbelt.com



555 Park Rd.
Flora, IL

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

2021 is 75th Year Of Camp

Help us celebrate!

Mail/E-mail pictures & videos to us

Send us your stories—baptisms, decisions, funny moments
or historical events

Send in your recipes—Jeannie & Jerry are compiling stories, recipes and camp history for the 75th anniversary cookbook—Mail or E-mail yours to the office by October 31st.





Book Of The Month

September Bible Study

Since the books of the month for August were Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.

We will follow up on the reading of those books with the writings of the prophets who lived during that period of time.

The books for September are Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Study guides will be available on Sunday.



Haggai 1:13 KJV
Then spake Haggai the LORD's messenger in the LORD's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD.

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:

\$34,616.00



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.

Family Life Center

Baby Bottle Project

All bottles are to be returned on Sunday, September 6th (Labor Day weekend) to the foyer by Labor Day weekend.





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SERVICE REQUESTED**

