



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

Tuesday, November 10th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

Tuesdays Online Prayer Time Starts @ noon on the First Christian Church Effingham Facebook (See page 3)

Wednesday, November 11th Youth & Young Adults meet @ 6:00 p. m.

Sunday, December 6th Flour, Sugar, cereal or your choice is due in Beebe Hall for Calvary Baptist Church food pantry



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

This Tuesday which is Election Day, someone is going to get some bad news. It doesn't matter who wins the election, someone is going to be disappointed. That someone could be you or me. How do we handle bad news?

"Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. . . . He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is secure, he will have no fear;" (Psalms 112:1b, 7-8a)

There are a variety of responses that can be made to bad news. When you receive bad news, you can fall apart and then make bad decisions. You can try to lessen the impact of the news by using humor. Or you can be like the man in Psalms 112 whose heart is steadfast and secure having no fear. I don't know about others but I want to be the man who has no fear when bad news comes. The key to being able to do that is "trusting in the Lord."

If I am trusting in the Lord, then I will be praying. When the prophet Daniel received the bad news that practicing his faith which specifically included praying was illegal, the first thing he did was pray (Daniel 6:10). If I am trusting in the Lord, then I will be giving thanks for what I have – even if everything has been taken from me, I still have God. Job was the recipient of some bad news. He lost his flocks, herds, servants and his children but he still was trusting in God (Job 1:13-22).

The lesson I learn then from this passage is keep trusting in God. Throughout life, I will periodically get bad news but I don't have to be afraid of bad news because God is still in charge.

This is a preview of my sermon for this coming Sunday. I hope that you will join us for our worship service either in person or online.

C U N Church,
David



<i>Serving In October</i> <i>Communion Table : November 8th—Delaine Donaldson; November 15th—Jon Zerkel</i>	
10/25/2020 Attendance & Giving Total: \$3,206.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving	11/01/2020 Attendance & Giving Total: \$6,991.10 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving
Attendance: 54 Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00	Attendance: 74 Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00
Faith Promise: \$391.00	Faith Promise \$3,501.00 2020/2021 CD Interest: \$35.01 Faith Promise: \$150.00 2019/2020

Prayer Tuesdays

THE CANDLE THAT KEEPS BURNING

There were once five candles that burned brightly day in and day out. The first **candle of enthusiasm** got bored one day and decided it was pointless to keep burning, so it got extinguished.

Seeing the candle of enthusiasm go dark, the second **candle of courage** lost its will and went out, too.

The third **candle of peace** thought, “Without enthusiasm and courage, I feel abandoned and lonely,” so its flame also faded away.

The fourth **candle of prosperity** was sad after its friends were extinguished. He didn’t think there was any point staying lit without enthusiasm, courage, or peace, so his light went out, too. Only one candle remained burning. Although it was the smallest candle, its flame was still burning brightly. A girl came along and was joyous to find the lone candle burning. Feeling gratitude, she picked up the **candle of hope** and lit the other four candles with it.

May your candle of hope keep burning strong, and continue to brighten your days to come.

JESUS CHRIST IS OUR HOPE!



Prayer Tuesdays

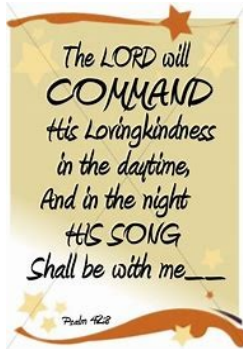
Tuesday Prayer On Facebook

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.





Prayer List



Cancer: Diane Slone (chemo), Lynette Fugate (Bone Cancer), Gail Loy (melanoma surgery), Dorothy Bryant (chemo), Jon Zerkel (Leukemia)

Special Needs: Sharon Caylor (health issues), U.S.A., Police, 1st Responders, Church, Danielle & Anne Niebrugge (Covid 19), Mila Leach (CHF), Theresa (Back Surgery),

Missions: Operation Christmas Child, Faith Promise 2020/2021, Salvation Army

Bereavement: Bill Meitzner Family, Milo Adler Honea Family, Jerry Webb Family, Christine Huntington Family

Thankful for You All

Decorating Committee

Even with the quarantine the church was kept beautiful. Much thanks to Cleone, Kacey Scoggins and Shari Long. Elaine Griffin did pretty blue for September and Nancy Harper has decorated with beautiful Autumn colors and foliage for fall. We are so lucky to have such talented ladies. Hopefully, we can get back to normal soon. Mimi Bushue has kept the frames in the foyer with beautiful pictures for the seasons.

Remember to get your flu shots and if we ever get a vaccine for Covid 19. God Bless all and hoping to see everyone in church. You are missed and we pray for all of you.

Face Masks: Crystal Habing has provided the much needed masks for church. A big than you to her and her terrific talent.

Garden Committee: Thanks for all of your hard work in keeping the gardens looking so nice. It's a lot of work and I'm sure they could always use help.



Thanks to all,
Cheryl Bloemker, decorating committee

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, November 10th

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





Food Pantry Items

Sunday, December 6th

Please bring Flour, Sugar, cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



Salvation Army

Bell Ringing

Salvation Army bell ringing begins the day after Thanksgiving, November 27th.

The Bell Ringing continues each weekend on Friday and Saturday through Christmas Eve.

Even if you have not been attending in person on Sundays, call the church office @ (217) 342-6797 or the Salvation Army office @ (217) 342-5434 to sign up for a two hour slot.



Contemporary Songs For Fall

Playlist

Go to FCCeffingham Facebook page and click on the link in the paragraph under "Hi Church Family!" or click on the blue square that says Contemporary Songs

or ctrl click on the following link and then, click on Contemporary songs

<https://www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham/posts/3642436509121552>


First Christian Church of Effingham
 20h · 🌐

Hi Church Family!

In order to help you get familiar with the Contemporary songs we will be singing at church from September to November of 2020, we have put together this playlist.

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2MN20UMj0COkjKh466D5IL?si=bC0nMUsXROSIBzhR_Nnbaw



OPEN.SPOTIFY.COM
 , a playlist by Martin Reyes on Spotify
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Book Of The Month

November Bible Study Book

The book of the month for October is Psalms 101 through 150. Questions will be on the foyer table.

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible
Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



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

2019/2020 Total:

\$39,449.00

2020/2021 Promises—\$36,117.00

Received—\$3,501.00



Operation Christmas Child

First Christian Church will be praying over the boxes on Sunday, November 22nd.

**NATIONAL
COLLECTION
WEEK**

NOV. 16-23

PACK A SHOEBOX

Samaritan's Purse
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF



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901 N. Henrietta
Effingham, IL 62401
SERVICE REQUESTED

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

Upcoming Events

Men's Night: Feb. 12—2021

High School Retreat: Feb. 20-2021

3rd-5th Big Overnigher 1 & 2: March 19-20-2021 & March 20-21—2021

75th Anniversary for Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

Mail/Email pictures & videos to them!

Send your stories! Whether baptisms, decisions, funny moments, or historical events, all are appreciated!

E-mail: campoffice@oilbelt.com

Address: 555 Park Rd. Flora, IL 62839



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.

