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The Way, The Truth & The Life

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, January 12th Young @
Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 12th Women's
meeting meets @ 6:30 p.m. There are
Secret Sister Forms in the foyer to fill
out for 2021 Secret Sisters. There is a
box to put your filled out forms in as
well. It is the plan to draw for Secret
Sisters at the January meeting.

Tuesdays Online Prayer Time Starts
@ noon on the First Christian Church
Effingham Facebook

Wednesday, January 13th Youth &
Young adults meet @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 7th Canned Fruit,
Jell-O, Pudding, cereal or your choice
is due in Beebe Hall for Calvary Bap-
tist Church food pantry



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Yesterday, the 117th Congress met for the first time. New representatives and senators were sworn in to office. The processes of our democratic republic continue. One of the amazing things about the events yesterday in Washington was that the session was opened with prayer.

This is a long standing tradition and one that hopefully will continue for as long as our republic exists.

I listened to the opening prayer offered by Rep. Emanuel Cleaver from Missouri. I really appreciated his prayer and thought it was extremely applicable to the present situation faced by our nation. However, I do not understand how he closed his prayer. At the end of his prayer, he said "Amen" but then added "Awoman." Could it be that the honorable congressman not understanding what the word "Amen" means and in order to not be offensive toward women decided to give equal coverage to both genders? I don't believe it was ignorance of the word that motivated his misuse of it. Not only is he a congressman but he is also an ordained United Methodist Minister. You can listen to his prayer at <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/rep-cleaver-ends-opening-prayer-for-new-congress-amen-and-awoman>

A few days ago, Nancy Pelosi introduced new House rules that she said will help the body become more inclusive. A 45-page package that will be voted on Monday (today) strips all mention of gender-specific pronouns and terms such as "man," "woman," "mother" and "son."

Perhaps the congressman from Missouri was lending his support to the Speaker's proposed rule changes. I don't know his thoughts or motivation. Congressman Cleaver can vote for that rule change, he can speak in favor of that rule change, he can lobby his fellow congressmen to support that rule change but using the time of prayer unwisely to promote that change is quite a different matter (if in fact that was what he was doing.)

For your information, the word "Amen" is not a gender related word but simply means "let it be so." In regard to most of his prayer, I could have said "Amen" but I am not sure what I would have been saying if I had said "Awoman." In my opinion, It has no meaning other than promoting a political agenda. Let's be faithful to God's Word regardless of cultural pressures we may face!

C U N Church,
David



<i>Serving In December</i> <i>Communion Table : January 10th—Jon Zerkel; January 17th—Dennis Bushue</i>	
<i>12/20/2020 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$3,118.00</i> <i>includes Faith Promise & Online Giving</i>	<i>12/27/2020 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$3,369.00</i> <i>includes Faith Promise & Online Giving</i>
Attendance: 72 Property Ministry (Building):\$40.00	Attendance: 43 Property Ministry (Building):\$40.00
<i>Faith Promise: \$435.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise \$922.00</i>
<i>1/3/2021 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$6,415.84</i> <i>includes Faith Promise & Online Giving</i>	
Attendance: 52 Property Ministry (Building):\$40.00	
<i>Faith Promise \$1,591.00</i> <i>Countrymark Refining: \$16.84</i>	

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, January 12th

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



W.O.W.

Wednesday, January 13th

Youth & Young Adults will meet @ 6:00 p.m. in the church auditorium for worship & Bible Study





Prayer List



Cancer: Jessica Baker (Cancer tumors), Jeff Anderson (cancer of the back)

Special Needs: Sharon Caylor (health issues), U.S.A., Police, 1st Responders, Church, Suz (hip replacement), Sandy Brockett (knee replacement)

Covid 19: Hayden Kanizer, Deb Meyers, Jeanette Butler, Roger Long, Gene Denney, Billy Bounds Ferris, Kevin Palmer family members

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

Pray For These Families: Janice Pike Family, Dennis Stuckey Family, Ronald Torbeck Family, Robbie Lewis Family, Michael Olino Family, Bob Stine Family

Women's Meeting

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Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

February 12, 2021

Men's Night

Jamie Allen from Central Christian Church in Mt. Vernon will be speaking on our topic of "Shining Our Light for Christ!"

Kinmundy Christian Church "Worship Team will be leading us in Worship!"

5:30 p.m. Doors Open

6:00pm - Supper (*catered by Niemerg's Fried Chicken & Pulled Pork*)

7:00pm - Worship

March 13, 2021

Ladies' Day—*Clothed in Grace*

Spend a day being encouraged by Cindy Sigler Dagnan, International Speaker & Author, and being led in worship by Dee Ann Schnautz!

Pre-Register online by March 5th for the early bird rate of \$20.00.

After March 5th registration fee is \$25.00

Schedule:

Doors open & light breakfast @ 8:15 a.m.

Worship Begins: 9:00 a.m.

Dismiss: 2:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided

April 19, 2021

Minister's Gathering

May 2, 2021

Camp Open House from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.—tours, yard games, live music, food trucks and more!

6:00 p.m.—Activity room worship service

No cost & no need to register. Food available to purchase and Oil Belt shirts & gear.

May 21-23

Greater Retreat



Food Pantry Items

Sunday, February 7th

Please bring Jell-O, Canned Fruit, Pudding, cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.





Book Of The Month

January Bible Study Book

The book of the month for January is Ecclesiastes & Song of Solomon

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



Foyer Wall Photos

Thankful Pictures

In January, those who have a picture of a thankful time during Christmas to be considered for the thankful pictures on the wall in the foyer send them to Mimi Bushue.

Please, e-mail the pictures to Mimi @ den-mib@consolidated.net



Faith Promise 2020

Promises Made

\$39,449.00 for 2020/2021

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—\$8,158.00





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901 N. Henrietta
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SERVICE REQUESTED

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://](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzvbjDnqiiSgRwsjlorIJhA)

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