



First Christian Church of Effingham

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The Way, The Truth & The Life

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, March 23rd Young @
Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday, March 24th Youth &
Young adults meet @ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 27th Easter Egg
Hunt from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
then practice for Palm Sunday pro-
gram from 11:00 a.m. to noon

Sunday, March 28th Children's
Palm Sunday program, "An Easter
Letter to the Son" will be presented
during worship time

Friday, April 2nd Chain of Prayer
from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 2nd Good Friday Wor-
ship Time from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m.

Sunday, April 4th Tuna, Tuna
Helper, cereal or your choice is due in
Beebe Hall for Calvary Baptist
Church food pantry



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Easter is three weeks away. This Easter may be a little more like those we are accustomed to than what last Easter was during the pandemic. With the different activities associated with Easter, it might be easy to lose sight of the true meaning of the "holiday." I hope the following story will help remind you of what Easter is all about.

The story is about a 12 year old boy named Jeremy who was living with a terminal disease. He seemingly was unable to learn and often seemed unable to comprehend what others were saying. In order to make his life as normal as possible, Jeremy's parents had enrolled him in a parochial school. Although he was older, Jeremy was in second grade with 18 other children who did not have any learning disabilities. The teacher of the class, Doris Miller, often was exasperated with Jeremy in the class. Despite her frustration, Doris determined to do her best at reaching out to Jeremy as well as continuing to teach the other children.

As spring approached, the children began to talk excitedly about Easter. Doris told them the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, and then to emphasize the idea of new life, she gave each child a large plastic egg. She instructed them to take the egg home and bring it back the next day with something inside that showed new life. She wondered if Jeremy understood and decided she should call his parents to make sure the assignment was understood. However because of other issues, Doris completely forgot to call his parents.

The next day at school, all of the children including Jeremy brought their egg back putting them in the basket on the teacher's desk. Following math class, it was time to discuss the eggs.

One egg held a flower, another one contained a plastic butterfly and still another a rock with moss on it – each demonstrating new life. She explained how each of them showed new life. The fourth egg had nothing in it at all. Doris knew that must be Jeremy's egg and in order to prevent embarrassment set it aside. Before she could take the next egg from the basket, Jeremy spoke up. "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?" She responded, "But Jeremy, your egg is empty!" The boy looked into her eyes and softly said, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty." When Doris was finally able to speak, she asked Jeremy if he knew why the tomb was empty. "Oh yes!" Jeremy went on to explain, "Jesus was killed and put in there. Then his Father raised him up!"

The recess bell rang and the children excitedly ran out to the playground. Doris Miller cried. All of the exasperation she had ever felt toward Jeremy disappeared. Three months later, Jeremy died. Those who paid their respects were surprised to see 19 eggs on top of the casket, all of them empty. Many may have wondered at the meaning of those eggs but one teacher and 18 classmates understood completely. Don't forget – because the tomb is empty, we have the hope of eternal life with God in heaven. John 11:26

CUN Church,
David



<i>Serving In March</i> <i>Communion Table : March 21st—Troy Bloemker; March 28th—Delaine Donaldson</i>	
3/7/2021 Attendance & Giving Total: \$3,559.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving	3/14/2021 Attendance & Giving Total: \$3,445.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving
Attendance: 67 Property Ministry (Building):\$60.00	Attendance: 59 Property Ministry (Building):\$40.00
Faith Promise: \$1,251.00	Faith Promise \$391.00

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, March 23rd

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, March 24th

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



Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 27th

All children are invited to come and join in the Easter Egg Hunt at the church from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Then, from 11:00 a.m. to noon will be the children's Palm Sunday rehearsal.
"An Easter Letter to the Son"

Note: There are plastic eggs on the Hall table.

It will be very much appreciated to have church family members to take them home and fill them and return them to the church for use at the Easter Egg Hunt.



Sharing An Easter Lily

Deliver By April 1st

Anyone wishing to donate an Easter Lily, it would be great if the covering could be purple with a white bow. If possible, have them delivered by Maundy Thursday, April 1st.



Prayer List



Cancer: James Smith (testicular & colon cancer)

Special Needs: Tori Amburn (gall bladder surgery), LeAnn Spruell (transfer to Lakeland Rehab), Roger Long (Covid), Linda Van Alst (broken bones/heart issues), Hazel Kingery (health issues), Todd Young (health issues), Carol Pradel (perforated hernia), Roger Friese (stents in heart), Nancy Palm (biopsy on lung nodules march 24th), Barb Long (health issues), Gloria Stuckey (hosp. with gall bladder & pancreatitis)

Missions: Faith Promise 2020/2021, Voice of the Martyrs, IDES

Pray For These Families: Chris Hillerby Family, Cathy Stanfield Family, Marilyn Shull Family, Ray Schnake Family, David Able Family, Lois Bone Family

Faith Promise 2020

Promises Made

\$36,117.00 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—\$19,347.00



Chain of Prayer

Friday, April 2nd

A sign up sheet will be at the information desk to sign up for a 15 minute time to pray.

This year, if you feel comfortable coming into the church to pray, it will be unlocked from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for prayer.

If you want to sign up to pray and you aren't comfortable coming into the church to pray, you can pray from home.



Good Friday Worship




Friday, April 2nd

Come and worship with us from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Stay the length of time you have available. Worship songs, Bible readings, poems, etc. will be presented throughout the two hours.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>“Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb.” Mark 16:2 (NIV)</p>					<p>2 Chain of Prayer 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship @ 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.</p>	3
4 Easter Sunrise Service @ 6:15 a.m. Breakfast	5	6 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	7. W.O.W. @ 6:00 p.m.	8	9	10
11	12	13 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m. Women's Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	14 W.O.W. @ 6:00 p.m.	15	16	17
18	19	20 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	21 W.O.W. @ 6:00 p.m.	22	23	24
25	26	27 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	28 W.O.W. @ 6:00 p.m.	29	30	

April Birthdays & Anniversaries



5 Gabriel Reyes	BD	25 David Reyes	BD
6 Linda Van Alst	BD	27 Kevin Jamison	BD
7 Bernie Sabens	BD	29 Angela Vonderheide	BD
9 Klent Scoggins	BD		
11 Beverly Thoele	BD		
13 Lane Croslow	BD		
15 Rosie Parkhurst	BD		
19 Gen Byers	BD		
21 Heather Wolke	BD		
21 Don Thoele	BD		
22 April Moeller	BD		
23 Rachel Akeman	BD		
25 Dallas Kingery	BD		



Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 4th

Come and join us for an Easter Sunrise Service here at First Christian Church.

Time: 6:15 a.m.

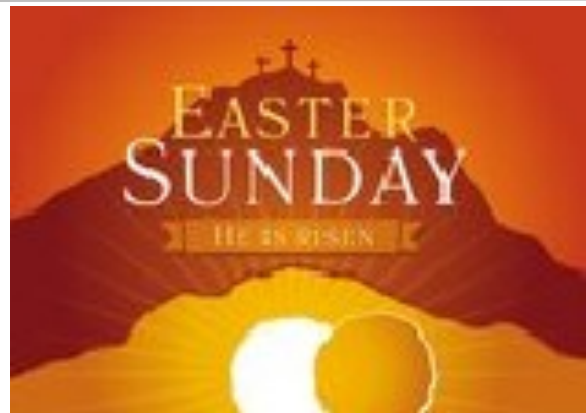
Breakfast Directly After the service:

Bring an egg casserole. You can bring it already baked or bake it during the service.

Also, Donuts and orange juice and coffee will be available

If you need a recipe contact the church office.

Note: If you would like to join the **Easter Choir**, there is still time to join. The next practice is this **Sunday, March 21st @ 5:00 p.m.**





Food Pantry Items

Sunday, April 4th

Please bring Tuna, Tuna Helper, cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



Oil Belt Camp Registration

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

REGISTRATION OPENS: April 12 AT 10AM!

“Keep Shining” Oil Belt Christian Service Camp 2021 75 years

Select the week of camp based on the grade campers are going into in the fall.

Walk-in registrations are allowed, but camps fill up quickly, so we highly suggest to register in advance.

Date	Camp	Grade	Dean	Start	End	Cost
5/22	Greater Retreat	18-24yrs	Stephen Dulaney	10:00am	10:00pm	\$35
5/22	Special Needs Day	K-12th	Danielle Kimbrel	9:00am	3:00pm	\$30
6/1-3	Genesis	7th-12th	Tim Davis	9:00am	5:00pm	\$105
6/3-5	Camp Out	5th-6th	Darren Barbee	9:00am	5:00pm	\$105
6/7-10	Sr. High	9th-12th	Bryan Heinrich	9:00am	5:00pm	\$140
6/12	Fishing Camp-	Boys 7th-8th	Curtis Thompson	9:00am	5:00pm	\$35
6/12	Sunrise	1st-2nd	Kelly Baker	9:00am	5:00pm	\$35
6/14-17	Jr. High	7th-8th	Lance Boldt	9:00am	5:00pm	\$140
6/18-19	Father/Child	K-4th	Dustin Draear	5:30pm	3:30pm	\$55
6/20-25	SHW: Trek	9th-12th	Jon Michael Deisher	1:00pm	5:00pm	\$250
6/21-24	Encounter	5th-6th	Rob Plummer	9:00am	5:00pm	\$140
6/26	Footprints	2nd-3rd	Lezlie Johnson	9:00am	5:00pm	\$35
6/28-7/1	Music Camp Plus	7th-12th	Dustin Leek	9:00am	5:00pm	\$140
6/27-7/2	JHW: Base Camp	7th-8th	Seth Schnautz	1:00pm	5:00pm	\$250
7/6-8	Discovery	4th-6th	Bryce Ash	9:00am	5:00pm	\$105
7/12-15	Jr. High Athletes	6th-8th	Tre Schlieff	9:00am	5:00pm	\$140
8/2-6	SHW: River	9th-12th	Drew Flanagan	9:00am	5:00pm	\$250
8/14	OASIS-	Special Needs Adults	Lisa Dill	10:00am	5:00pm	\$35

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campoffice@oilbelt.com Register online at oilbelt.com 2021 registration

Book Of The Month

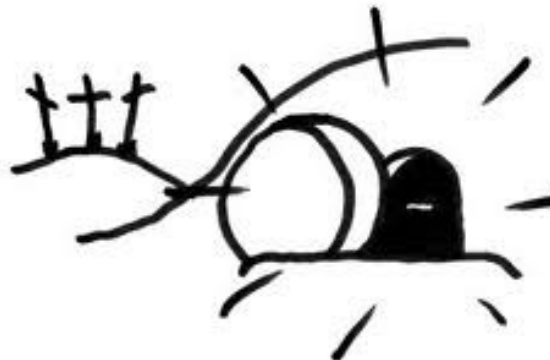


Easter Reading

The greatest story ever told. A reading schedule for you to follow that has the accounts broken up into very easy to read segments is available in the foyer. It is also available online on our website, fceffing-ham.com.

Goals:

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



Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

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

75 Year Anniversary

Join with us the celebrate Oil Belt Christian Service Camp's 75th year! Below are a few of the activities and plans we have.

Oil Belt Recipe & History Book is currently being created. To purchase yours, more information is forthcoming.

Attend Family Camp 2021 for a special service on Sunday, September 5, 2021.

- Mail / Email your pictures, videos and stories to the camp office!

- Stay Tuned! We have more planned!





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901 N. Henrietta
Effingham, IL 62401
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 Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham>

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

