



First Christian Church of Effingham

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The Way, The Truth & The Life

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, May 9th Children's Church will meet after communion with Gospel Project curriculum

Tuesday, May 11th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

Tuesdays Online Prayer Time Starts @ noon on the First Christian Church Effingham Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham> and You Tube [First Christian Church of Effingham - YouTube](#)

Tuesday, May 11th Women's meeting will meet @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12 Youth & Young adults meet @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 23rd Graduates from grade school, high school and college/university will be recognized during worship service

Sunday, May 23rd Children's Church will meet after communion with Gospel Project curriculum

Sunday, June 6th Please, bring Canned Meat, Dessert Mixes, Cereal or your choice to Beebe Hall for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Mother's Day is this coming Sunday. In honor of all mothers and those ladies without children who have had a motherly influence on many kids, I dedicate my column.

Several years ago, Gigi Graham, daughter of Billy and Ruth Graham, wrote the following about her mother:

My first impression of Jesus was my mother. I could have sung this song, "Jesus love me, this I know, for my mother shows me so."

Mother never considered it a sacrifice to stay home with us children. We were full of life and quite a handful, though she never complained. I think at times that it must have been difficult knowing that her husband was traveling the world, meeting interesting people, seeing exciting places, and doing what many considered a great work for the Lord. She must have now and then felt "confined" to the mountains of North Carolina, with five small children and all that this entailed. I never realized just how hard this must have been until I had my seven. Mother has often been asked how she raised us with Daddy being gone so much of the time. Her immediate reply has always been, "On my knees."

Those words remind me of the two mothers that have played such an important role in my life. First of all, I would mention my wonderful wife, Irma. I can't count the number of times that I was gone and Irma was left at home taking care of our kids. She undoubtedly would like to have been with me on many of those occasions but she stayed home with our children. Both of our children are followers of Jesus and I owe a debt of gratitude to Irma for the impact she has had on both of them! Thank you sweetheart! Young mothers, please remember that you have a once in a lifetime opportunity to influence your child for Jesus. When you are caring for your children, you are involved in a vital ministry.

Second of all, I would mention my own mother. I won't mention the countless meals she prepared and the clothes she washed. I do want to mention the Bible stories she read to me and the Sunday School and VBS lessons she taught. The knowledge I have of the Bible did not come from a Bible College education but from a godly mother who taught me and who exposed me to opportunities to learn from God's Word. Thank you Mom!

Praise God for Christian mothers, grandmothers, and women! You are and have been a blessing to our world and to the church.

I hope to see you this coming Lord's Day morning!

CUN Church,
David



Serving In May Communion Table : May 9th—Martin Reyes; May 16th—Troy Bloemker	
4/25/2021 Attendance & Giving Total: \$4,124.23 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving	5/2/2021 Attendance & Giving Total: \$4,338.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving
Attendance: 60 Property Ministry (Building):\$40.00	Attendance: 59 Property Ministry (Building):\$40.00
Faith Promise: \$442.00	Faith Promise \$1,676.00 Reenie Miller Memorial:\$290.00 Crossroads Quilt Guild:\$80.00

Children's Church

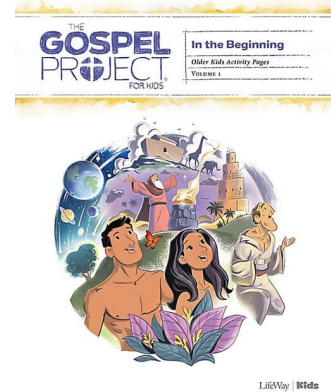
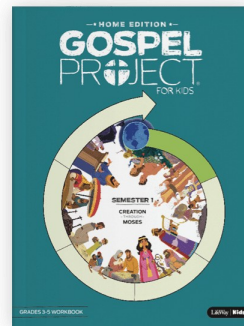
Sunday, May 9th & May 23rd

Children's church will meet in Beebe Hall directly after communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Children 5th grade and under are invited to attend.

Gospel Project curriculum will be used for these classes.

There is also a home edition parents can buy.



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, May 11th

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 (tumors removed), Rosie Parkhurst (lung cancer)

Special Needs: Elaine Griffin (back pain), Lynn Weddle (health issues), Sandy Brockett (knee), Vernon Jamison (angiogram), Pat Larsen (Asthma), Keaton Gabel (chemo), Charlotte Wright (Broken ankle bone & heart monitor)

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

Pray For These Families: Dennis Young's Brother's Aunt-in-law Family, Reenie Miller Family, Jerolyn Robinson Family

Women's Meeting

Tuesday, May 11th



Tuesday, May 11th @ 6:30 p.m.

Come and Watch The Fifth episode of *The Chosen: The Wedding*

Enjoy A Snack & Fellowship



I AM
THE DAUGHTER
OF A KING WHO
IS NOT MOVED
BY THE WORLD
FOR MY GOD
IS WITH ME &
GOES BEFORE ME
I DO NOT FEAR
BECAUSE I AM
HIS

W.O.W.

Wednesday, May 12th

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



Graduates 2020 & 2021

Grade School Graduates

2020

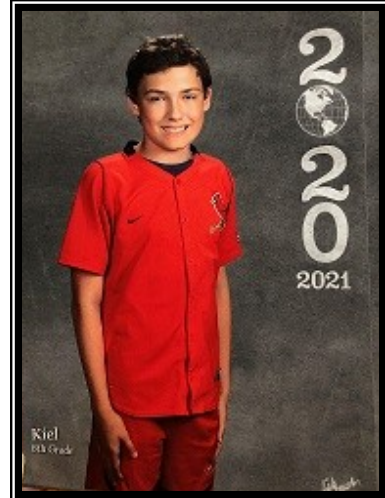


Gabriel Reyes-
Dieterich Jr. High



Riley Brown-
Effingham Jr. High

2021

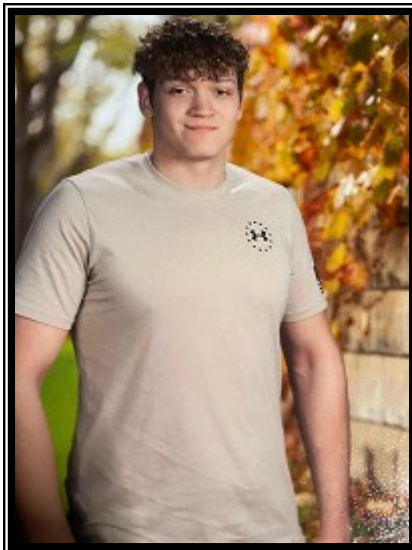


Kiel Moeller—Photo by Life Touch-
Altamont Jr. High

High School Graduates 2021



Callista Denoyer
Effingham High School
Valedictorian
Member of National Honor
Society



Trenton Scoggins
Effingham High School

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Alexis Smith
Stew Stras High School
4 years in dance

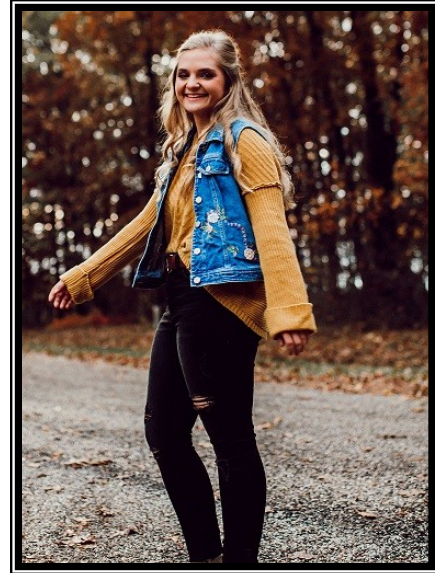
Graduates 2021

University Graduate



Alexandria Denoyer
Indiana State University
Magna Cum Laude

College Graduate



Holly Bloemker
Lake Land College
With Honors

Police Card Drive-Sen. Bailey

Community Help

National Police Week is May 9-15, 2021.

State Senator Darren Bailey would like all to send a big thank you to the police officers in the 55th Senate District by sending or dropping off a card with handwritten notes, encouraging and uplifting stories, drawings, etc. by May 15th.



If mailing the cards for distribution by Darren Bailey's office:

Send to 152 S. Church Street, P.O. Box, Louisville, IL 62858

Or

88 Broadway, Suite 1, Mattoon, IL 61932

Otherwise please drop off cards, handwritten notes, etc. to the marked mailbox at his Louisville District Office

**THANK
YOU**

#POLICEWEEK

Tuesday, Prayer Time

Every Tuesday @ Noon

Join us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham> to share in the prayer time with Pastor David & Pastor Martin. The prayer time can be viewed at your convenience because it is streamed and saved.



Food Pantry Items

Sunday, June 2nd

Please bring Canned Meat, Dessert Mixes, Cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



Oil Belt Camp Registration

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp—Will Stay Overnight

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

Note: Discount Code For FCC kids: fceffingham100 for 100% of one week per camper.

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp • 555 park road • Flora, Il 62839 618-662-2822 •

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

Book Of The Month



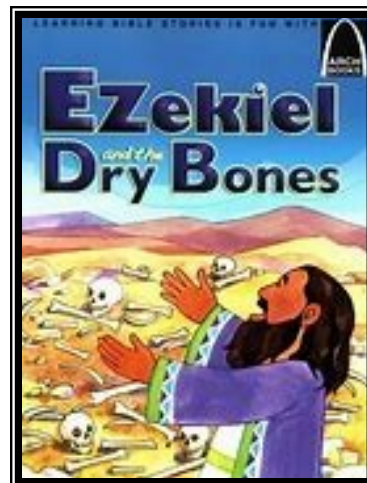
Bible Reading

Study Guide for Ezekiel is on the foyer table

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

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!



Faith Promise 2020

Promises Made

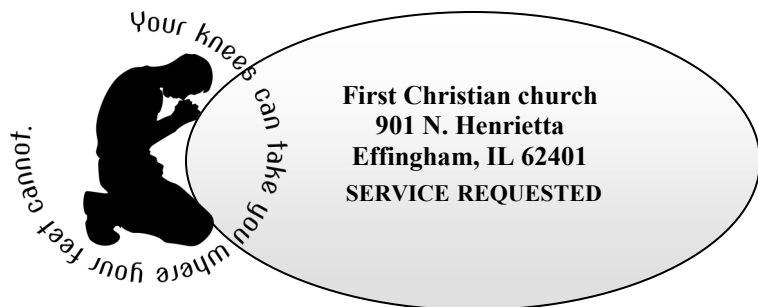
\$36,117.00 for 2020/2021

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—\$24,594.00





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 **You Tube** [First Christian Church of Effingham - YouTube](#)

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

