



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Under His Wings

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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, September 9th Ice Cream
Social & opening of time capsule
begins @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 10th 150th Anni-
versary Celebration luncheon directly
after worship service

Tuesday, September 12th Young @
Heart will meet @ 9:00 a.m. for cof-
fee/tea, fellowship and prayer

Tuesday, September 12th Women's
Ministry will meet at 6:00 p.m. at
Nancy Harper's house for cookout.

Wednesday, September 13th The
adults, children (5th grade and under)
youth and Junior High (6th grade to
12th grade) will meet @ 5:30 p.m. for
supper and bible study.

Friday, September 15th The youth
(6th grade through 12th grade) will
meet—TBA

Saturday, September 16th Children's
Event (6th grade and under) will meet
from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Sunday, September 17th Dallas &
Hazel Kingery's 60th anniversary
from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Slogans, mottoes, and jingles can be very useful. One of the benefits is making something memorable. I can still remember some of the jingles from the 1960's that were used in the advertising industry to sell products. Another benefit is the power to unite people for a cause. In the 1830's, a motto that united people behind a cause was "Remember the Alamo." One other benefit is the potential to generate enthusiasm. Throughout our history there have been slogans that have been used to build enthusiasm for political candidates. One of the most famous was in the Presidential campaign of 1840. The slogan that was used to generate support for William Henry Harrison was "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too."

Our church is a part of the Restoration Movement, an effort to restore the present day church to the way it was in the New Testament. The Restoration Movement had its beginnings in the early 1800's. There were several different slogans that became a part of this movement that helped make the purposes of the movement stick in the minds of the people, rally them to a common purpose, and create enthusiasm.

There are three such slogans that I want to share with you in this column. Perhaps you are already familiar with them, but on the other hand maybe you have never heard them before. If you are not familiar with them, then you should be.

"In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, love."
All agree that there must be unity in the clear areas of biblical teaching. But in matters of opinion a wide variety of differences can be tolerated – as long as these opinions do not contradict biblical teaching, are not made a test of fellowship or church membership, or are not made essential to the church's teaching.

"No creed but Christ, no book but the Bible, no law but love."
The unity of the church is to be found only in the basics of New Testament teaching. All other sources of teaching ultimately become divisive. That is why when a person wants to become a member of our church, we do not ask them whether they agree with a lengthy statement of beliefs but only whether they believe Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God.

"Not the only Christians, but Christians only."
We do not believe that the only Christians are found in our church but we do refuse to wear any other name than Christian. All followers of Jesus want to be known as Christians, but names other than this divinely given name can be divisive.

I am proud to be a part of a congregation that stands on the ancient book, the Bible, and bears the ancient name, Christian, and follows the ancient command, love God and one another.

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

C U N Church,
David

**Serving In August****Elder:** Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating**Deacons:** Tom Shouse, Martin Zubiate, George Shouse, Toby Wolke**Deaconesses:** April Moeller, Sandi Donaldson

| 8-20-17 Attendance & Giving Total: \$ 2,843.40 includes Faith Promise Offering | 8-27-17 Attendance & Giving Total: \$3,598.72 includes Faith Promise |
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| Worship: 101 Sunday School: 24 | Worship: 97 Sunday School: 25 |
| Faith Promise Missions: \$225.00 | Faith Promise Offering: \$160.00 |
| 150th Ann. T-shirt Fees \$40.00 Building: \$40.00 | 150th Ann. T-shirt Fees \$39.25 Building: \$40.00 |
| Sunday School: \$12.00 | Sunday School: \$14.50 Lighting Fund: \$20.00 |

September 10th Greeters: Delaine & Sandi Donaldson **September 10th Home Communion:** Greg Spillman & Martin Zubiate

September 17th Greeters: George & Marcie Shouse **September 17th Home Communion:** Jon Zerkel & Toby Wolke

| 9-3-2017 Attendance & Giving Total: \$4,132.25 includes Faith Promise Offering |
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| Worship: 87 Sunday School: 19 |
| Faith Promise Missions: \$ 1,015 Building: \$40.00 |
| 150th Ann. T-shirt Fees: \$16.00 |
| Sunday School: \$17.25 |

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, September 12th

Come @ 9:00 a.m. to share in coffee/tea, fellowship and prayer in Beebe Hall
All 50 and over are invited to come and be with us on Tuesday mornings



Family Life Center

Baby Bottle Project

First Christian Church donated \$720.18 this past May and June.
The total of all funds donated by all the churches equaled \$50,974





Prayer Requests



Homebound and Nursing Home: Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Cecil "Paul" Richey, Wilma Sherrick, Marie Fulk, Don VanDeveer, Oneida Lewis, Elinor Wolford, Elfrieda Zerkel, Eldon Ooton, Darlene Zimdars, Agnes Simpson



Cancer: Laura Knierim, Sharon Douglas, Shirley Strickland, Ron Anderson, Tatum, Ashley Judd, Linda Smith, Paul Dempsey, Barb Eaton, Patty Willis, Alayna Plank, Renae Metke, Andy, Mike Page, Tom Koester, Brett Walker, Gary Lewis, Brandy Harper, Tiffany Dunaway, Brad Arney's Great Grandson Parker Burns, Susie Mast, Nancy Koester, Patrice Runyon, John Arnold, Carley Tull, Robert Barkauska, Jessica Baker, Nikki Szynonik, Katie Krueger, Misty Ulmer, Lanny Grove, Joshua McConnell, Rosemary Niemerg, Paula Jones, Ruth, Barb Gaddis, Elizabeth Weidner, Trish Couch, Wyatt Smith, Dallas Parkhurst, Ray Bushue, Bill Dentln, Jane Ann's Friend, Joy Gamber, Gene Moeller, Angie Thomason, Ellen Walk, Sue Heth, Ken Gilbert, Arlene Mullen, Donna Pollock, Cheryl Woodard, Joe Stoops, Jill Fiddler, Scott Chalcant, Dallas Hurst, Caleb, Tammy Zuber, Mary Vail, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Linda Packer, Diane Slone, Jim Coatney, Elizabeth-7year old, Candy Walden, Ken Roley, Lois Bartels, Aretha Young & her husband, John Cordes



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, Elaine Griffin, Mary Muntean, Russ Mitchell, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, David Shouse, Brad Donaldson, Yin Ying Zhang, Callista Denoyer, Sarah Gremo & baby Cal, John Weiffenbach, Cathy, Marvin Book, Ron Thomason, Lolita, Tracey Scoggins, Paul & Linda Richey, Venezuela, Lydie Anderson, Glen Anderson, Mason Fernandez, Grandma Lucille, Marita Boyce, Gary, students and teachers, Cindy Meitzner, Texas Flood Victims, Kayla Cordes, Holly-Justine's co-worker, Dennis Young's Friends, Eleanor Byers, Dan

Richey, Barb Wymo

(These names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Then, we need an update to put their names back on this Special Needs list.)



Missions: Faith Promise Rally October 15th through October 22nd



Military: J.R. Trueblood, Troops in harms way, Tyler Cross in the Air Force



Grieving Families: Darrell Raymond Family, Cindi Thomason Family, John Slaughter Family, Roland O'Leary Family, Lulubell Winn Family, Harry Johnson Family, LeAnn Trueblood Family

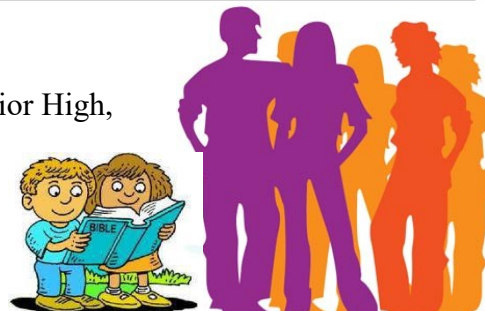


Junior High & Youth W.O.W.

Wednesday, September 13th



Adults, children (5th grade and under), Junior High, (6th, 7th, 8th graders), and Youth, (9th through 12th graders) will meet for W.O.W. at 5:30 p.m. with supper and Bible study to follow.



Dallas & Hazel Open House



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DALLAS and HAZEL

Celebrating 60 Years

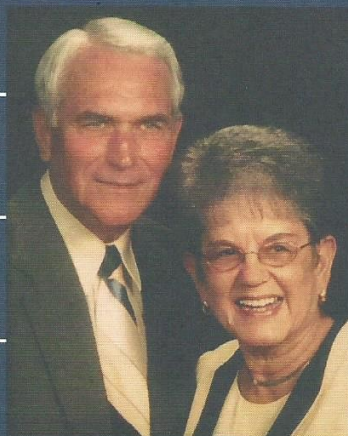
September 17th, 2017

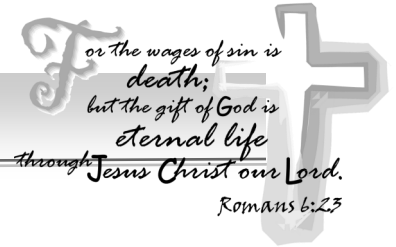
From 2 to 5pm

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*cards are welcome,
but your presence is a present enough for us.*





September Challenge

Eliminating Biblical Illiteracy

Biblical illiteracy has increased dramatically in recent years. People including Christians know less and less about the Bible. If we claim to be a people of the Book, we should have a working knowledge of the Bible. During the next several months, we as a congregation will be working toward eliminating Biblical illiteracy by increasing our knowledge and understanding of the Bible. Each month we will be focusing on a different part of the Bible and attempting to increase our knowledge of that part of Scripture. **In September, our challenge is to become familiar with the terms of salvation that are outlined in the book of Acts.** If someone were to ask you what they needed to do in order to become a Christian, would you be able to answer them? The answer we would give needs to be the one that was given when that question was first asked in the first century. Be sure to pick up your Bible question calendar for September.

Faith Promise

2016-2017 Faith Promise Giving

Promised

\$38,790



Given

\$30,193

Make A Difference

Faith Promise Rally

When: Sunday, October 15th through Sunday, October 22nd

- ♦ **Sunday, October 15th**—Terry Stine, the new president, of St. Louis Christian College will be the main speaker. Amy Kemp from Oblong Children's' Christian Home will also speak (The Faith promise Cards will be passed out)
- ♦ **Tuesday, October 17th**—have coffee, tea and donuts. Heartland Christian Village and FISH have been invited to speak on this day 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Wednesday, October 18th**—6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Representatives from Christian Campus House EIU and Oil Belt Christian Service Camp have been invited to speak.
- ♦ **Sunday, October 22nd**—during worship service the following have been invited to speak: Christian Missionary Fellowship, Feed the Crave, Youth With A Mission, Salvation Army and H.I.S. K.I.D.S.



Lunch: Church Family invited to stay for pot luck lunch after worship service on Sunday, October 22nd in Beebe Hall.

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”

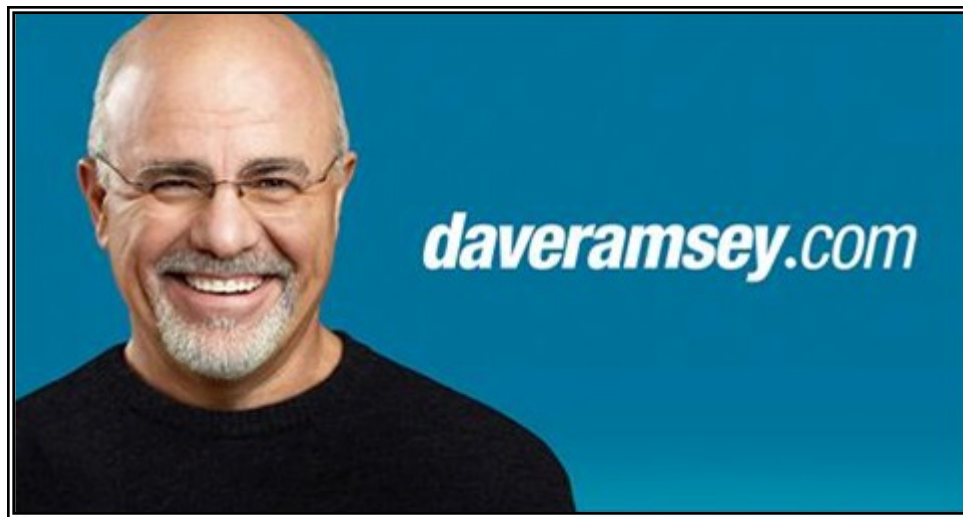
1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)



Financial Peace University

We are excited to announce our upcoming Financial Peace University Class. Starting on **September 14th @ 5:30 pm**, we will learn and discuss Biblical principles to handling money. We invite you to join and to invite others!

<https://fpu.com/1042246>



This life-changing class is taught by Dave Ramsey and coordinated by **Martin Reyes** at **First Christian Church** in **Effingham, IL**.

W.O.W. Schedule



Youth (6th-11th grade) & Young Adults (12th grade and up)

They began meeting on **Wednesday, August 23rd**. A new format for this year's Wednesday evening service has begun.

Supper @ 5:30 p.m.

Worship in Song 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Children(5th grade and under)

Children begin W.O.W. on **Wednesday, September 6th**.

They will follow the same format as the Youth & Jr. High above.



Adults

Adults begin meeting with W.O.W. on **Wednesday, September 20th**.

The adults (if they wish) may join for the worship in song and then return to their classroom for adult bible study.