



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Under His Wings

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Mark Your Calendar

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

Wednesday, January 24th W.O.W.
meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper then
Bible study to follow

Sunday, February 4th Canned Fruit,
Jell-O, Pudding or your choice due in
Beebe Hall for Calvary Baptist Food
Pantry

Sunday, February 4th Youth &
Young Adults Super Bowl Party @
5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6th Missions
meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6th Elders meet
@ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 9th Oil Belt Men's
Night at Flora. Starts at 6:00 p.m.



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Yesterday, I shared a message concerning the image of God. Man was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-28), Jesus Christ is the image of God (Colossians 1:15), the person who is a new creation in Christ is being remade in God's image (Colossians 3:9-10), and when Jesus comes again His followers will become like Him (1 John 3:2-3). What a unique position man holds in God's creation! With blessings come responsibilities. What is the responsibility that accompanies this blessed position of being made in the very image of God? I shared the following in the sermon, but I think it deserves repeating.

Jesus was often questioned by His enemies to trap Him in His words. They hoped to be able to find reason to accuse Him to the Roman authorities or to cause Him to lose esteem with the people. On one of those occasions, Jesus was asked whether it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar. This was a no-win question. If He answered that it was lawful, then He would lose popularity with the people and if He answered that it was not lawful, He would be in trouble with the Roman government. How would He respond?

Jesus told His questioners to show Him a coin used for paying the tax. He then asked whose image was on the coin. The reply was "Caesar." Jesus then stated, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." This silenced His accusers, but it is too bad that someone did not follow up this answer by asking another question. "What bears God's image and what should we give to Him?"

According to Genesis 1, humans bear the image of God. Therefore, we should give our very lives to God. "you were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." (Ephesians 4:22-24) "Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not be conformed any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Romans 12:1-2)

May we reflect the image of God in our lives every day that we live! May we be like the one whose image we bear by being righteous and holy!

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning. Let's all do our best to be present when the church meets for worship and fellowship!

C U N Church,
David



Serving In January

Elder: Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating

Deacons: Tom Waldhoff, Vernon Jamison, Don Thoele, Kevin Jamison

Deaconesses: Sharon Knaus & Reenie Miller

<i>1-7-18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$3,804.41 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>1-14-18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$3,196.74 includes Faith Promise</i>
Worship: 98 Sunday School: 28	Worship: 111 Sunday School: 24
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$1,075.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise Offering: \$375.00</i>
Building: \$40.00	Building: \$40.00
Sunday School: \$14.30 Use of Beebe Hall: \$50.00	Sunday School: \$24.00 Lighting Fund: \$20.00

January 21st Greeters: Sandy Grimsley & Judy Tapp ***January 21st Home Communion:*** Chris Hutcheson & Terry Harper

January 28th Greeters: George & Marcie Shouse ***January 28th Home Communion:*** Jon Zerkel

Help Needed

Moving Saturday, January 20th

Sharon Caylor is moving from her apartment to a house. Help is needed to get her belongings from her current location to her new place.

If you can help call the church office at 217.342.6797 or Pastor David at 217.690.4243



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, January 23rd

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



Faith Promise

Follow Jesus



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, Elbert Carnes



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 Szyonik, Katie Krueger, Misty Ulmer, Lanny Grove, Joshua McConnell, Rosemary Niemerg, Paula Jones, Ruth, Barb Gaddis, Elizabeth Weidner, Wyatt Smith, Dallas Parkhurst, Ray Bushue, Bill Dentln, Jane Ann's Friend, Joy Gamber, Gene Moeller, Ellen Walk, Sue Heth, Ken Gilbert, Arlene Mullen, Cheryl Woodard, Joe Stoops, Jill Fiddler, Scott Chavant, Dallas Hurst, Caleb, Tammy Zuber, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Diane Slone, Elizabeth-7year old, Candy Walden, Ken Roley, Lois Bartels, Cindy Meitzner, Mat Reed, Adam Stoops, Allen Griffin, Kathy Schroeder, Joyce Jordon, Mitchell Coffin, Grace Frye



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, Elaine Griffin, Mary Muntean, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, David Shouse, Brad Donaldson, Callista Denoyer, Sarah Gremo & baby Cal, John Weiffenbach, Ron Thomason, Lydie Anderson, Holly-Justine's Friend, Amy Sidwell, Nancy Miller—(Gen Byers' Daughter, Olivia Adams, Dorothy Locke, Josh & Rochelle Dunckel, Craig Lattig, Ethel Lash, Grandma Lucille, Brad Arney, Sue Thomason, Irma McConnell, Phyllis & Russ Mitchell, Bonnie Thomas, Jody Scribner, Metta Karn, Bill Breu, David Roley, Crystal Peters, Dennis Young's friend, Shirley Barry, Lloyd Woods, Barb Long, Paul

(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: Oil Belt Christian Service Camp



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

Grieving Families: Leroy Lester Family, Ester Hudson Family, Nancy Reynolds Family, Dwayne Kessler Family, Eileen Tanner Family, Teresa (Hobson) Foreman Family, Ron Ashley Family, Cookie Wolters Family, Aretha Young Family, Gene Wands Family, Marge Guffey Family, Paul Hardiek Family, Rick's Family, John Paul Powers Family



Faith Promise

2017-2018 Faith Promise Giving

Promised


\$30,220.00

Given

\$10,080.00



February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ lay down His life for us . . .” I John 3:16 (NIV)				1	2	3
4 Food Pantry Items due Youth & Young Adults Super Bowl Party @ 5:00 p.m.	5	6 Young @ Heart @ 9:00 a.m. Missions Meet @ 5:30 p.m. Elders Meet @ 6:30 p.m.	7 W.O.W. Meets @ 5:30 p.m.	8	9 Oil Belt's Men's Night meets @ church @ 5:00 p.m. to go to Oil Belt in Flora	10
11	12	13 Young @ Heart @ 9:00 a.m. Women's Ministry Meets @ 6:30 p.m.	14 W.O.W. Meets @ 5:30 p.m. 	15	16	17 Children's Event 10:00 a.m. to noon
18	19	20 Young @ Heart @ 9:00 a.m.	21 W.O.W. Meets @ 5:30 p.m.	22	23 Youth & Young Adults Movie—<i>Black Panther</i>	24
25	26	27 Young @ Heart @ 9:00 a.m.	28 W.O.W. Meets @ 5:30 p.m.	“Jesus answered, “How can the guests of the groom be sad while he is with them? The time will come when the groom will be taken away from them. Then they will fast.” Matthew 9:15 (NIRV)		

February Birthday & Anniversary

3— <i>Danny Rush</i>	<i>BD</i>	17— <i>Stephanie Vonderheide</i>	<i>BD</i>
7— <i>Haley Rogers</i>	<i>BD</i>	18— <i>Irma McConnell</i>	<i>BD</i>
8— <i>J.T. & Cheryl Bloemker</i>	<i>WA</i>	18— <i>Marsha Bloemker</i>	<i>BD</i>
11— <i>Scott Healy</i>	<i>BD</i>	19— <i>Gabi Bushue</i>	<i>BD</i>
11— <i>Chris Hutcheson</i>	<i>BD</i>	20— <i>Martín & Justine Reyes</i>	<i>WA</i>
13— <i>Callista Denoyer</i>	<i>BD</i>	24— <i>Daisy Fry</i>	<i>BD</i>
14— <i>Carissa Waldhoff</i>	<i>BD</i>	24— <i>Sandy Grimsley</i>	<i>BD</i>
14— <i>Stephanie Stanfield</i>	<i>BD</i>	25— <i>Trenton Scoggins</i>	<i>BD</i>
14— <i>Vernon Jamison</i>	<i>BD</i>	28— <i>Megan Lattig</i>	<i>BD</i>
16— <i>Linda Shaw</i>	<i>BD</i>		

St. Louis Christian College Men's Day

Saturday, March 3rd

Theme: "Coming Home" by Terry Stine, President of St. Louis Christian College

Prizes: Given to multiple generations in attendance

Registration: by February 24th

Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon followed by a Barbecue lunch



Oil Belt Coming Events

Saturday, March 17th Ladies' Day 2018

Theme: "For Such A Time As This"

Time: Doors open @ 8:15 a.m.; Program Begins @ 9:00 a.m.; Dismissal @ 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00

Registration: By March 9th



January Book of the Month

Genesis

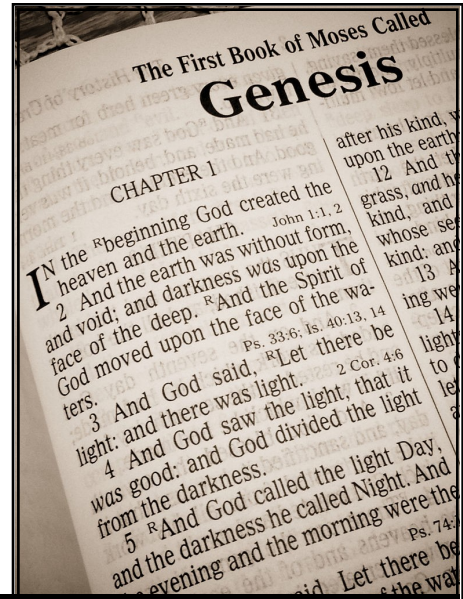
A study guide is available on the foyer table.

Pastor David will be preaching from the book of **Genesis** during the month of January.

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



Children's Event

Saturday, January 20th

Children, 5th grade and under will go to Evergreen Nursing Facility to play Bingo with the residents. We will go at 10:00 a.m. and return by noon. Older siblings and parents are invited as well.



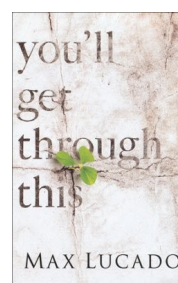
W.O.W. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, January 24th



W.O.W. begins @ 5:30 p.m. with supper, then worship in song and Bible study to follow.

Adults will begin "You'll Get Through This" based on title of book written by Max Lucado.



Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, February 4th

Canned Fruit, Jell-O, Pudding or your choice are due in Beebe Hall



Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 4th

Youth & Young Adults meet @ the church @ 5:00 p.m. to watch the Super Bowl together. Bring your favorite snack to pass around





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SERVICE REQUESTED

**Oil Belt Christian Service Camp
Men's Night—February 9th
555 Park Rd., Flora, IL
February 9th**



Man—Up: Act Like Men

Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.

Supper: 6:00 p.m.

Worship: 7:00 p.m.

Pre-Register by February 2nd

Speaker: Danny Wolford (Sr. Pastor FCC Greensburg, IN)

Worship Led by Elm Street Christian Church

