



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*Under His Wings*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Tuesday, April 10th** Young @ Heart  
meets @ 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 10th** Women's Meet-  
ing meets @ 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 10th & Thursday,**  
**April 12th** Next Level Soccer Camp

**Wednesday, April 11th** W.O.W.  
meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper then  
Bible study to follow

**Saturday, April 14th** Next Level Soc-  
cer Camp Game Day

**Sunday, April 15th** Vacation Bible  
School meeting at noon

**Tuesday, April 17th & Thursday,**  
**April 19th** Next Level Soccer Camp

**Saturday, April 21st** Children's Mis-  
sion Event—Play Bingo with the resi-  
dents of Evergreen Nursing Home  
from 10:00 a.m. to noon



## **Ponderings of the Preacher . . .**

Who would have imagined that on Easter Sunday night an accumulating snow would have fallen? Making this even more amazing is the fact that this occurred on April Fools' Day. Some people have called this a trick played by Mother Nature. At any rate there are a couple of things for which we can be thankful: the snow was beautiful and it won't hang around very long.

Did you also find it interesting that Easter fell on April 1 this year? That hadn't happened since 1956. Let me share with you a few observations about the connection between the events of Easter and April Fools' Day.

April Fools' Day is a day we often observe as a day for tricks and jokes. Although this was not a day being observed during the time of Jesus, can you imagine how the resurrection of Jesus might have fit in with this concept? The devil using wicked men carried off the greatest crime in the history of mankind. Jesus Christ the Son of God, Creator of the Universe, was executed. The devil probably thought that he had ruined God's plan by killing Jesus. I think that this illustrates that the devil is not all-knowing as our God is. I don't believe that he understood how all of this fit in with the plan of God. Little did he know that Jesus' death would make possible the forgiveness of sins for all men and that Jesus would be raised from the dead three days later. For a short period of time, the devil probably thought that he had beaten God, but when Jesus was victoriously raised to life on the first day of the week it was time for God to say, "April Fools!" God's magnificent plan of salvation that had been in the works since before the creation of the world had now been accomplished! Hallelujah!

Unfortunately, there are many who have not accepted the salvation Jesus made possible at the cross nor have they received Jesus as Lord of their lives. Many have even denied the existence of God and the identity of Jesus as the Son of God. The Bible speaks of those who are in that state. "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Psalms 14:1). God has assigned us the task of sharing the message of salvation with those people. May we remain faithful in carrying out that task!

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day when we gather together to once again celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

C U N Church,  
David



### ***Serving In April***

***Elder:*** Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating

***Deacons:*** Tom Shouse, Martin Zubiate, Greg Spillman, Toby Wolke

***Deaconesses:*** Judy Gregory & Barb Jamison

<b><i>3/25/18 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$ 3,033.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>	<b><i>4/1/18 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$ 5,780.08 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>
Worship: 125                      Sunday School: 14	Worship: 134                      Sunday School: 19
<b><i>Faith Promise Missions: \$230.00</i></b>	<b><i>Faith Promise Offering: \$945.00</i></b> <i>Oil Belt Christian Service Camp: \$25.00</i>
<i>Building: \$40.00</i>	<i>Building: \$40.00</i> <i>Countrymark Refining: \$27.83</i>
<i>Sunday School: \$18.00</i>	<i>Sunday School: \$18.00</i> <i>Lighting Fund: \$20.00</i>

***April 8th Greeters:*** Chris & Sheila Hutcheson

***April 15th Greeters:*** Don & Bev Thoele

***April 8th Home Communion:*** David McConnell

***April 15th Home Communion:*** Jon Zerkel

## ***Young @ Heart***

### **Tuesday, April 10th**

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

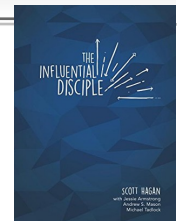


## ***Women's Ministry***

### **Tuesday, April 10th**

We will meet @ 6:30 p.m. for snack, fellowship, bible study and prayer.

*The Influential Disciple*, Video Lesson—"Economics and Works"



## ***W.O.W. Adult Bible Study***

### **Wednesday, April 11th**

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



Since April is the month we receive nominations for elders and deacons, the **adult Bible study on Wednesday night** will look at what the Bible teaches about elders and deacons. We will use a booklet entitled **"Biblical Eldership Restoring the Eldership to Its Rightful Place in the Church"** written by Alexander Strauch. Those booklets will be handed out on Wednesday night. Everyone is invited and encouraged to be a part of this study.



**Homebound and Nursing Home:** Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Wilma Sherrick, Marie Fulk, Don VanDeveer, Oneida Lewis, Elinor Wolford, Elfrieda Zerkel, Darlene Zimdars, Dorothy Locke



**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, 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 Chalcant, Dallas Hurst, Caleb, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Diane Slone, Candy Walden, Ken Roley, Lois Bartels, Cindy Meitzner, Mat Reed, Adam Stoops, Allen Griffin, Kathy Schroeder, Joyce Jordon Griggs, Mitchell Coffin, Grace Frye, Steve Sabens, Dennis Young's Sister-in-law's sister, Sara Paul, Virginia Fox, Reenie's Cousin Teri, A.J.'s Grandmother



**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, Olivia Adams, Josh & Rochelle Dunkel, Craig Lattig, Ethel Lash, Grandma Lucille, Irma McConnell, Phyllis & Russ Mitchell, Bonnie Thomas, Jody Scribner, Bill Breu, David Roley, Crystal Peters, Shirley Barry, Barb Long, Paul, Ruby Tabor, Nadine Bair, Ken Thomason, Zoe Sanchez-Grubb, Kent Farley, Diane Donaldson, Sallie Johnson, Justine's co-worker's brother-in-law, Cathy Harrison, Sandy Grimsley, Sandi Donaldson, Bev Thoele, Sara (Roedl) Niccum's premature son Oliver, Larry Robards, Charlie & Cathy Peters, Bobbie Raymond, Chris Hutcheson's nephew, Reenie's nephew A.J., Michele Vonderheide, Cecil "Paul" Richey, Melissa Ross, Jackie Kersey

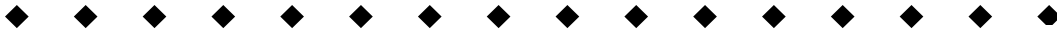
(These names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Then, we need an update to put their names back on this Special Needs list.)



**Missions:** Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

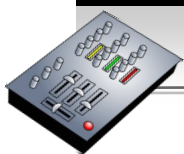


**Military:** Troops in Harms Way; Tyler Cross in the Air Force



**Grieving Families:** Larry Riley Family, Adelene Vaughn Family

VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!



## *Sound Room Volunteers*



### Need Minimum of Two Volunteers

If we have 6 people in rotation in **manning the church's Audio/Visual booth** during our Sunday morning services **everyone only has two months** out of the year to man the booth.

**No experience is necessary...** Jon Zerkel will be happy to train any volunteers. Responsibilities include ensuring that all speakers have access to a working mic, displaying the power point slides for announcements, hymns, and the sermon, and recording the sermon.

**Contact Jon Zerkel with any questions**



## *Next Level Soccer Camp*

### **Camp Dates**

**For 6th, 7th and 8th graders**

The Next Level Soccer Camp practices will be every Tuesday and Thursday through April 26th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Game Days will be April 14th and 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



## *Vacation Bible School Meeting*

### **Sunday, April 15th**

The meeting will be at noon directly after worship service. We will discuss more about the plans under way for July 9th through July 13th week of Vacation Bible School.



## *Oil Belt Christian Service Camp*



**New This Year**  
**Register Online**

GRADES	CAMP NAME	DATE	REG. FEE	DEAN	CAMP STARTS	CAMP ENDS
K - Adult	Special Needs Day	May 19	\$30.00	Danielle Kimbrell	9:30am	3:00pm
K-4th	Father/Child Camp	July 20-21	\$48.00	Gary Barbee	5:30pm	3:30pm
1st-2nd	Sunrise Day Camp 1	June 2	\$15.00	John Horton	10:30am	5:30pm
1st-2nd	Sunrise Day Camp 2	Aug 4	\$15.00	Julie VanVoorhis	10:30am	5:30pm
2nd & 3rd	Footprints 1	June 15-16	\$48.00	Lezlie Johnson	5:30pm	3:30pm
2nd & 3rd	Footprints 2	Jul 6-7	\$48.00	tba	5:30pm	3:30pm
4th-5th	Pathfinder 1	May 30-June 1	\$95.00	Jesse Brinkley	3:30pm	5:30pm
4th-5th	Pathfinder 2	Aug 12-14	\$95.00	Claude Howell	3:30pm	5:30pm
4th & 5th	Discovery	July 1-4	\$110.00	Bryce Ash	3:30pm	9:30am
5th & 6th	Encounter 1	June 10-15	\$150.00	Dustin Leek	3:30pm	3:30pm
5th & 6th	Encounter 2	Aug 5-10	\$150.00	Rob Plummer	3:30pm	3:30pm
5th & 6th	Camp Out	June 6-9	\$115.00	Darren Barbee	1:00pm	2:00pm
6th-8th	Athletes Camp	July 8-13	\$160.00	Kevin Colclasure	3:30pm	3:30pm
7th & 8th	Jr. High 1	June 17-23	\$150.00	Matt Shelton	3:30pm	9:30am
7th & 8th	Jr. High 2	July 22-28	\$150.00	Seth Schnautz	3:30pm	9:30am
7th & 8th	Jr. High Wilderness 1	June 9-15	\$195.00	Josh Conley	5:30pm	5:30pm
7th & 8th	Jr. High Wilderness 2	August 5-10	\$195.00	Danny Drewes	9:30am	5:30pm
7th & 8th	Fishing Camp	June 29-July 1	\$70.00	Aaron McCaleb	3:30pm	5:30pm
7th-12th	Genesis Week	May 29-June 2	\$150.00	Ryan Cox	9:30am	9:30am
7th-13th	Music Camp Plus	June 24-29	\$160.00	Bill Cox	3:30pm	8:30pm
9th	Niners	July 15-20	\$150.00	Shannon Bopp	3:30pm	3:30pm
9th-12th	Senior High	June 3-9	\$150.00	Logan West	3:30pm	9:30am
9th-12th	Sr. High Wilderness 1	June 9-16	\$195.00	Jason Burckhardt	9:30am	3:30pm
9th-12th	Sr. High Wilderness 2	June 23-29	\$195.00	Mitchel Burgener	9:30am	3:30pm
10th-13th	Deeper Life	July 29-Aug 4	\$150.00	Andrew Bloemker	3:30pm	9:30am
18-24yr old	Greater Retreat	May 18-20	\$70.00	Jeff VanMeter	6:30pm	1:00pm
Adult Special Needs	O.A.S.I.S. Retreat	Aug 17-18	\$40.00	Lisa Dill	5:30pm	3:30pm



## *April Book of the Month*

### **Acts**

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table.

Pastor David will be preaching from **Acts** during the month of April.

#### **Goals:**

Greater knowledge of the Bible

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



## *April Book of the Month*

### **Nominations for Elders and Deacons**

Nomination forms for elders and deacons are available in the foyer. Please prayerfully consider who you might nominate to carry out these important functions in our church. Place the nomination forms in the box provided. All nomination forms should be turned in by April 29.

## *Calvary Baptist Food Pantry*

### **Sunday, May 6th**

Rice, Mac N Cheese,

Cereal or your choice are due in Beebe Hall



## *Faith Promise*

### **2017-2018 Faith Promise Giving**

#### **Promised**

\$30,220.00

#### **Given**

\$14,982.00

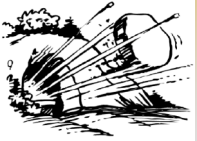


## *Guys 5th Saturday*

### **Fifth Saturday Men's Gathering**

There were 12 guys who came for breakfast this past Saturday morning. Thanks to Pastor Martin for cooking the breakfast of eggs, pancakes and sausage. It was delicious. It was a great time of fellowship. The next fifth Saturday event will be on June 30.





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SERVICE REQUESTED

He who is without sin  
cast the first stone.



## *Children's Event*

### **Saturday, April 21st**

Meet @ Evergreen Nursing Center to play bingo with residents at 10:00 a.m.

“Remember the days of long ago. Think about what the LORD did through those many years.  
Ask your father. He will tell you. Ask your elders. They’ll explain it to you.”

Deuteronomy 32:7