



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Under His Wings

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, May 6th Food Pantry Items
Rice, Mac 'N' Cheese, Cereal or your
choice due in Beebe Hall

Tuesday, May 8th Young @ Heart
meets @ 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 9th W.O.W. meets
@ 5:30 p.m. for supper then Bible
study to follow—Last one for the
season for Children and Adults

Thursday, May 10th V.B.S. Bible
School meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 13th Family Life Cen-
ter Baby Bottles will be in the foyer
ready to be picked up. Please fill and
return by Father's Day

Tuesday, May 15th Women's Minis-
try will meet @ 6:00 p.m. @ Culver's
for Food, Fellowship and prayer

Saturday, May 19th Children's Event
meets @ 10:00 a.m. We will go on a
Destination Unknown

Wednesday, May 23rd Last W.O.W.
for the season for Youth & Young
Adults

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

The lesson presented to the children this past Sunday centered on Isaiah and the call that God extended to him to serve. The account of that event is recorded in Isaiah 6. Isaiah had a vision of the Lord and His holiness. One of the things that stands out to me in that passage is that an awesomely powerful and holy God would need someone like you and me to partner with Him in His work. But it's true. God asked for volunteers to serve Him and Isaiah responded with the words, "Here am I. Send me." And God said, "Go." When you hear the voice of the Lord calling you to service, do you respond as Isaiah did? Do you say, "Here am I, Send me."?

Everyone is important to the church. Each person makes a contribution which mingles with the contributions of others to make the church function. Every contribution, great or small, is vital. Read the following parable to see how true this actually is.

A new place of worship had just been completed. People came from near and far to see it. They admired the beauty of its windows, the walls, and the carpet on the floors. Preachers were carried away with the handsome pulpit Bible. On the roof a little two-penny nail held down a shingle. This little nail heard the people praise everything else, but none mentioned the shingle nail or seemed to be conscious of its existence. The little nail became very angry and said, "If I am that insignificant nobody will miss me if I quit." So, the nail pulled out, raced down the steep roof and fell on the soft ground below. That night a big rain came and the shingle nail was buried in the mud. The difference between being buried in the mud and holding down the shingle is this: before the nail was obscure but useful. Furthermore, before he was protected under the shingle. Now he will soon be eaten up by the rust. The worst of the story is yet to come. The shingle that the nail held down was now loose, and without the cooperation from the nail, it blew away, leaving a hole in the roof. The same big rain that buried the nail leaked in through the vacant spot where the shingle was, running in the beautiful auditorium. The water ran down the walls, leaving them all marred. It leaked upon the Bible and stained the pages. It leaked upon the carpet and the beautiful rug was stained. All this because one little nail failed to do his job. What task has God called you to perform in His church? Be faithful in doing it!

CUN Church,
David

***Serving In May******Elder:*** Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating***Deacons:*** Tom Waldhoff, Vernon Jamison, Don Thoele, Kevin Jamison***Deaconesses:*** Linda Rush & Irma McConnell

<i>4/22/18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$ 3,372.90 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>4/29/18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$3,460.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>
Worship:94 Sunday School:26	Worship:92 Sunday School:19
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$165.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise Offering:\$355.00</i> <i>Movie Fees:\$80.00</i>
<i>Building:\$40.00</i>	<i>Building:\$65.00</i>
<i>Sunday School:\$17.60</i>	<i>Sunday School:\$17.00</i>

May 6th Greeters: George & Marcie Shouse ***May 6th Home Communion:*** Don Thoele & Toby Wolke***May 13th Greeters:*** Barb Morrison & June Ashley ***May 13th Home Communion:*** Kevin Jamison & Jeff Akeman

Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, May 6th

Rice, Mac N Cheese,

Cereal or your choice are due in Beebe Hall



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, May 8th

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



W.O.W. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, May 9th**W.O.W. begins @ 5:30 p.m. with supper, then worship in song and Bible study to follow.**

This is the last W.O.W. for the season for children and adults.

Youth and Young Adults continue two more Wednesdays until May 23rd.



Homebound and Nursing Home: Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Marie Fulk, Don VanDeveer, Oneida Lewis, Elinor Wolford, Elfrieda Zerkel, Darlene Zimdars, Dorothy Locke, Cecil "Paul" Richey, Jackie Kersey



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 Szynonik, 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, Arlene Mullen, Joe Stoops, Jill Fiddler, Scott Chalcant, Dallas Hurst, Caleb, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Diane Slone, 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, Reenie's Cousin Teri, A.J.'s Grandmother, Brad Hockman & family, Hanna Henning



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, Elaine Griffin, Mary Muntean, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, David Shouse, Brad Donaldson, Callista Denoyer, Sarah Gremo & baby Cal, Ron Thomason, Lydie Anderson, Josh & Rochelle Dunkel, Craig Lattig, Grandma Lucille, Irma McConnell, Phyllis & Russ Mitchell, Bonnie Thomas, Jody Scribner, Nadine Bair, Ken Thomason, Zoe Sanchez-Grubb, Diane Donaldson, Sandy Grimsley, Sandi Donaldson, Bev Thoele, Sara (Roedl) Niccum's premature son Oliver, Bobbie Raymond, Chris Hutcheson's nephew, Reenie's nephew A.J., Michele Vonderheide, Melissa Ross, Pastor Martin's sister, Vicky Stout, Sequoia (Dennis Young's granddaughter), Lynn Weddle, Syria, Douglas Nursing & Rehab Residents and Staff and families, Alistair Titsworth, Ashley (friend to Mary Muntean), Brad Arney, Holly Cornell, Tracey Scoggins, Maddie Harrison

(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.)



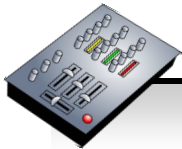
Missions: Oil Belt Christian Service Camp, Heartland Christian Village



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



Grieving Families: Ken Gilbert Family, Sarah Paul Family, Christina Candy Walden Family, Wilma Sherrick Family, Catherine's Family (Cynthia Carr's Sister-In-law), Jacquelyn Scott Family, Virginia Fox Family, Charlie Moon Family, Dale Smith Family, Cheryl Woodard Family



Sound Room Volunteer

Need Minimum of One Volunteer More

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





Vacation Bible School Meeting

Thursday, May 10th

The meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. We will discuss more about the plans under way for July 9th through July 13th week of Vacation Bible School, and what next year's V.B.S. will need.

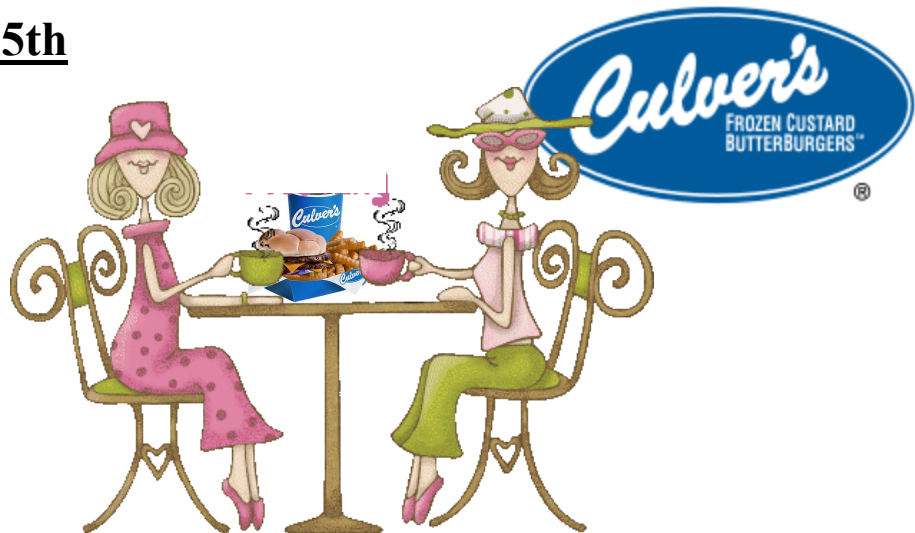


Women's Ministry

Tuesday, May 15th

This is the last meeting of the season.

We will meet at Culver's at 6:00 p.m. to have food, fellowship and prayer.



Children's Event

Saturday, May 19th

Meet @ the church @ 10:00 a.m.
Children will be going on a Destination Unknown field trip.



Bible Verse for thought:

"Call out to me. I will answer you. I will tell you great things you do not know. And unless I do, you wouldn't be able to find out about them."

Jeremiah





May Book of the Month

Exodus

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

Pastor David will be preaching from **Exodus** during the **month of May**

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



Graduates Or Promotions

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Graduates and those promoted to high school will be recognized during worship service.

Please call (217. 342.6797), text (217.317.3800) or e-mail (fcceffingham@gmail.com) the office with information about your graduate. If you have a picture you want added to the newsletter, it would be great if you could send that e-mail as well. We need the Name, degree and honors, and the school they are graduating from. The article will appear in the 2nd newsletter on May 15th.



Oil Belt Kitchen Helpers

Saturday, June 2nd

The **morning shift** for Oil Belt Kitchen help is needed for hours **10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Two volunteers are needed.



Faith Promise

2017-2018 Faith Promise Giving

Promised

\$30,220.00



Given

\$15,972.00



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SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday, May 13th

Family Life Center Baby Bottle Project Begins.

Pick up a baby bottle on Mother's day. Fill it with cash, check or coins to support the programs for young mothers and DADZ. See other programs on their web site at <http://www.familylifepcc.org/for-girls/parenting-connection>

Return the filled bottles on Father's Day, June 17th.

