



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Under His Wings

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, June 24th Congregational meeting after worship service

Monday, June 25th Upward soccer begins @ 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 26th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 26th Upward soccer 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 27th Open church for youth and young adults 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 28th Upward soccer 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 29th Upward soccer 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 30th Upward Soccer Game Day from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 30th Men's Gathering for cookout @ 6:00 p.m. and then Washers Game

Sunday, July 1st Food Pantry items Pancake Mix, Cereal, Oatmeal or your choice

Tuesday, July 3rd Elders meet @ 6:30 p.m.

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Last week we celebrated Flag Day and in two weeks we will be celebrating Independence Day. I just read an article written by Harvey Mackay, a businessman and motivational speaker, that I thought would be appropriate to share in this column.

RED, WHITE, AND TRUE BLUE

June 14 is Flag Day, celebrating the 13 strips and the 50 stars that symbolize our humble beginnings and our growth into one unified nation.

On June 14, 1777, in Philadelphia, the Marine Committee of the Second Continental Congress adopted a resolution that stated, "Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation.

But the resolution never said a word about the significance behind the choice of red, white and blue – because the three colors did not have any official meaning when the flag was adopted in 1777. But have you ever stopped to think about the meaning of the flag's colors? There's plenty of symbolism there too. Red implies hardiness and valor. (My thought: Red could also remind us of the price that was paid for our freedom – the blood of thousands of brave men and women who laid their lives down in defense of our country.) White stands for purity and innocence. Blue signifies vigilance, perseverance and justice. These qualities that our country was founded on should carry through in our lives and businesses today.

According to an article on Time.com, Mike Buss, a flag expert with the American Legion, says that the most obvious reason for the flag's colors is that they were simply taken from our mother country's flag – the Union Jack of England. "Our heritage does come from Great Britain, and that was some of the thought process that went about in coming up with our flag." Buss says of the American flag's red, white and blue. "They come from the three colors that the Founding Fathers had served under or had been exposed to." Although most Americans today aren't aware of the specific symbolism behind the flag's red, white and blue, flag expert Buss is not concerned. Instead, he believes the flag's power to evoke patriotism and pride after all these years is most important.

My thoughts: May our flag continue to wave over this great land! May we humble ourselves before our God realizing He is the source of our nation's strength! Please God, continue to bless America!

C U N Church,
David



Serving In June

Elder: Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating

Deacons: Terry Harper, Chris Denoyer, Jeff Akeman, George Shouse

Deaconesses: Lois Ooton & Sheila Hutcheson

<i>6/10/18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$ 2,942.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>6/17/18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$3,442.67 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>
Worship: 97 Sunday School: 24	Worship: 89 Sunday School: 29
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$195.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise Offering: \$170.00</i> <i>Family Life Center: \$562.52</i>
<i>Building: \$40.00</i>	<i>Building: \$40.00</i> <i>Upward Soccer Concession Stand: \$292.40</i>
<i>Sunday School: \$25.00</i>	<i>Sunday School: \$22.00</i> <i>Checks Directly to Family Life Center: \$245.00</i>

June 24th Greeters: Rae Ann Smith & Alexis Smith ***June 24th Home Communion:*** Jon Zerkel

July 1st Greeters: Judy Tapp & Dee Musgrave ***July 1st Home Communion:*** Chris Denoyer & Martin Zubiate



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 24th

Members will meet directly after the worship service to vote on the budget and officers for 2018/2019 fiscal year.

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, June 26th

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

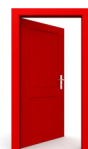


Open Church-Youth & Young Adults



June 27th

All youth and young adults are welcome to come from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Our worship service is from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Prayer List



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



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 Jordan Griggs, Mitchell Coffin, Steve Sabens, Reenie's Cousin Teri, A.J.'s Grandmother, Brad Hockman & family, Hanna Henning, Eddy Elson, Barb (Delaine & Sandi's friend), Marissa (Walton) Banovz, Ashley (friend to Mary Muntean),



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, Elaine Griffin, Mary Muntean, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, Brad Donaldson, Callista Denoyer, Sarah Gremo & baby Cal, Ron Thomason, Lydie Anderson, Josh & Rochelle Dunckel, Craig Lattig, Phyllis & Russ Mitchell, Bonnie Thomas, Jody Scribner, Nadine Bair, Ken Thomason, Zoe Sanchez-Grubb, Diane Donaldson, Sandy Grimsley, Sandi Donaldson, Bobbie Raymond, Chris Hutcheson's nephew, Reenie's nephew A.J., Michele Vonderheide, Melissa Ross, Pastor Martin's sister, Vicky Stout, Alistair Titsworth, Brad Arney, Holly Cornell, Tracey Scoggins, Danny Vasquez, Gary Elliott's Sister-Evelyn, Alline Lewis, Darren Vonderheide, Lucien Grey Valdez(6 week old), Sarah (Alex's friend), Debbie Apke, J.C. Packer, Reyes' house to sell, Joel Harrison

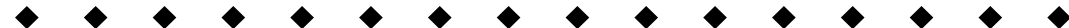
(These names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Then, we need an update to put their names back on this Special Needs list.)



Missions: Oil Belt Christian Service Camp, Family Life Center, Cloe Spracklen (June 19th for 2 weeks in Kenya)



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



Grieving Families: Cathy Esker Family, Tom Elson Family, Jack Arnold Family



5th Saturday Men's Gathering

Saturday, June 30th

Who: All Men invited to join us


Time: Cookout Starts @ 6:00 p.m.

What: Then, A Washers Game





JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Food Pan-try items due in Beebe Hall	2	3 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. Elders meet @ 6:30 p.m.	4 	5	6	7
8	9 V.B.S. meets from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	10 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. V.B.S. meets from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	11 V.B.S. meets from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	12 V.B.S. meets from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	13 V.B.S. meets from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	14 Chil-dren's Event Play Bingo @ Evergreen Rehab. 10:00 a.m. to noon
15 Mark Wilkerson from Prison Ministry speaking	16	17 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	<p>“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”</p> <p>II Corinthians 3:17</p>			

July B-Days & Anniversaries



<i>July 1-Joshua Reyes</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>July 10-Rose Greenwood</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>July 1-Mark Knaus</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>July 11-Zachary Bloemker</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>July 3-Larry Thomason</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>July 12-Wesley Shouse</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>July 5-David & Irma McConnell</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>July 18-Marie Fulk</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>July 8-Lee Beals</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>July 18-Noah McCammon</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>July 8-Troy & Marsha Bloemker</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>July 25-Shari Long</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>July 8-Russ & Phyllis Mitchell</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>July 29-Layne Akeman</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>July 9-Joshua McCammon</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>July 30-Wayne & Rose Greenwood</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>July 9-Phyllis Dueker</i>	<i>BD</i>		

Thanks For Serving

Decorating The Church

The church was decorated so beautifully for the **Easter season** by **Beverly Thoele** and we thank her for all of her work.

Thanks to **Renee Miller** for **decorating for the month of May**. She added a lot of springtime color to Beebe Hall. We all appreciate your efforts and work.

Anyone who would like to help with decorating the church can do so by **signing up for a month or to help with a month**. Help is always needed.

A **sign-up sheet** is on the Secret Sister table in the foyer or call Cheryl Bloemker 217-343-9060 or Cleone Bloemker 217-342-6797.



Funeral Dinner Helpers

A special thanks to **June Ashley, Nancy Harper and John Donathan** for helping with the funeral dinner for Wilma Sherrick. Wilma was a long standing member of First Christian and was our organist at one time.

~Cheryl Bloemker



Upward Soccer

Monday, June 25th, Tues. June 26th, Thurs. June 28th, Fri. June 29th

Soccer practices will be each evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Come and watch the soccer teams play each other on Saturday, June 30th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

CONCESSION STAND



A concession stand will be available for hot dogs, hamburgers, Gatorade, soda, popcorn and popsicles

Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, July 1st

Pancake Mix, Cereal,
Oatmeal or your
choice are due in
Beebe Hall



Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, July 3rd

Meeting begins @ 6:30 p.m. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome.



June Book of the Month



Romans

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

Pastor David will be preaching from **Romans** during the month of **June**

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



Faith Promise

2017-2018 Faith Promise Giving	
<u>Promised</u>	<u>Given</u>
\$30,220.00	\$19,243.00



Garden Committee

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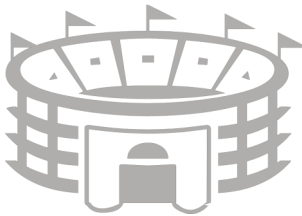
If you haven't looked at the court yard lately, take a look and see all of the changes and how nice it looks. The garden committee is doing a really great job.





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SERVICE REQUESTED**

Vacation Bible School



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Church
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Monday, July 9th Through Friday, July 13th:

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Stand—Snacks
Locker Room—Bible Study
Team Huddle—Missions
Pep Rally—Music
The Stadium—Recreation Time

(K-5 to 6th Grade)

