



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Under His Wings

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, June 10th 150th Anniversary committee meets directly after worship service

Monday, June 11th Upward soccer begins @ 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 12th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 12th Upward soccer 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 13th Open church for youth and young adults 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 14th Upward soccer 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 15th Upward soccer 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 16th Upward Soccer Game Day from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 21st Vacation Bible School Meeting meets @ 5:30 p.m.



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Since this will be the last newsletter published before Father's Day, I thought that I might share some thoughts with you about fathers.

There is a story about a Spanish father and son who had become estranged. The son ran away, and the father set off to find him. He searched for months to no avail. Finally, in a last desperate effort to find him, the father put an ad in a Madrid newspaper. The ad read:

"Dear Paco, meet me in front of this newspaper office at noon on Saturday.

All is forgiven. I love you.

Your Father."

On that Saturday 800 Pacos showed up, looking for forgiveness and love from their fathers.

I am confident that there are many fathers and sons who are separated today because of misunderstandings, harsh words, pride, and stubbornness. Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if they could be reunited on this Father's day!

There are many more in our world who are separated from their heavenly Father. Our God just like the father in the story has been searching for His estranged children. He has not taken out an ad in the newspaper, but He has published a plea for them to return to Him with the promise that all can be forgiven. Just think of what God has revealed to us through His Word.

Consider the story of the Prodigal Son found in Luke 15.

The father in that story saw the son when he was still far away and ran to welcome him home. All was forgiven.

This father represents our Heavenly Father. What a loving Father we have!

God has in effect issued an invitation for all of His wandering children to return to Him. "Meet me at the cross where my own Son died to make it possible for you and me to be reunited. All is forgiven."

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning. Let's all put forth our best effort to be together for worship.

C U N Church,
David

<p>Serving In June Elder: Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating Deacons: Terry Harper, Chris Denoyer, Jeff Akeman, George Shouse Deaconesses: Lois Ooton & Sheila Hutcheson</p>	
<p>5/20/18 Attendance & Giving Total: \$ 4,824.5 includes Faith Promise Offering</p>	<p>5/27/18 Attendance & Giving Total: \$ 4065.57 includes Faith Promise Offering</p>
<p>Worship:99 Sunday School:21</p>	<p>Worship: 98 Sunday School:25</p>
<p>Faith Promise Missions: \$205.00 Upward Soccer: \$315.00</p>	<p>Faith Promise Offering:\$186.00 Upward Soccer: \$1,170.00</p>
<p>Building:\$40.00 Next Level Concession Stand:\$162.28</p>	<p>Building:\$40.00</p>
<p>Sunday School:\$13.00</p>	<p>Sunday School:\$19.00</p>
<p>6/3/18 Attendance & Giving Total: \$ 4,663.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</p>	
<p>Worship:95</p>	<p>Sunday School:24</p>
<p>Faith Promise Missions: \$935.00</p>	<p>Upward Soccer Fees: \$270.00</p>
<p>Building: \$40.00</p>	<p>Wedding Payment: \$250.00</p>
<p>Sunday School: \$17.00</p>	

June 10th Greeters: J.P. & Shannon Smith **June 10th Home Communion:** Larry Thomason
June 17th Greeters: Roger & Kay Wyckoff & Rosie **June 17th Home Communion:** Greg Spillman

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, June 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





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, 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 Chavalt, 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, Steve Sabens, Dennis Young's Sister-in-law's sister, Reenie's Cousin Teri, A.J.'s Grandmother, Brad Hockman & family, Hanna Henning, Eddy Elson, Barb (Delaine & Sandi's friend)



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, 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), Alistair Titsworth, Ashley (friend to Mary Muntean), 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)

(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, Cloe Spracklen-Mission trip to Kenya June 19th for 2 weeks



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

Grieving Families: Grandma Lucille Family, Grace Frey Family, Cameron Family, Cathy Esker Family, Tom Elson Family, Jack Arnold Family

150 Anniversary Meeting

Sunday, June 10th

Directly after worship service the committee will meet to discuss plans for the time capsule .



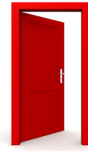


Open Church-Youth & Young Adults



Starts June 13th

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.



Graduates Recognized

Promoted To Junior High

Gabriel Reyes-Junior High—Dieterich Unit # 30




Kiel Moeller-Junior High—Beecher City District # 20

Eighth Grade Promotion

Rae Ann Smith—Stewardson-Strasburg Junior High District 5A

Rachel Akeman—Effingham Junior High Unit 40

High School Graduates

	Wanda McCoy's granddaughter, Kiersten Ashbaugh	Effingham High School-Unit #40	Honor Roll all four years; Lake Land Nursing Scholarship
	Christian Green	Altamont High School District #10	
	Madison Healy	North Clay High School Unit #25	
	Sarah Lemar	Effingham High School Unit #40	Virgil Howell Memorial Scholarship—Lake Land Foundation Dorothy Coslett Memorial Scholarship—Daughters of the American Revolution Effingham Education Foundation Scholarship
	Marisha Torres	Beecher City High School District # 20	Four Scholarships and will attend Blackburn College



June Book of the Month

Romans

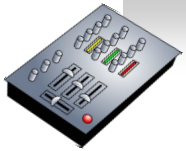
A **study guide** is available on the foyer table.

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.



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



Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, July 1st

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



Faith Promise

2017-2018 Faith Promise Giving

Promised

\$30,220.00

Given

\$19,048.00

Vacation Bible School Meeting

Thursday, June 21st

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





Upward Soccer



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(K-4 to 6th Grade)

Two Weeks of Camp:

June 11 to 16 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

Wednesdays off & Saturday is game day

June 25 to 30 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

Wednesdays off & Saturday is game day