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O Breath of Life

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Mark Your Calendar

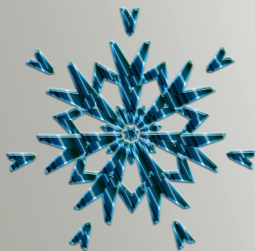
Thursday, January 3rd Elders meet
@ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 6th Calvary Baptist
Food Pantry items are soup, crackers,
cereal or your choice

Tuesday, January 8th Young @
Heart meet @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee,
fellowship and prayer

Tuesday, January 8th Women's
Ministry will meet @ 6:30 p.m. in
Beebe Hall

Wednesday, January 9th W.O.W.
meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper then
worship and Bible study will follow



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Happy New Year to each of you! I pray that God will bless you abundantly throughout this new year of 2019. I also pray that each of us will remain faithful to Him throughout the new year. Thanks to Brother Martin for reminding us this past Lord's Day morning to set some goals for the coming months. In the next few lines, let me offer some challenges for the new year in the form of an acrostic.

Help others who are in need
Assemble with other Christians
Pray earnestly every day
Pray for great blessings
Yield not to temptation

Neglect not your opportunities
Examine yourself daily
Work diligently for the Lord

Yield to God's will
Exercise yourself in serving God
Aim at being like Jesus
Redeem the time

The thought that I would like for our congregation to be focusing on during these next several months is "Christ, Above All." The books of the month, the sermons, Bible studies, etc will focus on this theme. Let's join together in learning how we can put Christ above all in the life of our congregation and also in our own personal lives.

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning. Let's start the New Year off right by being in church!

C U N Church,
David



Serving In January Elder: Jan. 6-Don Thoele, Jan. 13-Delaine Donaldson, Jan.20-Dennis Bushue, Jan. 27-Troy Bloemker Deacons: Jeff Akeman, Chris Denoyer, Greg Spillman, Kevin Jamison Deaconesses: Judy Tapp & Reenie Miller			
12/23/18 Attendance & Giving Total: \$5,813.55 includes Faith Promise Offering		12/30/18 Attendance & Giving Total: \$7,533.81 includes Faith Promise Offering	
Worship: 118 Sunday School: 20		Worship:89 Sunday School:23	
Faith Promise Missions: \$610.00 Calvary Baptist Food Pantry:\$50.00		Faith Promise: \$485.00	
Building:\$60.00 New T.V. Monitors Donation:\$2,500.00		Building:\$40.00 H.I.S. K.I.D.S. Van:\$180.00	
Sunday School:\$14.00 H.I.S. K.I.D.S. Van:\$35.00		Sunday School:\$21.00 Oblong Children's Christian Home:\$50.00	
Greeters for January 6th: Dennis & Mimi Bushue		Home Communion for January 6th: John Donathan & Martin Zubiato	
Greeters for January 13th: George & Marcie Shouse		Home Communion for January 13th: Dennis Bushue	

Elders Meeting



Thursday, January 3rd

NOTICE: NEW TIME AND DAY:

Elders will meet @ 9:00 a.m. for their meeting

Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, January 6th

Soup, crackers, Cereal
or your choice are due in
Beebe Hall





Prayer List



Homebound and Nursing Home: Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Marie Fulk, Don VanDeveer, Elinor Wolford, Darlene Zimdars, Dorothy Locke, Bonnie Thomas, Shirley Barry, Elfrieda Zerkel

Cancer: Laura Knierim, Sharon Douglas, Shirley Strickland, Ron Anderson, Tatum, Ashley Judd, Barb Eaton, Patty Willis, Alayna Plank, Renae Metke, Andy, Mike Page, 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, Ruth, Barb Gaddis, Elizabeth Weidner, Wyatt Smith, Dallas Parkhurst, Ray Bushue, Bill Dentln, Jane Ann's Friend, Joy Gamber, Gene Moeller, 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, Joyce Jordon Griggs, Mitchell Coffin, Steve Sabens, Reenie's Cousin Teri, A.J.'s Grandmother, Hanna Henning, Marissa (Walton) Banovz, Ashley, Bob Pike, Bill LeCrone, Janet (Dennis Young's Friend), Doris Percival, Malcolm Jollivay & Family, Sandra Helmink, Norma Buehler, All Kids with cancer, Keaton Gabel-13 year old, Raeleigh-7 year old, Kristen Avotea, 2 year old boy, Jill Fidler, Stephanie Packer, Brad Hockman, Aiden-2 year old, Sue Martin, Robin Nees



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, LeAnn Spruell, Sarah Gremo, Craig Lattig, Phyllis Mitchell, Jody Scribner, Chris Hutcheson's nephew, Melissa Ross, Vicky Stout, Brad Arney, Danny Vasquez, Gary Elliott's Sister-Evelyn, Alline Lewis, Lucien Grey Valdez(6 month old), Sarah (Alex's friend), Debbie Apke, J.C. Packer, Pat Clark, Lois Ooton, Mildred Rankin, Cathy Weiffenbach, Morgan Turner, Dennis Reynolds, Gary Carr, Linda Shaw, John Donathan's uncle, Phyllis (Bev Thoele's Sister), Ken & Velma Thomason, Bob Pike, Rhodes Gephart, Gary Banks & family, Marsha Smith, Roberta Washer, Sharon Caylor, Bobby Spracklen, Roger Wyckoff, Emily Griffin, Cal Gremo, Rory Miller, Ken Wolke, Mike Niebrugge, Sarah Blume, Victoria Gifford, Jim Schroeder, Cathy Lane, Shirley Jamison, Emmie Jane Sidwell-2 year old, Sonya Davis, Thelma Kirchoffer, Krissy Moore, Anthony Jamison, Tracey Scoggins, Zoe (Reenie Miller's Granddaughter), Allison Spracklen, Travis Schoenfelden, Diane Donaldson, Todd Phelps

(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: Operation Christmas Child, The Salvation Army

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

Grieving Families: Gene Bartels Family, Vernon Stiffler's Granddaughter's Family, Stormy Dilley Family, Jeremy Richardson Family, Judy Winter family, Wilbert Schaefer family, Nancy Larimore Family

Faith Promise 2018/2019

Faith Promises Received

A total of \$35,070.00 for the year 2018/2019.

Received So Far: \$10,180.10

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10





Women's Ministry

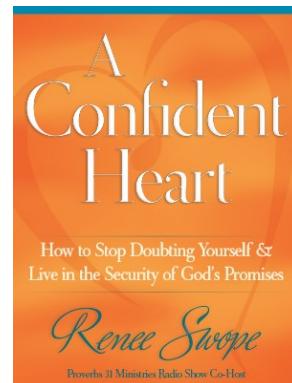
Tuesday, January 8th

All ladies invited to join us @ 6:30 p.m. Lesson 4—Discovering the Plans God Has . . . in A Confident Heart by Renee Swope will be presented. Come for fellowship, prayer and a snack

If you wish to join the Secret Sister for 2019, please fill out a Secret Sister form and place in the basket on the Secret Sister table.

Mission Statement: "For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing."

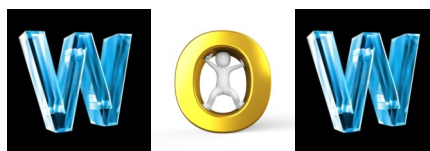
II Corinthians 2:15 NIV



Worship On Wednesday

Wednesday, January 9th

All ages meet for Worship On Wednesday which resumes at 5:30 p.m. for supper then Worship & Bible study till 7:30 p.m.



January Book of the Month

Hebrews

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

Pastor David will be preaching from **Hebrews** during the month of January

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible &
Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.





Salvation Army Bell Ringers

You Are Appreciated

Thanks so much to all the bell ringers from First Christian Church who rang bells this Christmas season. This is the one big fundraiser for the Effingham Salvation Army and the proceeds stay in Effingham County.

This gives Effingham County funds to help the people who live here and are having a hard time. Funds are used for utilities, food, and housing when necessary.

Thanks to Elaine Griffin for her work as secretary three days a week in the Salvation Army office.



Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

Men's Night

When: Friday, February 8th

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

Speaker: Jason Poznich—"Man Up: Make Disciples"

Registration: \$20.00

Special Offering will be taken

Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.

Supper Served: 6:00 p.m.

Program: 7:00 p.m.

Register online at OilBelt.com



Big Overnighter

When: March 29 to 30 Or March 30 to 31

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Who: 3rd through 5th Graders

Cost: \$20.00

Register online @ oilbelt.com

Speaker: Kyle Stortzum-Fellowship of Christian Athletes



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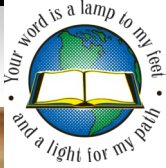
Secret Sister Form

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"For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing."
2 Corinthians 2:15

<i>Name</i>	
<i>Address</i>	
<i>e-mail</i>	
<i>Phone</i>	
<i>House décor colors</i>	
<i>Birthday</i>	
<i>Anniversary</i>	
<i>Hobbies</i>	
<i>Job If Working</i>	
<i>Name of Pets</i>	
<i>Favorite Candle Aroma</i>	
<i>Collections You Have</i>	
<i>Favorite Color</i>	
<i>Other Information: Shirt Size Or Etc.</i>	
<i>Favorite Magazines or Au- thors</i>	
<i>Favorite Bible Verse</i>	
<i>Food Allergy or Special Diet</i>	
<i>Favorite Flower</i>	
<i>Special Prayer Request</i>	
<i>Favorite Junk Food</i>	

W.O.W. Adult Study



WOW begins again on January 9

Everyone is encouraged to be a part of our Wednesday evening activities.

Supper will be at 5:30p.m..

The children, youth and young adults will begin their activities at 6:00p.m.

The adults will begin their Bible study at 6:30p.m.

Becoming a Welcoming Church is the topic that the adult Bible Study group will be considering during the next several weeks. This study will be based on a book by Thom Rainer. Each of the chapters will be a topic of study.

Lesson 1 - Are We as Welcoming as We Think We Are?

Lesson 2 - Confidential Report

Lesson 3 - Signs and Sites

Lesson 4- Safe Church/Clean Church

Lesson 5- Greeters, Welcome Centers, and the Welcoming Church



