



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*O Breath of Life*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Saturday, March 23rd** Children's Event—Meet at 10:00 a.m. @ Evergreen Nursing Facility to play bingo with the residents

**Tuesday, March 26th** Young @ Heart meet @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee, fellowship and prayer

**Wednesday, March 27th** W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper then bible studies to follow

**Saturday, March 30th** Men's Gathering meets @ 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 6th** You are invited to the open house for Velda Cunningham's 90th birthday—1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in fellowship hall

**Sunday, April 7th** Tuna, Tuna Helper, Cereal or your choice are due for Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

**Tuesday, April 9th** Women's Ministry meeting meets @ 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 13th** Easter Egg Hunt for 6th grade and under @ 10:00 a.m.

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

Yesterday morning I shared a message about attaining righteousness before God. Moses in Deuteronomy 6:25 told the Israelites that if they were careful and obeyed completely the laws of God, they would be righteous before God. The kicker in that is the phrase "obey all this law."

What if we obeyed 99.9% of the time? That means 999 times out of a thousand chances to obey, we got it right. Wouldn't that be good enough to be declared righteous before God? Is 99.9% good enough? Take a look at the following statistics and I think you will agree that as good as 99.9% is, it is still not good enough.

If 99.9% were good enough then:

107 incorrect medical procedures will be performed by the end of the day today.

2 million documents will be lost by the IRS this year.

22,000 transactions will be deducted from the wrong bank accounts in the next 60 minutes.

268,500 defective tires will be shipped this year.

103,260 income tax returns will be processed incorrectly this year.

18,322 pieces of mail will be mishandled in the next hour.

291 pacemaker operations will be performed incorrectly this year.

20,000 incorrect drug prescriptions will be written in the next 12 months.

114,500 mismatched pairs of shoes will be shipped this year

315 entries in Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language will turn out to be misspelled.

12 babies will be given to the wrong parents each day.

I don't know about you, but that doesn't look acceptable to me.

As hard as we try and as good as what we might be, it is still not good enough! "Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law" (Romans 3:20a). But praise God we can be declared righteous in his sight by faith in Jesus Christ!

I hope to see all of you this coming Lord's Day morning. I will finish the series of sermons from Deuteronomy by preaching on the "The Greatest Promise." See you then!

C U N Church,  
David

***Serving In March******Elder:*** March 24th :Don Thoele***Deacons:*** J.P. Smith, Martin Zubiate, George Shouse, Jacob Beavers***Deaconesses:*** Laurie Akeman & Irma McConnell

<b><i>3/10/19 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$5,488.84 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>	<b><i>3/17/19 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$3,920.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>
Worship: 100                      Sunday School: 22	Worship: 105                      Sunday School: 25
<b><i>Faith Promise Missions: \$1,860.00</i></b>	<b><i>Faith Promise: \$330.00</i></b>
<b><i>Building: \$40.00</i></b>	<b><i>Building: \$65.00</i></b>
<b><i>Sunday School: \$15.00</i></b> <b><i>Benevolence-Salvation Army: \$4.50</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday School: \$14.00</i></b>

<b><i>Greeters for March 24th:</i></b> Elsie Palmer & Reenie Miller	<b><i>Home Communion for March 24th:</i></b> Don Thoele
<b><i>Greeters for March 31st:</i></b> Judy Tapp & Dee Musgrave	<b><i>Home Communion for March 31st:</i></b> Dennis Bushue

## *Young @ Heart*

### **Tuesday, March 26th**

Come and join us for snack, coffee/tea, prayer &amp; Fellowship @ 9:00 a.m.



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

### **WOW March 27th**

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

**Supper** will be at 5:30p.m..The **adults** Bible study at **6:30p.m.** **BUILDING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY IN A CONGREGATION** with Delaine Donaldson

## *Cancer Center Thanks*

### **Twelve Blankets**

The women's ministry recently cut and tied 12 fleece blankets designated for the Effingham Crossroads Cancer Center. The employees were so thankful! They were in need of blankets for the patients who receive chemotherapy.



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## *Prayer List*



**Homebound and Nursing Home:** Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Marie Fulk, Elinor Wolford, Darlene Zimdars, Dorothy Locke, Bonnie Thomas, Shirley Barry, Ruth Meyers

**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, 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, Ken Roley, Lois Bartels, Cindy Meitzner, Mat Reed, Adam Stoops, Allen Griffin, Joyce Jordon Griggs, 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, Brad Hockman, Aiden-2 year old, Sue Martin, Robin Nees, Jim Shouse, Kitty Jo Herrmann, Floyd Miller, Dennis Young's Great Nephew, Kent Farley



**Special Needs:** Darlene & Gary Elliott, LeAnn Spruell, Sarah Gremo, Craig Lattig, Phyllis Mitchell, Chris Hutcheson's nephew, Lucien Grey Valdez(9 month old), J.C. Packer, Cathy Weiffenbach, Dennis Reynolds, Linda Shaw, John Donathan's uncle, Phyllis (Bev Thoele's Sister), Ken & Velma Thomason, Rhodes Gephart, Marsha Smith, Sharon Caylor, Bobby Spracklen, Roger Wyckoff, Rory Miller, Victoria Gifford, Emmie Jane Sidwell-2 year old, Sonya Davis, Thelma Kirchoffer, Krissy Moore, Anthony Jamison, Travis Schoenfelden, Diane Donaldson, Vernon & Shirley Jamison, Dan & Rusty Shouse, Stephanie Packer, Kenny Scoggins, Lynn Weddle, Madison (2 yr. old with brain tumor), Pat Beals, David Powers, Dallas Kingery, Sandy Brockett, Larry Shoemaker, Joyce Walters, Denny & Ruth Williams, Crystal Robinson, August Long, Gary Scoggins

**(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:** Heartland Christian Village-Neoga, IL



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

**Grieving Families:** Don VanDeveer Family, Robin Nees Family, Amy Nix Family, Tom Bales Family

## *Faith Promise 2018/2019*

### **Faith Promises Received**

A total of \$36,570.00 for the year 2018/2019.

Received So Far: \$17,881.10

"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*





# April 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 <b>Young @ Heart</b> meets @ 9:00 a.m.	3 <b>W.O.W.</b> meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper and bible study to follow	4 Elders Meeting at 9:00 a.m.	5	6 Velda Cunningham's 90th birthday open house from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
7 Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items tuna, tuna helper, cereal or your choice due	8	9 <b>Young @ Heart</b> meets @ 9:00 a.m. <b>Woman's Ministry</b> meets @ 6:30 p.m.	10 <b>W.O.W.</b> meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper and bible study to follow	11	12	13 <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> meet @ 10:00 a.m. 6th grade and under
14	15	16 <b>Young @ Heart</b> meets @ 9:00 a.m.	17 <b>W.O.W.</b> meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper and bible study to follow	18	19 <b>Prayer Chain</b> from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	20
21	22	23 <b>Young @ Heart</b> meets @ 9:00 a.m.	24 <b>W.O.W.</b> meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper and bible study to follow	25	26	27 <b>Men's Gathering</b> meets @ 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
28	29	30 <b>Young @ Heart</b> meets @ 9:00 a.m.	<p>"Then the day of Unleavened Bread came. That was the time the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed."            Luke 22:7 (NIRV)</p>			

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



5 Gabriel Reyes	BD	23 Rachel Akeman	BD
6 Linda Van Alst	BD	25 Dallas Kingery	BD
7 Bernie Sabens	BD	25 David Reyes	BD
9 Klent Scoggins	BD	27 Kevin Jamison	BD
11 Beverly Thoele	BD	29 Angela Vonderheide	BD
13 Lane Croslow	BD		
19 Gen Byers	BD		
21 Heather Wolke	BD		
21 Don Thoele	BD		
22 April Moeller	BD		



## *Honor Flight Mailbag*



### **Danny Ruff—Vietnam Vet**

Shannon Smith's Uncle, a Vietnam veteran, will be going on an honor flight.

He served in the Navy from 1968 to 1972 in Vietnam.



At the end of the honor flights each vet receives a mail bag filled with best wishes. Please write a **note or card for him and give it to Shannon.** She will be taking them to her cousin in about a week, and she will get them to the ones who fill the mail bags for the honor flight.

## *CD's Purchased*

### **Interest To Use For Special Needs**

The church has approximately \$42,000 in a passbook savings account. The elders decided this money could be used more effectively by putting it into certificate of deposits. In order to not tie up the money for long periods of time, three CDs were purchased with the following terms:

- \$10,000 at .30% for 3 months yielding approximately \$7.50 in interest
- \$10,000 at .35% for 6 months yielding approximately \$8.75 in interest
- \$10,000 at 2.5% for 11 months yielding approximately \$229 in interest

The approximately \$245 in interest then will be used for local missions projects. Please let the elders know if you are aware of any special needs in our community that could be met by our church using the interest earned by these CDs. At the time of maturity, the funds will be reinvested in CDs to continue earning interest.



## *March Book of the Month*

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

Pastor David will be preaching from **Deuteronomy** during the month of March

**Goals:**

Greater knowledge of the Bible &

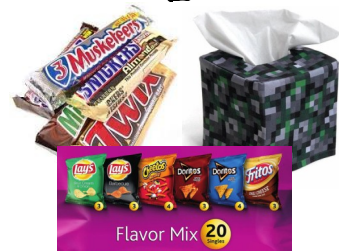
Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



## *Heartland Christian Village*

### **During March**

Bring items for the shopping cart to the fellowship hall. Items suggested are square Kleenex boxes, hand lotion, chap stick, soap, candy, individual bags of chips, mints, etc.



## *Children's Event*



### **Saturday, March 23rd**

Meet @ Evergreen Nursing Facility at 10:00 a.m. to play Bingo with the residents.



## *Oil Belt Christian Service Camp*

### **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](http://oilbelt.com)

**Speaker:** Kyle Stortzum-Fellowship of Christian Athletes



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# Men's Gathering



**Saturday, March 30th**

Come all men, boys and young men; join us for supper and fellowship!  
Meet @ 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



## 90th Birthday Open House

**April 6th**

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Stop by and wish Velda a  
happy birthday.  
Please no gifts, your presence  
is present enough

**Velda Cunningham**



"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as  
your soul is getting along well."

3 John 2 (NIV)

## Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

**Sunday, April 7th**

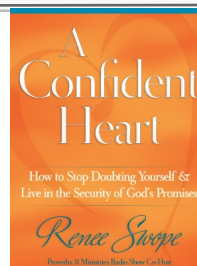
Tuna, Tuna Helper Cereal  
or your choice are due in Beebe Hall



## Ladies Meeting

**Tuesday, April 9th**

We will watch the movie *I Can Only Imagine*. Come and meet @ 6:30 p.m. in  
the fellowship hall. Snacks, fellowship, prayer and lesson 6: *The Woman God  
Created You To Be* from the video series *A Confident Heart* by Renee Swope





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SERVICE REQUESTED



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Saturday, April 13th  
Starts @ 10:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt  
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Bring a basket or sack to collect your eggs