



First Christian Church of Effingham

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What Manner of Love

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Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, May 9th Elders meet @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 12th Family Life Center Baby Bottle Project will be available

Tuesday, May 14th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. for food, fellowship & prayer

Tuesday, May 14th Women's Ministry meets @ 6:30 p.m. This is the last one for the season

Wednesday, May 15th Youth & Young Adults meet for W.O.W. @ 5:30 p.m. for supper, then, worship and Bible study

Saturday, May 18th Children's Event meets from 10:00 a.m. to noon

Friday, May 24th Upward Soccer Evaluations will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 25th Upward Soccer Evaluations will be from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Saturday, May 25th Men's Gathering meets from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

In 1930, the Southeastern part of Illinois was the top producer of Red Top grass seed. Red Top grass is grown for hay, pasture, and erosion prevention. It seems amazing that Southern Illinois was the top producer of anything, and this fact might lead to being proud of that accomplishment. However, when you consider some other facts, that pride is short-lived. At that point in time Red Top was grown because the land in this part of the state was not suitable for producing other crops. The quality of the soil was poor, and it was not considered fertile. Thankfully, the fertility of our soil has dramatically increased in the last several years. We have gone from a really poor soil to a better soil. This was accomplished through much effort, investment of resources, and time. Poor soil does not become better soil merely by accident.

A week ago, I preached a sermon about identifying the type of dirt we are. Jesus' parable about the sower and the seed identified four different types of soil. Some of the soil was poor quality and didn't produce any crop, but one soil was good and it produced a crop. God wants us to be productive in order to show Him to others and bring glory to His name. If we are identified as hard packed soil, shallow soil or soil infested with thorns, let us not become discouraged. We are not without hope. Poor "spiritual" soil can be changed into productive soil even as the poor soil of the 1930's was built up to become the productive soil it is today. But we must remember that improvement did not happen without effort.

Remember the "formula" Jesus gave in Luke 8:15. If we will listen to God's Word, meditate on it (think about it, pray about it, study it), and persevere (keep on putting forth our best effort), we can with God's help become productive soil. May we pay attention to the admonition that Jesus gave at the close of that parable. "He who has ears, let him hear." (Matthew 13:9)

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning as we come together for worship.

C U N Church,
David



Serving In May

Elder: May 12th :Dennis Bushue

Deacons: Chris Denoyer, Jeff Akeman, Chris Hutcheson, Kelvin Williams

Deaconesses: Crystal Habing & Marcie Shouse

<i>4/21/19 Attendance & Giving</i> Total: \$ 5,068.00 includes Faith Promise Offering	<i>4/28/19 Attendance & Giving</i> Total: \$ 3,986.00 includes Faith Promise Offering
Worship: 147 Sunday School: 20	Worship: 84 Sunday School: 19
Faith Promise Missions: \$325.00	Faith Promise: \$355.00
Building: \$40.00	Building: \$40.00 Cookbook Sales: 10.00
Sunday School: \$14.00 Costa Rica Mission Trip: \$1,037.00	Sunday School: \$13.00 H.I.S. K.I.D.S., Inc. \$75.00

Greeters for May 12th: Sylvia Northrop & Sandy Grimsley	Home Communion for May 12th: Delaine Donaldson
Greeters for May 19th: Cecil & Charlotte Wright	Home Communion for May 19th: Martin Reyes

<i>5/5/19 Attendance & Giving</i> Total: \$ 5,166.68 includes Faith Promise Offering	
Worship: 81	Sunday School: 26
Faith Promise Missions: \$942.00 Costa Rica Mission Trip: \$370.00	Building: \$40.00
Sunday School: \$19.00	Countrymark Refining: \$15.93

Elder's Meeting

Thursday, May 9th

The elders will meet @ 9:00 a.m. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please let one of the elders know.



Family Life Center

Sunday, May 12th

The baby bottle project begins on Mother's Day and ends on Father's Day. Please, pick up a baby bottle in the foyer. Fill it with coins and return it on Father's Day to the foyer.





Prayer List



Homebound and Nursing Home: Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, 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, Quentin, Kent Farley, Vicki pals



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, Gary Scoggins, Graham Buehler, Llewellyn Lattig, Abby Nelson Thompson, Barbara Wence, Marsha Bloemker, Barbara Gilley, Cheryl Hamilton, Holly Arney,

(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: Joni Binnion Family, Bill Prewitt Family, Jim Ooton Family

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, May 14th

Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee, fellowship and prayer





May Book of the Month

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table for I & II Timothy & Titus.

Pastor David will be preaching from **these books** .
during the month of May

Goals:

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



Women's Ministry

Tuesday, May 14th

This is our last meeting of this season. Come and help make a craft with direction by Bev Thoele. The craft will be added to the welcome packets for visitors to our worship service.



Youth & Young Adults

Wednesday, May 15th

Youth & Young Adults meet @ 5:30 p.m. for supper. Then, worship and bible study will follow.

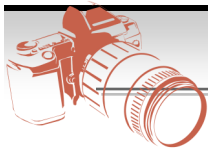


Children's Event

Saturday, May 18th

Children, 6th grade and under meet @ the church @ 10:00 a.m. to noon. The theme for the day is Armed Forces.





Photographer On Easter

Alyssa Long

The photographer who took picture on Easter Sunday morning, **Alyssa Long**, suffered a fire in her apartment on Tuesday night, April 20. She did not have any renter's insurance on the contents of her apartment. Alyssa is Irma's great niece.

Irma is planning a bake sale to help raise funds for Aly to replace some of her possessions. If you would like to contribute some baked goods for that sale, please contact Irma about this.



Faith Promise 2018/2019

Faith Promises Received

Our goal for the year 2018/2019 is \$36,570.00 .

We have received so far: \$21,051.10

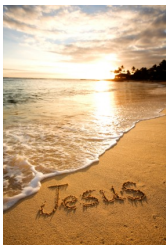
Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."



Men's Gathering

Saturday, May 25th

All boys and men are invited for supper



and fellowship.



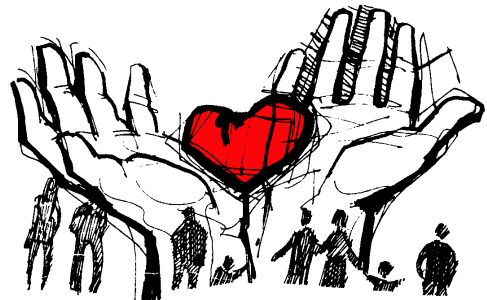
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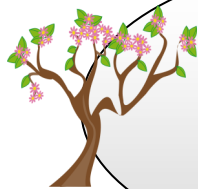
Thursday, May 30th

We meet @ 5:30 p.m. to continue discussion on what the Bible Study will cover. The theme this year is: Work as Worship

The Science portion is being explored. The Cooking portion will have feedback from Reenie Miller. The Recycling will be narrowed down to the items and crafts needed. The Christian Worker list will be narrowed down as well. The main Bible verse is Colossians 3:23(NIV)

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters"





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Upward Soccer

Sign up is for grades 5K to 6th graders. An application is on the web site (<http://fceffingham.com/get-connected-4/>) and can be printed off. Fill it out and send to Martin Reyes @ 901 N. Henrietta St., Effingham, IL

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May 25, 2019 Upward Soccer Evaluations from 10:00 a.m. to noon