



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*What Manner of Love*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Saturday, July 20th** Men's Gathering  
will meet from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 23rd** Young @ Heart  
meets @ 9:00 a.m. for food, fellow-  
ship & prayer

**Wednesday, July 31st** Summer Youth  
W.O.W. meets from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30  
p.m.

**Thursday, August 1st** Women's  
Morning meeting will meet @  
Cracker Barrel @ 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, August 1st** Elder's Meet  
@ 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday, August 4th** Food Pantry  
items Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Cereal  
or your choice are due in Beebe Hall



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

I have shared messages about Jesus these last two weeks. Based on Colossians 1:15-20, I talked with you how Christ is above all others in importance. The sermon last week was based on Philippians 2:5-11 and I shared with you how Christ thought of us above all. He demonstrated that by giving His life up for our sins. Isn't Jesus wonderful, amazing, awesome, incredible, spectacular, and marvelous, along with so many other adjectives that could describe Him?

Someone has said of Him, "He came from the bosom of the Father to the bosom of a woman. He put on humanity that we might put on divinity. He became the Son of Man that we might become sons of God. In infancy He startled a King; in boyhood He puzzled the doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature. He walked upon the billows and hushed the sea to sleep. He never wrote a book, yet all the libraries of the world could not hold the books that have been written about Him. He never wrote a song, yet He has been the theme of more songs than all other subjects combined. He never founded a college, yet all the schools together cannot boast of as many students as those who study His life. He never practiced medicine, yet He healed more broken bodies and broken hearts than all the doctors that ever lived. He is the star of astronomy, the rock of geology, the lion and lamb of zoology, the harmonizer of all discord, and the healer of all diseases. Great men have come and gone; yet He lives on. Herod could not kill Him; death could not destroy Him; and the grave could not hold Him."

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:9-11.

I look forward to being able to join you in worship this coming Lord's Day morning. Let's all do our best to be present so that we might be able to give praise to our Lord Jesus Christ!

C U N Church,  
David



### ***Serving In July***

***Elder:*** July 21st Dennis Bushue

***Deacons:*** Chris Hutcheson, Kelvin Williams, John Donathan, Larry Thomason

***Deaconesses:*** Sandi Donaldson & Bev Thoele

| <b><i>7/7/19 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b><br><b><i>Total: \$5,448.01 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b> | <b><i>7/14/19 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b><br><b><i>Total: \$4,396.68 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b> |
|---|--|
| Worship: 89                      Sunday School: 26  | Worship: 86                      Sunday School: 22   |
| <b><i>Faith Promise Missions: \$480.00</i></b>  | <b><i>Faith Promise: \$210.00</i></b>  |
| Building: \$40.00   | Building: \$90.00<br>Costa Rica Mission Trip: \$1,050.00   |
| Sunday School: \$17.00<br>Initial Offering: \$19.00   | Sunday School: \$13.00<br>Initial Offering: \$2.00   |

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| <b><i>Greeters for July 21st: Judy Gregory &amp; Kelvin Williams</i></b> | <b><i>Home Communion for July 21st: Chris Hutcheson &amp; Martin Zubiate</i></b> |
| <b><i>Greeters for July 28th: June Ashley &amp; Barb Morrison</i></b>    | <b><i>Home Communion for July 28th: David McConnell</i></b>                      |

## ***FCC Purpose***

### **Our Purpose Statement**

For the last several months, the elders have been working on framing a purpose statement for our church. They wanted it to be precise enough to clearly state the purpose for our existence and concise enough for each member to commit it to memory. A purpose statement clarifies in our minds why the church exists and what the church is supposed to be doing. A purpose statement can provide some great benefits for a church.

1. It can be encouraging. Nothing discourages a church more than not knowing why it exists but by the same token to rediscover the reason for our existence can reinvigorate our life and ministry.
  2. It can reduce frustration. A clear-cut purpose can help us to forget about things that don't really matter and refocus on those things that do matter.
  3. It can help us concentrate on the main thing. Sometimes churches try to do too many things. A good purpose statement will help keep the main thing in focus.
- The following is the purpose statement that has been constructed.

***First Christian Church is a family of believers who love God, one another and their community, called by God to restore the practices and principles of the New Testament Church.***

You are encouraged to read and consider this statement for the next few weeks. We will be talking more about it in the coming months.





## *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, Holly Arney

**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, Bill LeCrone, Doris Percival, Malcolm Jollivay & Family, Sandra Helmink, Norma Buehler, Keaton Gabel-13 year old, Raeleigh-7 year old, Kristen Avotea, 2 year old boy, Jill Fidler, Aiden-2 year old, Sue Martin, Jim Shouse, Kitty Jo Herrmann, Kent Farley, Vicki pals, Jim Bingham, Carol Wilsey, Ryker-4 year old, Teresa Hathway



**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, Dennis Reynolds, Linda Shaw, John Donathan's uncle, Phyllis (Bev Thoele's Sister), Ken & Velma Thomason, 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, Vernon & Shirley Jamison, Dan & Rusty Shouse, Stephanie Packer, 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, Graham Buehler, Abby Nelson Thompson, Barbara Wence, Barbara Gilley, Cheryl Beatt, Marilyn O'Leary, Ruby Tabor, Amelia, Justus Donaldson, Carol Bratton, Brent Owen, Mila Leach, Hazel Kingery, Terry Ervin, Lisa Fudge, Anna Hicks, Barb Akeman,

**(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; Family Life Center; Costa Rica Mission Trip, V.B.S.



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

**Grieving Families:** Ken Roley Family, George Smith Family, Floyd Miller Family, Bill Schmidt Family

## *Young @ Heart*

**Tuesday, July 23rd**

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



# August 2019



| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday                          | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday   |
|--|---|----------------------------------|-----------|--|--------|--|
|  |   |                                  |           | 1 Morning<br><b>Women's</b> Meet-<br>ing 10:00 a.m.<br><b>Elder's</b> Meet @<br>9:-00 a.m. | 2      | 3  |
| 4 Food Pan-<br>try items<br>Pasta, Spa-<br>ghetti, Ce-<br>real or your<br>choice | 5   | 6 Young @<br>Heart 9:00<br>a.m.  | 7         | 8  | 9      | 10   |
| 11   | 12  | 13 Young<br>@ Heart<br>9:00 a.m. | 14        | 15   | 16     | 17 Chil-<br>dren's Event<br>meets 10:00<br>a.m. to noon<br>Back to<br>school party |
| 18   | 19  | 20 Young<br>@ Heart<br>9:00 a.m. | 21        | 22   | 23     | 24 Men's<br>Gathering<br>meets @<br>6:00 p.m.                                      |
| 25   | 26 Card<br>Shower for<br>Darlene<br>Zimdars<br>90th | 27 Young<br>@ Heart<br>9:00 a.m. | 28        | 29   | 30     | 31   |

# *August Birthdays & Anniversaries*

|  |           |                                       |           |
|--|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| <i>4-Justine Reyes</i>                 | <i>BD</i> | <i>24-Greg &amp; Angie Spillman</i>   | <i>WA</i> |
| <i>7-Delaine &amp; Sandi Donaldson</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>25-Bill &amp; Daisy Fry</i>        | <i>WA</i> |
| <i>9-Brad Arney</i>                    | <i>BD</i> | <i>25-Martin &amp; Astrid Zubiate</i> | <i>WA</i> |
| <i>10-Adam Wolke</i>                   | <i>BD</i> | <i>25-George Shouse</i>               | <i>BD</i> |
| <i>10-Paige Wolke</i>                  | <i>BD</i> | <i>26-Darlene Zimdars</i>             | <i>BD</i> |
| <i>16 Gary &amp; Darlene Calvert</i>   | <i>WA</i> | <i>27-George &amp; Marcie Shouse</i>  | <i>WA</i> |
| <i>22-Don &amp; Bev Thoele</i>         | <i>WA</i> | <i>29-Zachariah Reyes</i>             | <i>BD</i> |

## *Men's Gathering*

**Saturday, July 20th**



All boys and men are invited to join us for supper, fun and fellowship.  
We will meet @ 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Men's  
Fellowship**



## *Sound Room Volunteers*

### **Help Needed**

It takes a lot of people to help a church function properly. Sometimes we do not realize just how much help is needed because so much of the work is done behind the scenes.

We do appreciate those people who operate our sound and video systems each Sunday. We are in **need of more volunteers** to help with this important ministry.

If you think this might be an area in which you can serve, please let Jon Zerkel or the office know. You can be trained to operate these systems.

Also needed are volunteers to compile the power point presentations for the song service. Jon has a library of several hundred songs that would be used in these presentations. Often it is just a matter of copy and paste to put together the presentation. Jon has been putting the power point presentations together for several years. He needs some assistance in doing this.



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**How Great Thou  
Art**





## *July Book of the Month*

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table for Philippians, Colossians & Philemon

Pastor David will be preaching from **the books Philippians, Colossians & Philemon** during the **month of July**

**Goals:**

Greater knowledge of the Bible &

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



## *V.B.S. Thank You To All*

Working heartily as for the Lord...

VBS takes a lot of work! There is a lot of work that occurs “behind the scenes” as well as during VBS week. “Work as Worship” began as an idea.

To the VBS planning team—thank you for meeting and tossing about countless ideas until Work as Worship VBS 2019 came to be. Thank you!

To the teachers—thank you for teaching Bible lessons focusing on work ethic. Thank you!

To the occupations speakers—thank you for showing the kids how work as worship can be done wherever you are planted. Thank you!

To the recycling center—thank you for showing the kids that using their imaginations can lead to change. Thank you!

To the simple machines instructors—thank you for showing the kids how to make science work for them. Thank you!

To the kitchen staff—thank you for helping the kids learn how to navigate the kitchen, using different appliances and utensils. Thank you!

To the group leaders—thank you for taking the time to move the kids from station to station getting to know each of these kids a little better along the way. Thank you!

To Martin—thank you for challenging us to think outside the typical VBS box!

VBS 2019 was fun! It was exciting! It was exhausting! VBS always is these things. Will I do it again? Absolutely! Why? Because I will try to do what we challenged the kids to do—“in all things work heartily as for the Lord...”

Thank You!!!

April



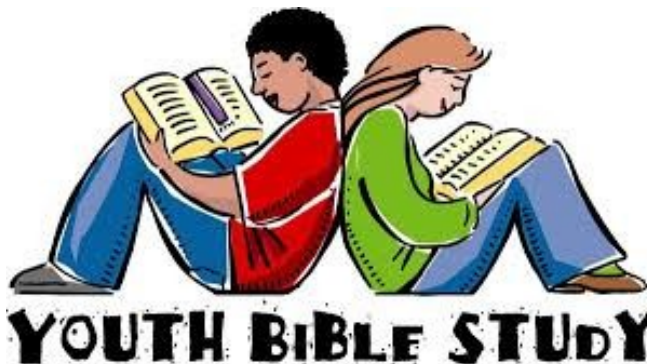


## *Summer Youth W.O.W.*

### **Wednesday, July 31st**

Summertime W.O.W. for the youth. It begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m.

Come and join us for fellowship and worship and Bible Study of Galatians with Pastor Martin.



## *Morning Women's Meeting*

### **Thursday, August 1st**

Meet with us at 10:00 a.m. at Cracker Barrel for fun, food and fellowship



## *Food Pantry Items*

### **Sunday, August 4th**

Please, bring Pasta, Spaghetti, Cereal, or your choice to Beebe Hall for the Calvary Baptist Church Food Pantry.



## *Faith Promise 2018/2019*

### **Faith Promises Received**

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

We have received so far: \$28,190.10

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*





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## *Card Shower*

### **Monday, August 26th**

90th birthday for Darlene Zimdars. We are asking all the church family to send a birthday card to Darlene to celebrate her becoming 90 years old! She loves to get cards.

Her Address:

505 W. Temple Rm.1  
Effingham, IL 62401-2250

