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What Manner of Love

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, October 8th Young @

Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. for food,
fellowship & prayer

Wednesday, October 9th W.O.W.

begins @ 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 19th Open House

& Card Shower for Dennis & Mimi
Bushue's 50th Wedding Anniversary
from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 20th Faith Promise
Rally introduced; video from Cazier's
on Christian Missionary Fellowship
(CMF) & Elaine Griffin on Salvation
Army

Tuesday, October 22nd A luncheon
hosted by Young @ Heart is at 11:30
a.m. Sue Elke from FISH, Tyler Mul-
vaney from Oil Belt & Danah Hines
from Christian Campus House EIU
are the speakers

Wednesday, October 23rd Foreign
Cuisine potluck served at 5:00 p.m. to
6:00 p.m. then, worship and 3 speak-
ers

Thursday, October 24th A prayer
meeting for Faith Promise will be
from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Thank you for being involved in the study of "Take God at His Word." Through this study, I hope that you have been both encouraged and challenged in your giving back to God for His work. As we come to the close of that study, I will present one last thought for your prayerful consideration. This is in the form of a "Stewardship Creed."

Stewardship is more than the giving of money; although it is that. It is more than giving of my talents, although it involves that, too. It is more than the giving of time, although it involves that. It is the offering of my total self to Him.

This means that in all the relationships of life, I shall seek to give a good account of my stewardship. In the home, I shall, along with the other members of my family, worship Him. I shall share in the closeness of the family council my concerns, my hopes, my wisdom, my experiences, so that together we may fulfill the purpose God has for us. I shall so organize my life that the way I earn my money and the way I use my money shall contribute to the advancement of God's will and the Kingdom among men.

It means that in my church I shall seek to be faithful to the responsibilities that I carry as a member of the body of Christ. I shall attend church regularly. I shall consecrate my talents to God's service at the place where I can make the fullest possible contribution to His Kingdom. I shall give of my money directly; proportionately, as God has prospered me.

All this I shall do, not out of any compulsion, save the compulsion of my gratitude to God for all He has done for me.

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning. Our worship attendance had been a little sporadic during these last several weeks. Let's all do our very best to come together for worship and fellowship this coming Sunday!

C U N Church,
David



Serving In October

Elder: October 6th Troy Bloemker

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

Deaconesses: Heather Wolke & Cleone Bloemker

<i>9/22/19 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$ 3,999.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>9/29/19 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$3,314.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>
Worship:91 Sunday School:31	Worship:72 Sunday School:22
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$282.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise: \$630.00</i>
<i>Building:\$40.00</i>	<i>Building:\$40.00</i>
<i>Sunday School:\$13.00</i>	<i>Sunday School:\$22.00</i>
<i>Greeters for October 6: Reenie Miller & Elsie Palmer</i>	<i>Home Communion for October 6th: Greg Spillman & George Shouse</i>
<i>Greeters for October 13th: Sylvia Northrop & Sandy Grimsley</i>	<i>Home Communion for October 13th: John Donathan</i>

Box Tops & Plastic Bags

Two Collections

Box Tops are being collected by Irma McConnell



Plastic Bags are being collected by Sheryl Rincker



Women's Morning Meeting

Thursday, October 3rd

All ladies are invited to attend. Meet @ Cracker Barrel @ 10:00 a.m. There will be fellowship, a devotional and prayer.



Women's Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 10th—Save the Date

Supper will begin @ 6:00 p.m.

Secret Sisters will be revealed

Ornament exchange

Devotional and fellowship times

Note: Secret Sisters remember to make a contact once a month (card, note, etc.)



Prayer List



Cancer: Larry Malone, Linda Miselbrook, Craig Wolf (Pancreatic Cancer), Anthony (leukemia)

Special Needs: Cathy & Joel Harrison (moving to Olney & Joel is starting new pastor job), John Weiffenbach, Paulette Stoops (heart surgery, Sept. 18), Linda Shaw (stage 4 kidney disease), Mildred Renken, Bobby Spracklen, Cheryl Kuhlrig (shunt to drain fluid from brain), Pamela Kaufman (liver problems), Dee Musgrave (tests run), Michelle Hicks (pray polyps are benign)

Missions: Faith Promise Rally

Grieving Families: Mary Sur Family, Joyce Furlong Family, Marcia Rexroat Family, Carl Fergus Family, Grieving Families from Sullivan

Flooring Volunteers Needed

Monday, October 7th to Friday, October 11th

Pastor Martin will be laying the new flooring in the hallways of the church during the week of October 7th.

If you can help him any of these days, contact Pastor Martin or call/text @ 217.317.3800



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, October 8th

Come and join us for coffee/tea, fellowship and prayer @ 9:00 a.m. (50 year olds and Up)



W.O.W.

Wednesday, October 9th

All ages W.O.W. begins @ 5:30 p.m. for supper. worship and Bible Study follow from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



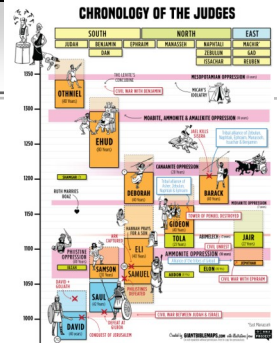


October Book of the Month

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table for Judges & Ruth
Pastor David will be preaching from **the book of Judges & Ruth** during **the month of October**

Goals:

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



Faith Promise 2018/2019

Faith Promises Received

Our goal for the year 2018/2019 is \$36,570.00 .
We have received so far: \$33,592.10

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



Foreign Cuisine W.O.W.

Wednesday, October 23rd International Cuisine Night

Last year during our Faith Promise Rally, we encouraged everyone to bring a dish of food that had an international origin. This was served at WOW during Faith Promise week. There was a wonderful response to this unique emphasis on missionary outreach. There were a dozen different dishes that were brought. We are doing this again on "Wednesday night, October 23. Please consider bringing a dish to share with those in attendance. Let us know if you are going to participate. We would like to put signs by each of the dishes to identify what it is and its country of origin. Please notify the office if you are planning on participating in this activity.



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.





Magic Show Saturday, October 26th

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



What: Harvey Waddelow will be presenting a Bible-based magic show

Refreshments: Served After The Magic Show

Faith Promise Rally 2019

Sunday, October 20th to Sunday, October 27th

Theme: Take God At His Word

Bible Verse: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33

Sunday, October 20th—Introduce Faith Promise and Faith promise cards will be handed out; four mission representatives will speak. (a short video from the Caziers for Christian Missionary Fellowship and Salvation Army speaker, Elaine Griffin are confirmed. Two other speakers will be speaking)

Tuesday, October 22nd—Young @ Heart luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sue Elke—FISH, Tyler Mulvaney—Oil Belt, and Danah Hines—Christian Campus House EIU will speak.

Wednesday, October 23rd—W.O.W. will be foreign cuisine night. There will be some worship songs and prayer and three mission representatives will speak. (Amy Kemp from Oblong Children's Christian Home and 2 other mission speakers will speak)

Thursday, October 24th—A prayer meeting for Faith Promise will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Milk and cookies will be served afterwards.



Saturday, October 26th—A magic show by Harvey Waddelow will be presented from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow the magic show.

Sunday, October 27th—Harvey Waddelow will speak during worship. Faith Promise cards will be collected at the end of the worship service and a pot luck lunch will follow.



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SERVICE REQUESTED



Open House & Card Shower

When: Saturday, October 19th

Come Celebrate Dennis & Mimi Bushue's 50th Wedding anniversary with this card shower and open house.

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: First Christian Church



Golden Wedding Anniversary