



First Christian Church of Effingham

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What Manner of Love

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, March 8th Daylight Savings
Time Begins

Tuesday, March 10th Young @
Heart Meets @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee/
tea, fellowship and prayer

Tuesday, March 10th Women's
Meeting meets @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11th W.O.W.
meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper and
6:00 p.m. for Bible Study

Thursday, March 12th Women's
Morning meeting @ Cracker Barrel
meets @ 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 17th Children's
Event (V.B.S. & Soccer) Meeting @
5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 21st Children's
event meets from 10:00 a.m. to noon

Saturday, March 28th Men's Gather-
ing meets for supper @ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4th Easter Egg Hunt
meets @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 5th Tuna, Tuna Helper
or your choice is due in Beebe Hall

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

The Bible is not boring and sermons shouldn't be either. Preachers must do their very best to make sure the sermons are prepared and presented well. Sometimes, this preacher fails to make the proper preparation and his presentation is not as good as it should have been. However, let me remind you that the preparation and presentation of the Sunday morning message is not totally dependent upon my abilities. God is also involved in it; you are involved in it too! In the next few "Ponderings" columns, I want to share some suggestions with you on how you can become better listeners.

The first suggestion is to **prepare**. Before the sermon ever begins, prepare you own heart and life for God to speak to you.

1. Protect Sunday morning so that you can be physically and mentally present. Sometimes work or health may prevent us from attending church. But as a rule you and your family need to know that Sunday mornings are reserved for worship with your church (Hebrews 10:25). Irregular attention to biblical preaching within the congregational setting weakens our heart muscles so that when we do hear a sermon, we are much less prepared to respond.

2. Pray for God to open your eyes and give you a willing heart to respond to Him. Pray for God to guide the preacher in his preparation and in his presentation.

3. Confess your sin. Ask God to reveal sin in your live and repent of it. Sin will create a calloused and unresponsive heart. Examine your practices and change your pattern of life.

4. Expect God to be present in the service. When God's people are together, He has promised to be present with us.

5. Arrive early. This allows you to prepare yourself to listen. It also encourages others to be ready to join in the service and listen to God's Word.

6. Get rid of distractions. I know that many people today use their phones to read the Bible. If you can do that without yielding to the temptation of answering a text message or checking email, then that's great. However, if you are distracted by the phone, you might resort to the old fashioned method of reading the Bible in the book form.

The bottom line: if you want the best experience in listening to the sermon, you have to prepare yourself to do so. My next column will deal with participating in the sermon.

I hope to see each of you this next Sunday and be able to greet you personally.

C U N Church,
David



<i>Serving In March</i> <i>Elder:</i> March 8th Jon Zerkel <i>Deacons:</i> J.P. Smith, Martin Zubiate, George Shouse, Chris Denoyer <i>Deaconesses:</i> Nancy Harper & Sharon Knaus	
<i>2/23/2020 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$4,316.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>3/1/2020 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$4,428.50 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>
Worship:80 Sunday School:16	Worship: 88 Sunday School:21
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$1,371.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise: \$1,066.00</i>
Building:\$40.00	Building:\$50.00 Heartland Auxiliary:\$5.00
Sunday School:\$16.00 Crossroads Quilt Guild: \$200.00	Sunday School:\$18.00
<i>Greeters for March 8th: Cecil & Charlotte Wright</i>	<i>Home Communion for March 8th:</i>
<i>Greeters for March 15th: Linda Packer & Sandy Grimsley</i>	<i>Home Communion for March 15th :Larry Thomason</i>

Love Your Community

Display Board With Hearts

Do you remember the sermon from a week ago? We were talking about loving our community.

There is a **display board in the foyer** advertising different ways in which we can love our community.

Choose one of the ways suggested on the board or select another method.

Please **write on one of the hearts a way in which you have loved someone in your community**

Post it on the wall underneath the words "Thankful for God's Blessings."

Don't sign your name to the heart.

If you have done multiple acts of kindness to show love to your community, please fill out multiple hearts. **Let's fill the wall with hearts** that show our love for others. **Let's be thankful for God's blessings** by passing on His love to others!



Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 8th

Don't forget to spring your clocks forward at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, March 8th





Prayer List



Cancer: Robert Mattingly (hospice called in), Angie Thomason (starting treatments for breast cancer 2nd time)

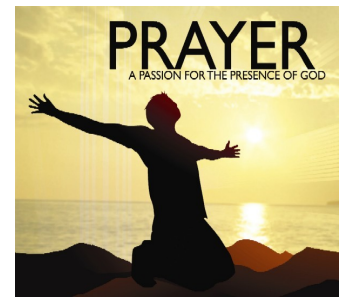
Special Needs: Cassidy Bradshaw (5 yr. old diagnosed with diabetes), Jeremy Bradshaw and Annie (car wreck & surgery on Jeremy, pneumonia), Gene Moeller (fluid in the lung)

Grieving Families: Shirley Spencer Family, Ron Carlson Family, Harvey Colwell Family

Elders Update

Prayer Requests

We would like to inform you that Don & Bev Thoele have decided to start going to another church. Don has resigned as an elder. Please pray for them as they begin a new step in their walk with God; and for God to lead you in the upcoming leadership nominations. Pray for our eldership as we prepare to prayerfully consider the nominations for this next year.



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, March 10th

All those 50 and over meet @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee/tea, fellowship and prayer



I AM
THE DAUGHTER
OF A KING WHO
IS NOT MOVED
BY THE WORLD
FOR MY GOD
IS WITH ME &
GOES BEFORE ME
I DO NOT FEAR
BECAUSE I AM
HIS

Women's Meeting

All Women & Girls

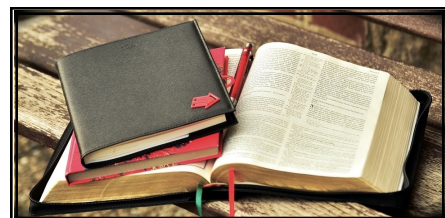
Tuesday, March 10th

Come and Join us @ 6:30 p.m. for a snack, fellowship, prayer and devotional


W.O.W.

Wednesday, March 11th

All ages meet for supper @ 5:30 p.m. and Bible study @ 6:00 p.m.



MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal or your choice is due in Beebe Hall	2	3 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	4 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time begins	9	10 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m. Women's Meeting 6:30 p.m.	11 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	12 Women's morning group meets @ 10:00 a.m. @ Cracker	13	14
15	16 	17 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m. Children's Event (V.B.S. & Soccer) Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.	18 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	19	20	21 Children's Event meets 10:00 a.m. to noon
22	23	24 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	25 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	26	27	28 Men's Gathering meets @ 6:00 p.m.
29	30	31 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	<p>"He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters," Psalm 23:2</p>			

<u>March</u>			
2-Elsie Palmer-	BD	15-Vernon & Shirley Jamison-WA	
2-Tracey Scoggins-	BD	17-Pastor David's preaching anniversary	
3-Bob & Judy Gregory	WA	23-Judy Tapp	BD
7-Joyce Cameron-	BD	24-Greg Spillman	BD
8-Jane Ann Zerkel-	BD	26-Sonya Davis-	BD
11-Alexandria Denoyer-	BD	26-Velda Cunningham-	BD
14-Shirley Jamison-	BD	31-Bob Gregory	BD

For The Church Family Use

Right Now Media

Online Media Source

Access From Phone, PC, Tablet, I Pad

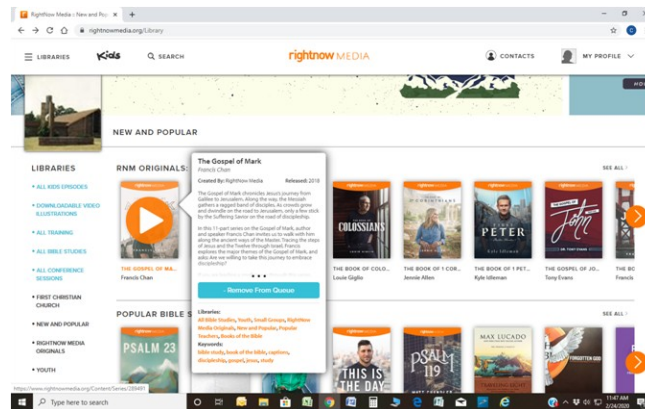
Give Pastor Martin your e-mail

An invitation will be sent to your e-mail for <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/>

Create a user name and password

When Logged In a whole library of videos are available to view at your

convenience



Women's Morning Meeting

Thursday, March 12th

Meets @ Cracker Barrel @ 10:00 a.m.

Join us for devotional, prayer and fellowship together





Faith Promise Rally 2019/2020

Promises Made

\$53,492.00 for 2019/2020

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



Received So Far:

\$21,108.00

Take God At His Word

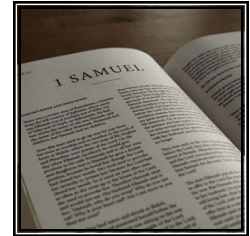
March Book of the Month

A study guide is available on the foyer table for Luke.

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



Children's Event

Saturday, March 21st

All children 6th grade and under are invited to join us from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

We will meet @ the church.



Men's Gathering

All Men & Boys

Saturday, March 28th

All are invited to come and join us for supper, fellowship and prayer

@ 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Oil Belt Christian Service Camp



Upcoming Events

2020 Summer Camp

Online Registration opens March 2nd

27 Camps for K—College Age!

Now Hiring Summer Staff

Apply for a life-changing summer at oilbelt.com/serve

(must be a graduating senior or college age student)



2020 Prayer

Commit to pray each day for Oil Belt this year.

2021 will be Oil Belt's 75th year—Pray for their future vision

Ladies Day:

March 21, 2020

3rd-5th Grade Big Overnighter:

March 27-28 & 28-29 (Hours: 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.)

College-Age Greater Retreat:

May 15-17

Food Pantry Items

Sunday, April 5th

Please bring Tuna, Tuna Helper or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



Mini Cantata For Easter

Sunday, April 12th

The praise team is preparing a mini cantata for presentation on Easter Sunday morning. We would love to have you help with this. Almost all of the songs are ones that are familiar.



If you would like to participate, then please let David or Jane Ann know. The first practice will be held on Saturday morning, March 14 at 10 a.m.





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SERVICE REQUESTED**



**Saturday, April 4th
Meet @ 10:00 a.m.
At First Christian Church
901 N. Henrietta St.**

