



First Christian Church of Effingham

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What Manner of Love

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesdays Online Prayer Time Starts
@ noon on the First Christian Church
Facebook (See page 2)

Worship Services Start @ 10:00 a.m.
On Facebook and You Tube First
Christian Church Effingham accounts

Sunday, May 3rd Rice, Mac N
Cheese, Cereal or your choice is due
in Beebe Hall

Tuesday, May 5th Pastor Martin's
Birthday

Thursday, May 7th Elders meet @
9:00 a.m.

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT
PSALM 27: 1-2

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

We have not been able to come together as a church family for six weeks. It looks like it might be another four weeks before we can do so again. I have missed seeing you and being able to physically worship with you. I am very grateful that throughout this period we have been able to worship together via the internet. It's good but as many have already said, "it's just not the same."

I have seen a lot of funny memes on the internet through this Covid-19 lockdown. I can't remember exactly what one of those memes said but here is the gist of its message. Gyms have been shut down for weeks and the sad thing is many of those with membership don't even know it. In other words, those who have affiliation with the gym and pay membership fees for use of the gym hadn't taken advantage of the benefits offered by the gym even before the lock down. Do you see where this is going?

Churches have been closed for weeks and you have to wonder if they have been missed. If you are reading this, then I am probably preaching to the choir. Undoubtedly, you have missed being able to go to church for worship and fellowship. For others, the fact that churches aren't meeting is a fact that really doesn't matter. It also is a concern that habits are formed in a short amount of time. A recent study showed that a habit is formed in an average of 66 days. When the stay at home orders are lifted at the end of May, more than 66 days will have elapsed. Will we have formed a new habit of not attending church on Sunday morning at the end of that time period? I certainly hope not.

This is why it is important for you to continue to read the Bible, pray, keep in touch with others, and serve God by serving others. These disciplines will keep our hearts focused on God. I urge you to ask God to help you stay close to Him. Pray for your church family. Remember the great times of worship we have had at First Christian Church. We will have them again!

"These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God." Psalms 42:4-5a

Hoping to C U N Church really soon,
David



Serving In May
Communion Table : May 3rd—Jon Zerkel; May 10th—Dennis Bushue

4/19/2020 Attendance & Giving
Total: 3,309.00
includes Faith Promise & Online Offering

Online Giving: \$725.00
Property Ministry (Building) \$40.00

Faith Promise \$0.00

Prayer Tuesdays

Tuesday On Facebook

Join us online on First Christian Church Effingham Facebook account to pray together. Text, call or message and let us know if you have prayer concerns you want added to the list on Tuesdays.



Church Online

Sunday Mornings

Tune in at 10:00 a.m. online at First Christian Church Facebook or You Tube pages. There will be a time of worship, communion and a message video taped each week.

For technical difficulties call or text Pastor Martin @ (217) 317-3800. He will be here from 9:30 a.m. till the church service finishes airing.



Prayer List

Cancer: Scott Young (colon cancer)

Special Needs: Trey and Ashley (pregnant and due in April) and daughter Amzie Ralston (she's 18 mo. And very ill), Shannon Smith's Uncle & Aunt (Uncle-with severe pain and swelling of legs), Colin Kinkelaar (rehab after surgery), Scott Weiffenbach (exposed to Covid 19), Fran & Grandchildren (Covid 19) Tori Amburn (RN by St. Louis), Kevin & Kevin (EMTs), Ivon (nurse in TN), Sabrina and Shelley (Nurse s), All essential workers, Ally Spillman and Beth Longwell (medical profession), RJ Teets (Flu symptoms), Anthony Jamison (personal issues), Diane Slone (growth on Kidney), Haele Rubel & Cassi Will (nurses), Dee Musgrave (Extreme Back Pain), Stella Donaldson (health issues), Tracy Mintert (heart trouble), Stanley Mathis (kidney transplant), Roger Just (Covid 19), Sharon Caylor

Grieving Families: Sandra McDevitt Family, Gene Moeller Family, John Herring Family, Ruth Meyers Family

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp



2020 Prayer

PRAY THAT SUMMER CAMPS WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED

May 5th They will Assess What may need to be Canceled



On Line Giving

FCCEffingham.com

Go to first Christian Church web site and click on the Giving and the page will go to the Kindrid giving page for FCC. You will have to put in your information and bank routing number to make a donation.

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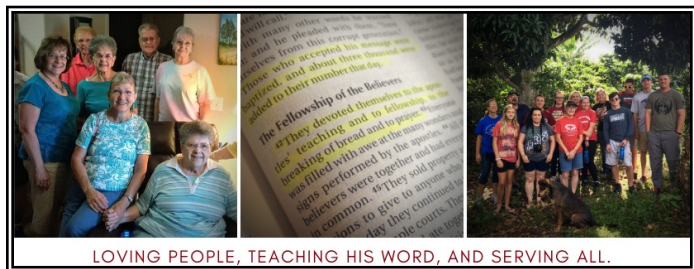
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New Facebook Group

FCC of Effingham Group

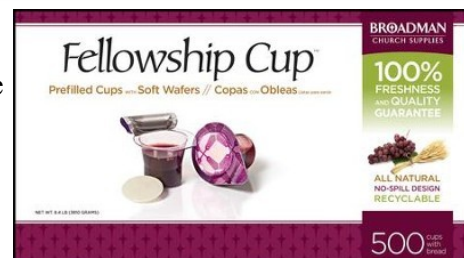
A new Facebook group is out for anyone who wishes to get online and chat. Go to First Christian Church Group on the search box on Facebook. Click join and like.



Communion Available

Communion Supplies

There are communion supplies here at the church. Just come in the church office between 8:00 a.m. and Noon Monday through Wednesday to pick up the communion.



May Book of the Month

Study Guide for Proverbs

This book was written by Solomon. At the beginning of his reign as King of Israel, he asked God for wisdom (1 Kings 3:9-12). God granted that request and Solomon was recognized as the leading authority on a variety of subjects. He was a scientist, a political ruler, a business man with vast enterprises, a poet, as well as a Moralist and Preacher. This book contains only about a third of the proverbs that Solomon wrote.

A proverb is a saying that conveys a specific truth in a direct and concise way. Solomon seems to be writing these proverbs to instruct his son in the proper way to live his life. There are a wide variety of subjects that are addressed in this book. It is difficult to break the book down in an outline so the following questions will be grouped according to the subjects addressed in the book.



WISDOM

1. What according to 1:7 and 9:10 is the beginning of knowledge and wisdom?
2. According to 2:6, where does wisdom come from?
3. According to 2:10-17 wisdom will save a person from what?
4. How valuable is wisdom? See 3:14-15; 4:7; 8:11; 16:16
5. What are some of the results of having wisdom? See 9:12; 19:11; 28:26; 29:3

HAPPINESS

1. Who is the person who is blessed? See 3:13
2. What is said about a happy heart in 15:13?
3. According to 29:3, who brings joy to his father?
4. A person can find joy by doing what in conversation? See 15:23
5. Who does 12:20 say experiences joy?



WORK

1. According to 14:23 what is the difference between hard work and mere talk?
2. According to 12:11, who will have abundant food?
3. According to 18:9, the one who doesn't do his work is equivalent to whom?
4. Describe what Solomon saw in 24:30-34 and the lessons he learned from it.
5. What creature in nature does Solomon use to teach the principle of hard work? See 6:6-11

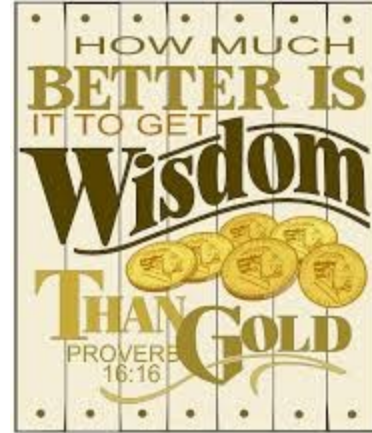


May Book Of The Month

Proverbs Study Continued

FAMILY

1. What is Solomon urging his readers to do in 5:15-20?
2. Where does a prudent wife come from? See 19:14
3. How should children respond to their parents? See 23:22
4. What does Solomon say about disciplining children? 22:6,15; 23:13; 29:15
5. What does a wise woman do? 14:1



WEALTH

1. What is the source of wealth? 10:22; 22:4
2. What instructions about using wealth does Solomon give in 3:9-10
3. What is said about great wealth in 15:16?
4. Read 19:4. Does wealth help or hurt friendship?
5. According to 22:2 say that the rich and poor have in common?

RIGHTEOUS LIVING

1. What does 16:8 say having just a little but living righteously is better than?
2. What is the difference in the wages of the righteous and the wicked? 10:16
3. What is the contrast Solomon draws between the righteous and the wicked in 13:9?
4. What did Solomon teach in 11:21 that we can be sure of?
5. If you plant wickedness what will you harvest? 22:8

SPEECH

1. What do you think Solomon is teaching in 10:19? Compare this to James 1:19
2. What are the two results of words spoken of in 12:18?
3. What is said in 18:6-7 about the words of a fool?
4. What are some of the truths about speech taught in 26:18-28?
5. What does 16:21-24 say about pleasant words?

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

1. What does Solomon say the result of too much drinking could be in 23:20-21?
2. What is said about alcohol in 20:1?
3. What do you think Solomon is warning against in 23:31?
4. According to 21:17 what effect could substance abuse have on your money?
5. What could happen if leaders or anyone else for that matter drink too much? 31:4-5





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SERVICE REQUESTED

Food Pantry Items

Sunday, May 3rd

Please bring Rice, Mac N Cheese, Cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



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:

\$24,234.00

