# First Christian Church of Effingham

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#### <u>Mark Your Calendar</u>

<u>Sunday, April 25th</u> Children's Church will meet after communion with Gospel Project curriculum

*<u>Tuesday, April 27th</u>*Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesdays Online Prayer Time** Starts (a) noon on the First Christian Church Effingham Facebook https:// www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham and You Tube <u>First Christian Church</u> of Effingham - YouTube

*Wednesday, April 28th* Youth & Young adults meet @ 6:00 p.m.

<u>Sunday, May 2nd</u> Please, bring Rice, Mac N Cheese, Cereal or your choice to Beebe Hall for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

<u>Sunday, May 9th</u> Children's Church will meet after communion with Gospel Project curriculum

<u>Tuesday, May 11th</u> Women's meeting will meet @ 6:30 p.m.



#### **Ponderings of the Preacher . . .** Yesterday was the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. When I thought of that I was

Yesterday was the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. When I thought of that I was reminded of Longfellow's poem, "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere." The second line of that poem was "Twas the eighteenth of April of '75 and hardly a man is now alive who remembers that famous day and year." Revere is given the credit for sounding the alarm to the people of Lexington and Concord that the British were coming. In response to his message, the minutemen came out to face the British soldiers. Minutemen were the colonial civilians who formed militia companies who would answer to the call to arms at a minute's notice during the American Revolution.

As Christians we are called to be minutemen and women. We have been called by God to perform His service at a moment's notice. Are you a member of our Chain of Prayer? If you are then throughout the course of the day you might be notified of a need and asked to pray for the individual and his/her particular need. When you receive that call, you probably spend a moment asking for God's help or a few minutes praying for that situation. Romans 12:12 commands us to be "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer." (King James Version)

Another situation in which we must be ready to respond instantly is sharing our faith. Peter wrote, "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15). Paul said it this way. "Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season" (2 Timothy 4:2).

One other time of which I can think that we must be ready at a moment's notice is God's call to us to leave this world. Although death is certain, the time of our death is uncertain. We do not know when God will call us home. In order to be ready for that time, we must continually be making preparation. I am thinking about our dear sister in Christ, Reenie Miller, who was suddenly and without notice called to go be with Her Lord. Reenie was prepared although she did not know when God would call her home. Knowing these things should encourage us to live each day as if it were our last one.

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

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Serving In April Communion Table : April 25th—Delaine Donaldson; May 2nd—Jon Zerkel

4/11/2021 Attendance & Giving Total: \$2,478.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance: 46 Property Ministry (Building):\$40.00

Faith Promise: \$810.00

4/18/2021 Attendance & Giving Total: \$3,982.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance: 51 Property Ministry (Building):\$40.00

Faith Promise \$256.00

# Children's Church

# Sunday, April 25th & May 9th

Children's church will meet in Beebe Hall directly after communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Children 5th grade and under are invited to attend.

Gospel Project curriculum will be used for these classes.

There is also a home edition parents can buy.



<u> Young @ Heart</u>

# Tuesday, April 27th

All over 50 meet @ 9:00 a.m. Coffee will be available along with a snack cake. Come for the conversation and prayer time.









**Cancer:** Journey Campton (tumors removed), Rosie Parkhurst (lung cancer)

**Special Needs:** Hannah Bultan (can't keep formula down), Chris Hutcheson (knee surgery April 20th), Addy Hastings (complications from Cerebral Palsy), Barb Long (health issues), Hazel Kingery (health issues), Elaine Griffin (back pain), Ethan Schleuter (Tumor Surgery April 19th), Quinn Dearing (Covid 19), Lynn Weddle (health issues), Sandy Brockett (knee), Vernon Jamison (angiogram), Pat Larsen (Asthma),

Missions: Faith Promise 2020/2021, Voice of the Martyrs, IDES

**Pray For These Families:** Larry Goeckner Family, Sally Neville Family, Dennis Young's Brother's Aunt-in-law Family, Reenie Miller Family



# **Promises Made**

\$36,117.00 for 2020/2021

<u>Theme:</u> Take God At His Word <u>Bible Verse:</u> "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33 Received—\$22,476.00



W.O.W.

# Wednesday, April 28th

Youth & Young Adults will meet @ 6:00 p.m. in the church auditorium for worship & Bible Study







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2	3	<b>4</b> Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	<b>5 W.O.W.</b> meets @ 6:00 p.m.	6	7	8	
9 Happy Mother's Day	10	<b>11</b> Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m. Women's Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>12 W.O.W.</b> meets @ 6:00 p.m.	13	14	15	
16	17	<b>18</b> Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	<b>19 W.O.W.</b> meets @ 6:00 p.m.	20	21	22	
23	24	<b>25 Young</b> @ <b>Heart</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>26 W.O.W.</b> meets @ 6:00 p.m.	27	28	29	
30	31 MEMORIAL DAY		"'Rain down my godliness, you heavens above. Let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide to receive it. Let freedom spring to life. Let godliness grow richly along with it. I have created all these things. I am the Lord.'" Isaiah 45:8				

May Birthdays & Anniversaries



# Women's Meeting

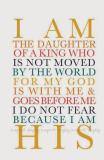
### Tuesday, May 11th



**Tuesday, April 13th @ 6:30 p.m.** Come and Watch The Fifth episode of *The Chosen: The Wedding* 

Enjoy A Snack & Fellowship







# Tuesday, Prayer Time

#### Every Tuesday @ Noon

Join us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham to share in the prayer time with Pastor David & Pastor Martin. The prayer time can be viewed at your convenience because it is streamed and saved.





# Sunday, May 2nd

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



# Oil Belt Camp Registration

### Oil Belt Christian Service Camp—Will Stay Overnight

#### **REGISTRATION OPENS: April 12** AT 10AM!

"Keep Shining" Oil Belt Christian Service Camp 2021 75 years

Select the week of camp based on the grade campers are going into in the fall.

Walk-in registrations are allowed, but camps fill up quickly, so we highly suggest to register in advance.

Date	Camp	Grade	Dean	Start End C	Cost				
5/22	Greater Retreat 18	8-24yrs Stephen I	10:00am 10:00pm \$35						
5/22	Special Needs Da	y K-12th Daniell	e Kimbrel	9:00am 3:00pm	\$30				
6/1-3	Genesis 7th-12th	Tim Davis	9:00am 5:00pm	\$105					
6/3-5	Camp Out 5th-6th	Darren Barbee	9:00am 5:00pm	\$105					
6/7-10	Sr. High 9th-12th	Bryan Heinrich	9:00am 5:00pm	\$140					
6/12	Fishing Camp- Bo	oys 7th-8th Curtis	Thompson	9:00am 5:00pm	\$35				
6/12	Sunrise 1st-2nd K	elly Baker	-	9:00am 5:00pm	\$35				
6/14-17	Jr. High 7th-8th L	ance Boldt		9:00am 5:00pm	\$140				
6/18-19	Father/Child K-4t	h Dustin Draear		5:30pm 3:30pm	\$55				
6/20-25	SHW: Trek 9th-12	2th Jon Michael I	Deisher	1:00pm 5:00pm	\$250				
6/21-24	Encounter 5th-6th	Rob Plummer		9:00am 5:00pm	\$140				
6/26	Footprints 2nd-3r	d Lezlie Johnson		9:00am 5:00pm	\$35				
6/28-7/1	Music Camp Plus	7th-12th Dustin	Leek	9:00am 5:00pm	\$140				
6/27-7/2	JHW: Base Camp	7th-8th Seth Sch	nautz	1:00pm 5:00pm	\$250				
7/6-8	Discovery 4th-6th	Bryce Ash		9:00am 5:00pm	\$105				
7/12-15	Jr. High Athletes	6th-8th Tre Schli	ef	9:00am 5:00pm	\$140				
8/2-6	SHW: River 9th-1	2th Drew Flanag	an	9:00am 5:00pm	\$250				
8/14	OASIS- Special N	leeds Adults Lisa	Dill	10:00am 5:00pm	\$35				
Note: Discount Code For FCC kids: fcceffingham100 for 100% of one week per camper.									

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### **Bible Reading**

Study Guide for Obadiah, Nahum & Zephaniah for the rest of April

#### Goals:

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



# Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

#### May 2, 2021

Camp Open House from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.-tours, yard games, live music, food trucks and more! 6:00 p.m.—Activity room worship service No cost & no need to register. Food available to purchase and Oil Belt shirts & gear.



# May 21-23 Greater Retreat

### **75 Year Anniversary**

Join with us the celebrate Oil Belt Christian Service Camp's 75th year! Below are a few of the activities and plans we have.

Oil Belt Recipe & History Book is currently being created. To purchase yours, more information is forthcoming.

Attend Family Camp 2021 for a special service on Sunday, September 5, 2021.

- Mail / Email your pictures, videos and stories to the camp office!

- Stay Tuned! We have more planned!



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# Worship Service

# <u>10:00 A.M.</u>

We will continue to follow CDC guidelines for social distancing and wearing face masks The 10:00 a.m. service will be streamed to

You Tube First Christian Church of Effingham - YouTube

For technical difficulties call or text Pastor Martin @ (217) 317-3800.

