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The Way, The Truth & The Life

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, May 25th Young @ Heart
meets @ 9:00 a.m.

Tuesdays Online Prayer Time Starts
@ noon on the First Christian Church
Effingham Facebook [https://
www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham](https://www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham)
and You Tube [First Christian Church
of Effingham - YouTube](#)

Sunday, May 23rd Graduates from
grade school, high school and col-
lege/university will be recognized
during worship service

Sunday, May 23rd Children's Church
will meet after communion with Gos-
pel Project curriculum

Sunday, June 6th Please, bring
Canned Meat, Dessert Mixes, Cereal
or your choice to Beebe Hall for the
Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, June 13th Children's
Church will meet after communion
with Gospel Project curriculum

Sunday, June 27th Congregational
meeting directly after the worship
service, Voting on budget and a few
changes to the constitution

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Yesterday following our morning worship service, I announced to the congregation my retirement plans. Many of you were not present, so I thought it would be good to print that announcement in the newsletter so that you might be able to read it yourself and not just hear it second hand from someone else.

About six weeks ago, it was announced that I had finished my 13th year as senior minister here at First Christian Church. During those 13 years, we have experienced good times and bad times. We have seen new members come and old members leave either by death or by choice. The face of the congregation has changed during those 13 years. I have tried to be the servant of Christ during those 13 years attempting to preach the word of God to be instant in season and out of season. Not only have I completed 13 years of service with FCC, I have also completed 47 years in the preaching ministry. During those 47 years the methods of ministry have changed drastically. When I first started in ministry, there were no computers, no copy machines, no cell phones, no social media. It is interesting to me that I struggle more today to write 1 sermon than I did 40 years ago to write 2 sermons, a Sunday School lesson, youth group lesson, print a bulletin and publish a newsletter. After much prayer and consideration, I have decided that it is time for me to retire from the full time vocational ministry. My retirement will commence on April 1, 2022. Until that time, I will continue to serve as the senior minister working with the elders to make the transition from my ministry to the next senior minister as smooth as possible. I will continue to be active in ministering to the needs of this congregation. I ask for you to continue to pray for Irma and me as we begin a new chapter in our life. We love you all. You are our Christian family and you are precious to us. I ask for you to continue to pray for the eldership of this church as they begin the process of searching for a new senior minister. Please give them your support in the coming months.

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning when we come together for worship.

C U N Church,
David



<p style="text-align: center;">Serving In May</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Communion Table : May 23rd—Delaine Donaldson; May 30th—Jon Zerkel</p>	
<p>5/9/2021 Attendance & Giving Total: \$2,216.90 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving</p>	<p>5/16/2021 Attendance & Giving Total: \$4,782.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving</p>
<p>Attendance: 60 Property Ministry (Building):\$40.00</p>	<p>Attendance: 57 Property Ministry (Building):\$40.00</p>
<p>Faith Promise: \$251.00 Reenie Miller Memorial:\$20.00 CD Interest :\$34.90</p>	<p>Faith Promise \$291.00 Soccer Fees:\$30.00</p>

Children's Church

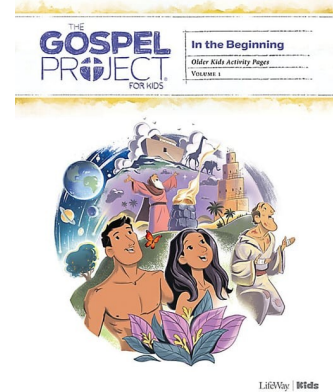
Sunday, May 23rd

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.



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, May 25th

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

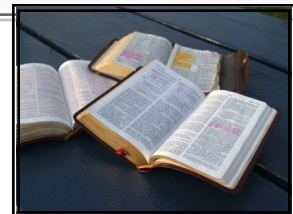


W.O.W.

Take A Break Till June 16th

We will not meet the rest of May and the first Wednesday in June.

We will begin meeting again on Wednesday, June 16th at 6:00 p.m.



Prayer List



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

Special Needs: Charlotte Wright (Broken ankle bone & heart monitor), Ashley Goldstein (bulged disk), Emily Griffin (concussion), Graduates, Lisa Lipcamon (Hospital)

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

Pray For These Families: Jerolyn Robinson Family, Nancy Miller Family



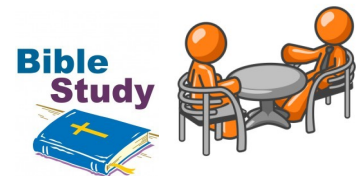
NEW: Prayer Bulletin Board: Anyone can add anonymous prayers to the board. Note paper & pen available.

Resuming

Changes Taking Place on June 13

Sunday School will resume

We will again start Sunday School @ **9:00 a.m.** on Sunday Mornings



Fellowship time will resume

We will welcome you all to come and have a short fellowship time before worship service begins. The time is from **9:40 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.**



Pew restrictions

We will remove the ribbons from the pews and all can sit where they are comfortable.

Flower Committee

Spring Greetings:

The flower Committee has a new home in the church in one of the main floor rooms. It makes the decorating so much easier and safer. Much thanks to Mimi & Dennis Bushue, June Ashley, Reenie Miller and Tues. Morning Coffee group. Your hard work is so much appreciated.



Thanks to Shari Long, Mimi Bushue, and Reenie Miller for helping me with Easter decorations.



Mother's Day was celebrated with Velda Cunningham being the eldest mother. Justine Reyes and Heather Wolke youngest mothers. Most children was Daisy Fry and Bonnie Vonderheide with five children each.

Cleone Bloemker, Kacey Scoggins, and Shari Long shared fresh flower arrangements. The church looked like Spring. God Bless all the Mother's.

Note: Reenie Miller will be missed terribly,. She was so active in the church. Heaven has a new sweet angel.

Cheryl Bloemker (Decoration Committee)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	9 W.O.W. 6:00 p.m.	10	11	12
13	14 	15 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	16 W.O.W. 6:00 p.m.	17	18	19
20	21 	22 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	23 W.O.W. 6:00 p.m.	24	25	26
27 Yearly Congrega- tional meet- ing	28 Soccer 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.	29 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m. Soccer 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.	30 W.O.W. 6:00 p.m.	The Lord says to me, "I will look down from heaven, where I live. I will be as quiet as summer heat in the sunshine. I will be as quiet as a cloud of dew in the heat of har- vest." Isaiah 18:4		

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

<i>1-Charlotte Wright</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>5-Troy Bloemker</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>7-Jeff & Laurie Akeman</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>9-Toby & Heather Wolke</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>10-Jeff Akeman</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>11-Terry & Nancy Harper</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>13-Erin Calvert</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>15-Darlene Elliott</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>16-Klent & Tracey Scoggins</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>18-John Donathan</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>23-LeAnn Spruell</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>26-Holly Bloemker</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>30-Nancy Harper</i>	<i>BD</i>



Picnic

July 4th – Picnic in the Park.

Time & Place: Meet @ the pavilion at 6:00 p.m.

Church Providing: Hamburgers and hotdogs

Please Bring: Your favorite picnic dishes to share with others in attendance.

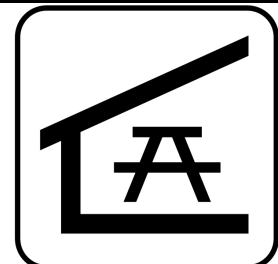
Lawn Chairs along with your favorite yard game.



Devotional: We will have a devotional time at 8 p.m.

Watch: Everyone is invited to watch the fireworks together at 9 p.m.

Make plans to **join your church family** for this holiday event.



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.



Food Pantry Items

Sunday, June 2nd

Please bring Canned Meat, Dessert Mixes, Cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



FCCE Soccer

Monday, June 28th

Soccer is for all kids **going into kindergarten to kids going into 7th grade.**

Fee: \$30 .00 for 8 day camp and one game day

Dates: Monday, June 28th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 29th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, July 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, July 2nd from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Monday, July 5th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, July 6th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, July 8th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, July 9th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Game Day: Saturday, July 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

It will be held on church grounds by the pavilion

Bring your own water bottle.

No soccer ball or t-shirts given out this year.

Each child's parent fills out an application and a waiver.



8-DAY CAMP

06/28&29, 07/01&02
 07/05&06, 07/08&09
 FROM 5:00PM TO 7:30PM

SOCCER CAMP AT



First Christian Church
of Effingham

No t-shirt, ball, or water bottle will be provided. Limit of 80 Campers

Book Of The Month

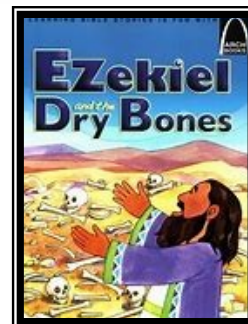
Bible Reading

Study Guide for Ezekiel is on the foyer table

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

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!



Faith Promise 2020

Promises Made

\$36,117.00 for 2020/2021

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

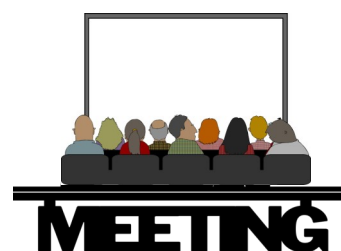
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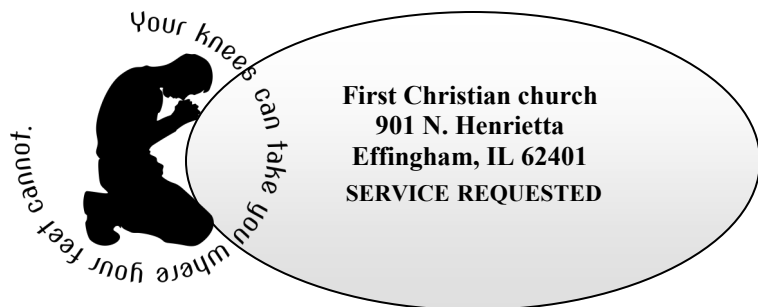


Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 27th

Following morning worship service a congregational meeting will convene. The New budget will be voted on along with some changes to the Constitution.





Worship Service

10:00 A.M.

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.

