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Easter 2025

Eggstravaganza

SUNDAY, APRIL 13th @ 3pm

TODDLER - 5TH GRADE
10,000 EGGS - PRIZES

Good Friday Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH AT 6PM

NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FROM BIRTH TO PRE-K

Easter Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

9:00 AND 10:30 AM SERVICES

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

BIRTH TO 5TH GRADE IS AVAILABLE



EASTER LOVE OFFERING:

SHILOH CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

OIL BELT CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP

EASTERN CHRISTIAN CAMPUS HOUSE

GOAL: \$30,000.00



Are you interested in becoming more involved at FCC?

There are so many ways to "serve" here at church.

Come to the FCC Ministry Fair on Sunday, April 27th
between services for breakfast or after the 10:30 service

for a light lunch. You can learn about ALL of the FCC Ministry
Teams and decide the Team in which you would enjoy participating.



The Reporter can also be viewed online at www.fccsaalem.net

May Newsletter deadline: April 15th (This includes all newsletter, calendar and scheduling items.)

FCC LEADERS

MINISTRY TEAM:

Phil Martin
Lead Minister

Dave Jarrett
Creative Arts Minister

Jesse Brinkley
Children's Minister

Logan West
Student Minister

Trisha Mosbarger
Secretary

ELDERS:

Wyett Colclasure
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Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more information including sermon downloads and more please go to:
www.fccsalem.net

SUMMER CAMP 2025 REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 3 AT 10 AM!

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.

REGISTER ONLINE AT OILBELT.COM

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp • 555 Park Road • Flora, IL 62839

618-662-2822 • campoffice@oilbelt.com

Contact Jesse Brinkley or Logan West for the 1/2 tuition scholarship code.

Oil Belt's "Big Overnighter" was March 7th-8th. The overnighter event was designed for 3rd-5th grade children to introduce them to camp life. Our students got to experience meaningful worship, learn through engaging lessons, eat delicious food, and play fun games. Over 370 children were challenged to follow Jesus and come back for a week of summer camp. Thank you to our volunteers who sacrificed sleep to ensure our children had the opportunity to attend this event!



10,000 EGG HUNT

Prizes • Cookies

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH

3:00 PM

FCC Salem

FOR KIDS UP TO 5TH GRADE! BRING YOUR BASKET!

1200 West Boone Street Salem, IL 62881

2025

If you have a graduate that you would like added to the graduation list, please notify the FCC office @ 618.548.0867. Thank you!!


April Birthdays

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Mike Schwartz | 19 Brady Crane |
| 2 Mike Shaw | 20 Beckham Detmer |
| 3 Kelly Middleton | 21 Micah Puricelli |
| 3 Evan King | 21 Piper Stanford |
| 4 Noah Slater | 22 Saundra Banning |
| 5 Izac Holsapple | 22 Hannah Smith |
| 6 Hayven Hensley | 22 Ana Knight |
| 7 Dane Morrison | 23 Kathy Russell |
| 8 Shannon Kell | 23 Carrie Gabbard |
| 12 Brenda Craig | 23 Doug Malan |
| 12 Kendall Zimmermann | 24 Daniel Smith |
| 12 Lori Martin | 25 Nola Petersen |
| 14 Nancy Cone | 25 Olivia Holsapple |
| 14 Ainsley Vick | 25 Beth Crane |
| 15 David Gaston | 25 Brenda Tanner |
| 16 Landrey Rose | 26 Belinda Alvis |
| 16 Micah Rollins | 27 Amy Schneider |
| 16 Lexie Malan | 27 Gabriella Pineda |
| 17 Sandy Martin | 28 Tim Alvis |
| 18 Shirley Coffey | 29 Jacob Arnold |
| 18 Clara Knight | 29 Arya Black |
| 19 Jane Baldrige | 30 Drake Rector |

April Anniversaries

- 1 Chris & Alicia Maciejowski
- 11 Jeff & Sheri Molenhour
- 13 Mike & Linda Malan
- 13 Tony & Delyn Stanley
- 19 Ivan & Trisha Mosbarger
- 20 Jim & Terry Ford
- 25 Justin & Leia Harrison
- 30 Wyett & Virginia Colclasure

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



Throughout the month of April we will be collecting:

- **Cereal & Ramen Noodles**

Items can be left in the collection box in the foyer.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Abbie Harvey was immersed into Christ on Sunday, March 2nd.

Charlie Casner was immersed into Christ on Sunday, March 2nd.

Jaxon Rector was immersed into Christ on Sunday, March 23rd.



Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for all the cards and well wishes for me while I had a "compression fracture" in my lower back.

Naida Uchitjil



Embrace Grace



The Embrace Grace Ministry Team consisting of Connie Dunahee, Alicia Maciejowski, Gayle Erxleben, Dena Kemp, and Connie Williams continue to reach out to referrals for this small group ministry for single pregnant women or women whose husbands are not supportive of their pregnancy. This Bible based study and 12-week DVD series of topical discussion will be updating to the latest Embrace Grace Curriculum offered this spring and strives to build community and educate participants regarding God and their place in His Family.

We would ask that you join us in prayer that those who need this ministry will find us and we will be ready to receive them. We ask that you pray that obstacles to their attendance (sickness, tiredness, lack of transportation, family drama, fear, feeling they don't belong) would be removed. We ask that you join us in praise to God for the things He has done in the lives of those who completed the program and the individual touches we've had with those who did not. We've seen women acknowledge His care and provision in their lives and draw closer to Him. We thank you for your continued support of Embrace Grace.

5 women completed the program in 2024. They were very committed in their attendance and a joy to work with! In addition to a Study Guide, each was offered a new Bible and received small weekly attendance gifts and Gracie Bucks as well as a \$10 gas stipend. They received a Baby Shower that included gifts reflecting their personal choices. We could not do all of this without your help! Volunteers are needed to plan and execute a Baby Shower or Celebration of Life, wrap gifts, and provide childcare as needed. Donations are needed for study materials, Bibles, small weekly attendance gifts, and baby shower gifts. During the Ministry Fair we will be requesting donations of items and funds used for weekly participation gifts and the baby shower gifts. While we have also requested a budget from FCC that covers some of these needs, we want individuals to continue to have the opportunity to personally engage in this way. If you have questions or would like to volunteer or donate, please see us at the Ministry Fair or contact Connie Williams at 618-548-2408.



FCC Basketball wrapped up the 2025 season on March 1st. This outreach ministry could not have happened without the numerous coaches, assistant coaches, referees, clock operators, game setup and cleanup volunteers.

Also, MOMCO is thankful for your donations that allowed their concessions stand to be a success! Due to your support, 7 mothers will have the opportunity to attend a Christ-centered mother's conference (MOMCON) September 25th-27th.

We are thankful for the volunteers and your generosity!

Senior High..... "RECEIPTS"

FCC Students attended the Sr. High conference at Oil Belt Christian Service Camp on February 16th-17th. Over 150 high school students from around the area gathered to worship the Lord together in community. This year's theme was "Receipts!" If you are truly following Christ, your life will show it, and your "receipts" will be the presence of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Area Youth pastors, Aaron McCaleb, Mike Edmondson, and Kyle Borah brought the Word while the student worship team from Parkview Christian Church led worship. It was a great time to get together with other believers of the same age and worship God in community. We, as a brotherhood, are blessed to have Oil Belt Christian Service Camp in our backyard. It is so vital to the longevity of our students' faith that they be connected with other believers of the same age, and Oil Belt does a great job making that happen. Student's make lifelong friendships when they attend Oil Belt, and are challenged to dive deeper into their personal and communal relationship with Jesus. If you have a student that is of the age to attend any of the camps at Oil Belt, we encourage you to sign them up, and remember, we will pay half of one of their camp registrations!



HELP US KEEP OUR LAWN LOOKING BEAUTIFUL!

Please sign up on the sheet located outside of the church office to receive information about joining the mowing team, or contact Mike Anderson @ 618.780.5336.