

# VISITOR

June 29, 2022



## **Casey First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

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**Sunday Services: 9:00 am Sunday School, 10:00 am Worship**

*To Know God-To Love God-To Serve God*

Greetings Church!

It's hard to believe it is already July! I hope you all are enjoying your summer.

This past month, the Supreme Court issued a number of rulings that are deeply troubling. One in particular now allows teachers to lead students in public prayer. As a pastor, some of you might expect me to be happy about this. Well, I'm not. Here are some reasons why I don't think teachers, coaches, or any school faculty person should ever be leading students in prayer.

First, as a Christian, I strive to follow Jesus. And the advice Jesus gives on public prayer in the gospels is to not do it. At the very least, Jesus advises being suspicious or skeptical of people praying in public. In Matthew 6, Jesus teaches us not to pray in public places to be seen by others but to pray to God in private (Matthew 6:5-6). Prayer at the 50-yard line done for show or to make a statement just isn't in line with Jesus' teaching on prayer.

Second, as an American, I do not think teachers, coaches, etc. should be leading students in prayer because that imposes prayer onto students - potentially students who do not wish to pray. The first amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees religious liberty for all, meaning that no one should ever be coerced to participate in religious practice that they do not want to. Consider for a second, how might you feel if a teacher who is Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, or some other religion, lead your child in prayer at school. Might that be how other non-Christians feel when a Christian teacher leads their children in Christian prayer? As a matter of freedom and liberty for all, no one should ever be in a position where they feel forced to participate in a religion they did not choose.

As we celebrate Independence Day this month, we ought to consider just exactly what freedom means. Who gets to be free? Is it liberty and justice for all, or do some people have more freedom than others?

Finally, as a Christian pastor, I boldly and confidently proclaim that my hope is not in America, My hope is not in any of the nations or empires of this world. My hope is in Christ. My allegiance is to Christ.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

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*Prayer Requests  
for Our Nursing  
Home Residents*

Heartland Nursing & Rehab

Vera Ingle  
Helen Allen  
Ramona Miller

Casey Health Care

Ruth Fitch

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## Prayer Requests

Cindy Wimbley  
Linda Coleman

Danny Morgan  
Family of Sheila Bland

Villas of Hollybrook in  
Effingham

Ralph & Shirley Fitch  
C/O Villas of Hollybrook  
904 W. Evergreen Ave.,  
Apt. # 31  
Effingham, IL 62401

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## JULY SERVING SCHEDULES

**ELDERS:** 7/3 Larry Patchett, 7/10 Ruthie Wimbley, 7/17 Dan Winn,  
7/24 Sherri Butcher, 7/31 Sharon Durham

**DEACONS:** 7/3 Darlene Winn, Jennifer Winschief, Lynda Graham  
7/10 Brad Hickox, Cassie Ramsey, Connie Roberts  
7/17 Cathy Sherwood, Devan Smith, Cheryl Stifal  
7/24 Michelle Wagner, Darlene Winn, Jennifer Winschief  
7/31 Lynda Graham, Brad Hickox, Cassie Ramsey

**CHALLENGER REFRESHMENTS:** 7/3 Grahams, 7/10 Peggy Hickox,  
7/17 Grace Littlejohn, 7/24 Cathy Sherwood, 7/31 Debi Sinclair

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

June 29 – Elders Meeting

June 29 – Randy Rue Memorial Service, 4:00 pm at Markwell Funeral Home

July 1 – Graveside Service for Sheila Bland, 3:00 pm at Cumberland Cemetery

July 3 – Fellowship Hall Reserved in the afternoon

July 4 – Independence Day, Church office closed and NO Monday Morning Ladies

July 5 – Blood Drive here at CFCC Noon – 6:00 pm

July 6 – Morning, help to put the Fellowship Hall back in order from blood drive

July 6 – Church Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

July 13 – Worship Team Meeting, 9:30 am

July 27 – Elders Meeting, 6:30 pm

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## 2022 ELDERS

Sherri Butcher – 217-232-5740

Peggy Hickox – 217-232-5615

Larry Patchett – 217-232-3105

Dan Winn – 217-259-5339

Church Office – 217-932-2773(Hours: Mon, Wed & Fri 8:30 am – Noon)

Sharon Durham – 217-232-2168

Nina Meeker – 217-549-9808

Ruthie Wimbley – 217-232-1949

Pastor Evan – 812-698-7504

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1 - Lara Athey

1 - Kolbie Patchett

1 - Nate & Lee Ann Gilbert

7 - Sharon Roberts

8 - Jon Hayes

11 - Makenna Graham

12 - Ruthie Wimbley

12 - John Ramsey

17 - Larry Patchett

19 - Dinah Wimbley

28 - Tony Butcher

28 - Chase Whitton

29 - Moe & Ruthie Wimbley

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> Elder: Larry Patchett <b>FH Reserved PM</b>	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> <b>Blood Drive Noon-6 pm</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Church Board Mtg. 7:00 pm</b>	7	8	9
<b>10</b> Elder: Ruthie Wimbley	<b>11</b> <b>MML 9 am</b>	12	<b>13</b> <b>Worship Team Mtg. 9:30 am</b>	14	15	16
<b>17</b> Elder: Dan Winn	<b>18</b> <b>MML 9 am</b>	19	20	21	22	23
<b>24</b> Elder: Sherri Butcher	<b>25</b> <b>MML 9 am</b>	26	<b>27</b> <b>Elders Mtg. 6:30 pm</b>	28	29	30
<b>31</b> Elder: Sharon Durham		<b>FH – Fellowship Hall</b> <b>MML – Monday Morning Ladies</b> <u><b>SUNDAYS</b></u> <u><b>9:00 am Sunday School, 10:00 am Worship</b></u>				