Excitement is in the Air!

Completion is CLOSE!

As ESCC gets closer to the completion of a finished campus, the Elders want to communicate with you the desire for the church family. We want you to join, with us, in prayer and begin the process of making our hearts and minds ready for this transition. Please pray for the following transitional goals as we move closer to a finished campus:

“Elm Street Christian Church will transition into the building with excitement, and a steadfast devotion to the church body. We want ESCC to be a beacon of God’s goodness to the surrounding community. Because God has blessed us with great facilities we want to honor God through this great gift. We want ESCC to be a place where life is shared in moments of connection and be a place people call home.”

Fall is upon us...

It’s time to get geared up for Fall schedules.

ESCC ministries offer a variety of opportunities to get more involved and grow your faith. Opportunities include: Sunday School classes, Small Groups, Children’s Ministry, JHM, HSM, Ladies’ Night Out, Men’s Lunch and more. See inside for more details.
Sunday, September 10, kicks off a 10-week sermon series titled **Diagnosing Your Spiritual Health**. This series will give us a practical, hands on examination of our spiritual lives.

Imagine it like this: It is late at night and you are driving down the highway. You need to find Exit 30. Your guides are the mile markers. You look and see a mile marker and it says Mile Marker 20—You know you are 10 miles from your exit. After a bit of driving, you find the sign Mile Marker 29—and you know what is next! Your Exit!!!

This sermon series will help each of us to identify our next step. We will begin to see how God is growing our faith. We will extremely valuable Paul says it like this, the life to come (1 Timothy 4:8).”

**Come join us as we pursue godliness and as we examine our spiritual health!**

**Casey Kleeman, Sr Minister**

**Heartfelt Sympathy to**

The family of Bernice Negley, a long-time member of ESCC.

Justin Holdrieth and family following the loss of his step father, George Hiles.

The family of Debbie Weiss, an ESCC attendee.

Please keep these families in prayer.

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**Children’s Ministry**

**BUBBLE & WATER PARTY**
Friday, September 8
ESCC, 9-10am

This is for all children 4 and under, Kids will get messy, Bring a change of clothes!

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**KIDZ BIBLE KLUB**

**BEGINs WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Kidz Bible Klub is for children in grades K-5. It is a fast-paced environment that keeps children hopping! KBK meets each Wednesday from 3:30-5pm in Fellowship Hall.

Each week, KBK includes snacks, Bible teaching, games, and much more. Each child has the opportunity to earn special badges for completing certain activities and Bible memory.

Each child **MUST** have a NEW Activity Participation Agreement filled out and on file with Elm Street Christian Church to attend. Transportation is available from the Elementary School. Parents MUST come into the Fellowship Hall to pick up children.

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**STAR DANCE STUDIO PARTY**
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**
**1-3PM**

Due to early school dismissal on Wednesday, September 13, Kidz Bible Klub will sponsor a party at Star Studio (120 W Cherry St). from 1-3pm. This event is for Kidz Bible Klub attendees. **You MUST** be registered for Kidz Bible Klub and have a NEW Activity Participation Agreement filled out and on file with Elm Street Christian Church to attend. Transportation from the Elementary School to Star Studio is available. Parents must pick up children at Star Studio (120 W Cherry St, Olney).

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**Love God and Love Others**

Love God and love others! It sounds so simple, but we all struggle at times to live it out. We struggle because we insert pride, selfishness, unforgiveness and complaining into the mix. No one is immune, but as followers of Christ we should be putting more effort into ridding ourselves of these.

What does it mean to love God? It means we are obedient to what He says (John 14:15). If we constantly fail to obey His commands it simply means that we love what WE have chosen to do over what HE wants us to do! Loving God also means we walk humbly with Him (Micah 6:8). We know our place! God calls the shots! We don’t. Of our own we have nothing to offer. Any talent, ability, skill, or bank account is only a result of Him blessing us! He gives us these things to glorify Him and meet the needs of others. When we use them to show off, assert control, or glorify ourselves, we’re not loving God.

What does it mean to love others? We humbly set aside our wants, needs, and preferences for what best helps others (Phil. 2:3-4). We only say things that build others up (Eph. 4:29). We adjust our actions based on the feelings of others (Romans 14:15). Most families are dysfunctional to some degree, and the church family is no exception. But families love each other, stick together, give and take, and have each other’s backs. When we backbite and complain about every little thing (the music, the preaching, etc.) we’re not loving each other! We must understand that our choice, our way, may not be what’s best for others!

**Greg Michels, Elder**
**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**JHM/HSM**

**Wednesdays 6:30-8pm**

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**Resumes Sunday, September 10**

**High School Lunch**

**Resumes Monday, September 18**

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For students that need a ride, the ESCC bus will pick up and drop off at the high school.

Freshmen...you will need a signed note from your parent to give the high school office that statement, and concert by For Heaven’s Sake.

Early Bird Registration by September 1 is $12; otherwise, $15. Register online at oilbelt.com or contact the camp office.

**BOBE’S PIZZA**

**WEDNESDAY, September 6**

All men are invited to lunch at BOBE for lunch and fellowship on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Bring a friend and join us!

**Preschool Needs Your Help**

The preschool department is collecting any size clear soda bottles and any size tin cans. You may drop them off in the designated boxes in Fellowship Hall.

**CONNECT**

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

**Begins Sunday, September 3**

Jason Burckhartt will lead Galatians at CHERRY in room 104. Casey Kleeman will lead 1 Timothy in the Worship Center. See your Sunday Bulletin for a complete list of Sunday School classes and location. Why not join a class and dig deeper into God’s Word?

**Small Group Signups**

Small groups this year will be BIG! Small group material will be based on the sermons. If you are not already in a group, please sign up at the Information Center and someone will contact you. Groups will resume September 10.

**Deadline to Register for Financial Peace**

is Wednesday, September 6. Sign up at the Information Center. Financial Peace is a nine-lesson class on money. It will meet at CHERRY on Monday evenings beginning September 18 at 6pm. A minimum of 5 people is required. The cost is $100 and is due at sign up. Contact Brian and Laurie Toliver for more information.

DivorceCare & GriefShare will kick off the Holiday season with a special seminar, Surviving the Holidays. DivorceCare and GriefShare weekly sessions will begin in January. Watch the Sunday Bulletin for details and dates.

**FALL TOGETHER**

**October 1st 4-7:30**

**Rotary Kiwanis Park**

Fire - Blow-up Soccer - Disc Golf
9 Square - Fireworks - Playground
Wiggle Wagons - Campfire Songs

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**BOX CITY**

**October 20; 6pm-8pm**

Bringing back an oldy but a goody! Box City is for high school students only.

At Box City students will be in groups of at least 2 where they will fend for themselves for 1 night. This means: finding food, shelter, and water.

The “base camp” will be on the lawn of CHERRY. The point of this event is to open our eyes to see what it is like to be homeless. During this time, we expect God to speak to our eyes to see what it is like to be homeless.

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**New Year’s Eve Bash**

**Wednesday, December 30**

The theme this year is based off the Stranger Things TV show. Come prepared to learn about spiritual warfare and eat a lot of waffles!!!
### Birthdays

1. Aliyah Hall
2. Mil Boxdorfer
3. Jackie Black
4. Ron Hunley, Paige Liston, Gabe Walker
5. Isabella Bussard, Debbie Denton, Cade Erwin, Vicki Lobacz, Maddeline Maxey
6. Braydon Beard, Gabby Lowe
7. Janice Gray, Chelsey Mick, Sonja Music
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10. Bill Clow Jr, Zoe Kleeman, Brandon Liston
11. Mason Toliver
12. Pat Riggs
13. Derrick Lawless
14. Mason Toliver
15. Bubba’s Pizza; noon
16. Kidz Bible Klub ESCC; 3:30-5pm
17. JHM/HSM CHERRY; 6:30-8pm
18. M/M Tug Murbarger
19. M/M Wayne Gray
20. M/M Tony Black, Colleen Inyart, Rose Sanner
21. Rick Tarpley
22. Josiah Umfleet
23. Tony Black, Colleen Inyart, Rose Sanner
24. Rick Tarpley
25. Gail Hixon, Terry Puckett

### Anniversaries

4. M/M Michael Conn
5. M/M Jason Henton
6. M/M Ben Inskeep
7. M/M Anthony Troester
8. M/M Lynden Balding
9. M/M Chad LeCroy
10. M/M David Fox
11. M/M Eric Smith
12. M/M Chad LeCroy
13. M/M Wayne Gray
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15. Rick Tarpley
16. Josiah Umfleet
17. Tony Black, Colleen Inyart, Rose Sanner
18. Mason Ridgley
19. Sherri Baker
20. Bev Dufilho, Diana Hagan, Miranda Harmon
21. M/M Anthony Troester
22. M/M Wayne Gray
23. M/M David Fox
24. M/M Lynden Balding
25. M/M Chad LeCroy
26. M/M Michael Conn
27. M/M Jason Henton
28. M/M Ben Inskeep

### Baptism/Membership

Austin Vaughn
PO Box 104
Olney, IL 62450

Charlene Read
120 S Silver St
Olney, IL 62450

Faith Goff
315 West N Ave
Olney, IL 62450

### Births

Congratulations to Andrew & Lisa Cardinal on the birth of their son, Noah James, born on Wednesday, August 23. Grandparents are Dan & Paula Cardinal.