



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*Under His Wings*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Sunday, July 30th to Monday, August 7th** Pray for all who are on the Costa Rica Mission Trip and working with the Abraham Project

**Sunday, August 6th** Pasta or Spaghetti Sauce are due in Beebe Hall for Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

**Tuesday, August 8th** Elders meet @ 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, August 18th** Youth Event (9th to 12th grades) To Be Announced

**Saturday, August 19th** Children Event (6th grade and under) Back To School party

**Sunday, August 20th** Bakeless Bake Sale for Heartland Christian Village. Donations will be received in the foyer. Write checks to Heartland Christian Village Activity Director.

**Sunday, August 20th** Bill & Daisy Fry's 60th Anniversary from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 23rd** The youth and Junior High (6th grade to 12th grade) will meet @ 5:30 p.m. for supper and bible study.

## **Ponderings of the Preacher . . .**

Throughout this year, we have been commemorating 150 years of our congregation's life and service in the Effingham community. For all of us as human beings, 150 years is a long, long time. There are many in our congregation who can comprehend the length of half that time but none of us can grasp and understand from personal experience the time span of 150 years. However, the God we love and serve surely can! The length of time our congregation has been in existence is a mere drop in the bucket compared to the history of mankind and even less when compared to eternity. "But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day" (2 Peter 3:8).

We celebrate the events of the past. We plan for the future. But we must take advantage of the time we have in the present. "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time." (Colossians 4:5 King James Version) The New International Version translates that verse as "make the most of every opportunity." I want to encourage you to make the most of every opportunity to celebrate this anniversary of our congregation's existence.

We hope that you can be present with us on the weekend of September 9-10.

On that Saturday evening at 6:00 we will get together for a time of fellowship and worship. We are planning on home-made ice cream. Carroll Lewis, interim minister two different times at First Christian Church, will be present with us to share some memories as well as devotional thoughts. Pee Wee Denton will be leading us in an old-fashioned sing-a-long. The time capsule enclosed in the cornerstone will be opened.

On September 10, we will continue the celebration. Joe Briseno who was the pastor here in the early 2000's will be here to present the morning message. Following the morning worship service, the church family will share lunch in the fellowship hall.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate the life and ministry of First Christian Church.

C U N Church,  
David



### ***Serving In August***

**Elder:** Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating

**Deacons:** Tom Shouse, Martin Zubiate, George Shouse, Toby Wolke

**Deaconesses:** April Moeller, Sandi Donaldson

<b>7-23-17 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$3,856.35 includes Faith Promise Offering</b>	<b>7-30-17 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$ 4,233.56 includes Faith Promise</b>
Worship: 86                      Sunday School: 19	Worship: 118                      Sunday School: 24
<b>Faith Promise Missions: \$185.00</b> 150th Anniversary T-Shirts: \$7.25	<b>Faith Promise Offering: \$475.00</b> T-shirts For 150th Ann.: \$14.50
Costa Rica Mission Trip \$142.00    Building: \$40.00	Costa Rica Mission Trip \$ 820.00    Building: \$40.00
Sunday School: \$10.00	Sunday School: \$16.25    USPS Permit Refund: \$20.44

**August 6th Greeters:** Sandy Grimsley & Judy Tapp **August 6th Home Communion:** Kevin Jamison & Jeff Akeman

**August 13th Greeters:** Don & Bev Thoele **August 13th Home Communion:** Larry Thomason & Dennis Young

## ***Young @ Heart***

### **Tuesday, August 8th**

Come @ 9:00 a.m. to share in coffee/tea,  
fellowship and prayer in Beebe Hall

All 50 and over are invited to come and be with  
us on Tuesday mornings



## ***Brad Arney***

### **Card Shower**

Brad will be 90 years old on August 9th. Please send him a birthday greeting or  
just a phone call to wish him well.



## ***60th Wedding Anniversary***

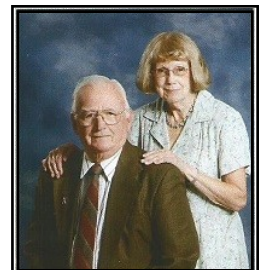
### **Sunday, August 20th**

Come and celebrate with Bill & Daisy Fry

**Where:** First Christian Church Fellowship Hall

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cards are welcome, but please no gifts





# Prayer Requests



**Homebound and Nursing Home:** Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Cecil "Paul" Richey, Wilma Sherrick, Marie Fulk, Harry Johnson, Don VanDeveer, Lulubelle Winn, Oneida Lewis, Elinor Wolford, Elfrieda Zerkel, Eldon Ooton, Darlene Zimdars, Agnes Simpson



**Cancer:** Laura Knierim, Sharon Douglas, Shirley Strickland, Ron Anderson, Tatum, Ashley Judd, Linda Smith, Paul Dempsey, Barb Eaton, Patty Willis, Alayna Plank, Renae Metke, Andy, Mike Page, Tom Koester, Brett Walker, Gary Lewis, Brandy Harper, Tiffany Dunaway, Brad Arney's Great Grandson Parker Burns, Susie Mast, Nancy Koester, Patrice Runyon, John Arnold, Carley Tull, Robert Barkauska, Jessica Baker, Nikki Szyonik, Katie Krueger, Misty Ulmer, Lanny Grove, Joshua McConnell, Rosemary Niemerg, Paula Jones, Mike Altgilbers, Ruth, Barb Gaddis, Elizabeth Weidner, Trish Couch, Wyatt Smith, Dallas Parkhurst, Ray Bushue, Bill Dentln, Darrell Raymond, Jane Ann's Friend, Joy Gamber, Gene Moeller, Angie Thomason, Cindy Thomason, Ellen Walk, Sue Heth, Ken Gilbert, Arlene Mullen, Donna Pollock, Cheryl Woodard, Joe Stoops, Roland O'Leary, Jill Fiddler, Scott Chalcant, Dallas Hurst, Caleb, Tammy Zuber, Mary Vail, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Linda Packer, Diane Slone, Jim Coatney, Elizabeth-7year old, Candy Walden, Ken Roley



**Special Needs:** Darlene & Gary Elliott, Elaine Griffin, Mary Muntean, Russ Mitchell, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, David Shouse, Brad Donaldson, Yin Ying Zhang, Callista Denoyer, Patsy Dyer's son-Joey, Sarah Gremo & Cal, John Weiffenbach, Cathy, Marvin Book, Ron Thomason, Lolita, Sheila Hutcheson's neighbor, Tracey Scoggins, Paul & Linda Richey, Venezuela, Lydie Anderson

(These names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Then, we need an update to put their names back on this Special Needs list.)



**Missions:** Costa Rica Mission Trip (July 31st to August 7th)



**Military:** J.R. Trueblood, Troops in harms way, Tyler Cross in the Air Force



**Grieving Families:** Leonard Miller Family, Luella Livingston Family, Richard Tucker Family, Bill Ramsey Family



## Junior High & Youth W.O.W.

### Wednesday, August 23rd

Junior High, 6th, 7th, 8th graders, and Youth, 9th through 12th graders will begin W.O.W. for the season at 5:30 p.m. with supper and Bible study to follow.





## *Children's Event*

### **Saturday, August 19th**

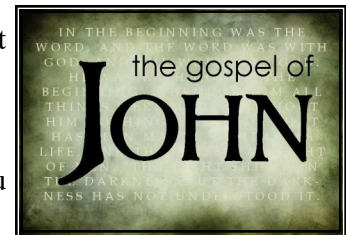
Come, 6th graders and under, Join us for a Back To School Party from 10:00 a.m. to noon



## *August Challenge*

### **Eliminating Biblical Illiteracy**

Biblical illiteracy has increased dramatically in recent years. People including Christians know less and less about the Bible. If we claim to be a people of the Book, we should have a working knowledge of the Bible. During the next several months, we as a congregation will be working toward eliminating Biblical illiteracy by increasing our knowledge and understanding of the Bible. Each month we will be focusing on a different part of the Bible and attempting to increase our knowledge of that part of Scripture. **In August, our challenge is to memorize the seven "I Am" statements that Jesus made in the Gospel of John.** This ought to be an easier task than many of the others we have been working on. Won't you join us in this worthwhile endeavor? Be sure to pick up your Bible question calendar for August



## *Immeasurable Harvest*

### **2016-2017 Faith Promise Giving**

#### **Promised**

\$38,790

#### **Given**

\$28,768



## *Bakeless Bake Sale*

### **Sunday, August 20th**

Donations will be accepted in the foyer before and after worship service for Heartland Christian Village. The proceeds will go toward the purchase of a "Vein Finder", New Table Cloths and New Dining Chair Cushions

