



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Under His Wings

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, September 26th Young @
Heart will meet @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee/tea, fellowship and prayer

Wednesday, September 27th The
adults, children (5th grade and under)
youth and Junior High (6th grade to
12th grade) will meet @ 5:30 p.m. for
supper and bible study.

Sunday, October 1st Calvary Baptist
Food Pantry items of Pizza Crust,
Pizza Sauce or Cereal is due in Beebe
Hall

Tuesday, October 3rd The elders'
meeting meets at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 10th Women's
Ministry meets @ 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, October 15th to Sunday,
October 22nd** Faith Promise week
with speakers on both Sundays, on
Tuesday morning and Wednesday
evening

Sunday, October 22nd Pot luck
Lunch directly after worship service

Tuesday, October 31st Treat Town—
Sign up sheet for a room is in the
foyer

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

I hope you were able to be present for our anniversary celebration. I have heard several people comment on how much they enjoyed the weekend services. It was wonderful to see the good attendance at both of the services.

On Saturday night the fellowship room was full. It was a marvelous time of worship in song. A big thanks goes to Pee Wee Denton for playing the piano and to Don Thoele for leading the songs. It was a great time of inspiration and encouragement. Thanks to Carroll Lewis for leading us in the devotional thought. Everyone seemed to enjoy the ice cream and cake. That really was no surprise. What an exciting time it was opening up the time capsule. Making it even more special was the fact that there were 13 people present who were there when the capsule was put into the cornerstone 45 years ago. Bill Fry who sealed it shut 45 years ago was able to cut it open. What an example of faithfulness to the Lord has been set by those folks! On Sunday morning, we had another great time of worship. Thanks to Jane Ann Zerkel for planning the song services for these last 5 weeks and to Delaine Donaldson for sharing what was happening in our community and world throughout our church's existence. Also thanks to Delaine for his presentation of W.T. Gordon. Everyone enjoyed the lunch following the services. I also want to thank those who served on the anniversary committee for the hard work in planning the events held in this year's celebration.

We have celebrated the church's faithfulness to serving Christ for 150 years. Now, let us continue to be faithful in serving Jesus. In the words of the Apostle Paul, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13).

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning as our church family gathers for worship.

C U N Church,
David



<i>Serving In September</i> <i>Elder:</i> Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating <i>Deacons:</i> Tom Waldhoff, Vernon Jamison, Don Thoele, Kevin Jamison <i>Deaconesses:</i> Angie Spillman, Jane Ann Zerkel	
<i>9-10-17 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$3,735.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>9-17-17 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$3,421.00 includes Faith Promise</i>
<i>Worship:</i> 130 <i>Sunday School:</i> 6	<i>Worship:</i> 100 <i>Sunday School:</i> 26
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$230.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise Offering: \$270</i>
<i>Wedding Fees:</i> \$475.00 <i>Building:</i> \$40.00	<i>Senior Day At Oil Belt:</i> \$ 28.00 <i>Building:</i> \$40.00
<i>Sunday School:</i> \$6.00	<i>Sunday School:</i> \$ 16.00

September 24th Greeters: Reenie Miller

September 24th Home Communion: David McConnell & Tom Shouse

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, September 26th

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

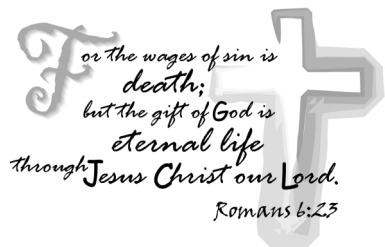


September Challenge

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 September, our challenge is to become familiar with the terms of salvation that are outlined in the book of Acts. If someone were to ask you what they needed to do in order to become a Christian, would you be able to answer them? The answer we would give needs to be the one that was given when that question was first asked in the first century. Be sure to pick up your Bible question calendar for September.





Prayer Requests



Homebound and Nursing Home: Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Cecil "Paul" Richey, Wilma Sherrick, Marie Fulk, Don VanDeveer, 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 Szynonik, Katie Krueger, Misty Ulmer, Lanny Grove, Joshua McConnell, Rosemary Niemerg, Paula Jones, Ruth, Barb Gaddis, Elizabeth Weidner, Trish Couch, Wyatt Smith, Dallas Parkhurst, Ray Bushue, Bill Dentln, Jane Ann's Friend, Joy Gamber, Gene Moeller, Angie Thomason, Ellen Walk, Sue Heth, Ken Gilbert, Arlene Mullen, Donna Pollock, Cheryl Woodard, Joe Stoops, 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, Lois Bartels, Aretha Young & her husband, John Cordes, Cindy Meitzner



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, Elaine Griffin, Mary Muntean, Russ Mitchell, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, David Shouse, Brad Donaldson, Yin Ying Zhang, Callista Denoyer, Sarah Gremo & baby Cal, John Weiffenbach, Cathy, Marvin Book, Ron Thomason, Lolita, Tracey Scoggins, Paul & Linda Richey, Venezuela, Lydie Anderson, Glen Anderson, Mason Fernandez, Grandma Lucille, Marita Boyce, Gary, students and teachers, Texas Flood Victims, Kayla Cordes, Holly-Justine's co-worker, Dennis Young's Friends, Dan Richey, Barb Wymo, Dale Loy, Sue Thomason, Adam Stoops, Ken Thomason, David Cunningham's Mother-in-law, Uncle George Daley

(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: Faith Promise Rally October 15th through October 22nd



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



Grieving Families: Cindi Thomason Family, John Slaughter Family, Roland O'Leary Family, Lulubell Winn Family, Harry Johnson Family, LeAnn Trueblood Family, Eleanor Byers Family, John Cordes Family

Thank You Church Family

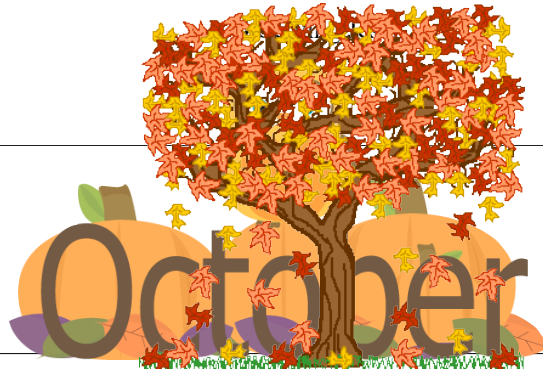
We Appreciate You

We just want to thank the church family for all the cards, prayers and well wishes for our 50th wedding anniversary.

We feel very blessed by all the people who remembered us on this occasion.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,
George & Marcie Shouse





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items due	2	3 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. Elders' meet @ 6:30 p.m.	4 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	5	6	7
8	9	10 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. Women's Ministry meets @ 6:30 p.m.	11 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	12	13	14
15 Amy Kemp and Terry Stine Speak during worship service for Faith Promise Week	16	17 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. Heartland Christian Village speaker @ 9:00 a.m.	18 Oil Belt Camp and Christian Campus House Invited To Speak At W.O.W.	19	20 Youth Event TBA	21 Children's Event from 10:00 a.m. to Noon
22 C.M.F., Feed the Crave, Y.W.A.M., Salvation Army & HIS KIDS invited to speak Potluck Lunch After Worship	23	24 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	25 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	26	27	28
29	30	31 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. Treat Town from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	<p>“and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”</p> <p>Philippians 4:7 (NKJV)</p>			

October Anniversaries & B-Days

2-Russ Mitchell-BD	15-Cleone Bloemker-BD
2-Dennis Young	16-Randy & Kim Bushue-WA
3-Matthew Vonderheide-BD	18-Gary & Darlene Elliott-WA
3-Terry & Ruth Trueblood-WA	19-Judy Gregory-BD
4-Dennis & Mimi Bushue-WA	20-Holly Arney-BD
4-Delaine Donaldson-BD	24-Darlene Reynolds-BD
4-Sue Thomason-BD	24-Marie Waddell-BD
5-Regina Curry-BD	25-Chris Denoyer-BD
9-Maleah Rose Lewis-BD	27-Jackie Scott-BD
11-Julie Healy-BD	27-Vicky Maxwell-BD
11-Pat Martin-BD	27-Lisa Guthrie-BD
11-Jesse & Gabi Bushue-WA	30-Alandra Davidson-BD
	30-Teresa Stanfield-BD



Faith Promise

2016-2017 Faith Promise Giving	
<u>Promised</u>	<u>Given</u>
\$38,790	\$31,438

Make A Difference

Faith Promise Rally

When: Sunday, October 15th through Sunday, October 22nd

- ♦ **Sunday, October 15th**—Terry Stine, the new president, of St. Louis Christian College will be the main speaker. Amy Kemp from Oblong Children's' Christian Home will also speak (The Faith promise Cards will be passed out)
- ♦ **Tuesday, October 17th**—have coffee, tea and donuts. Heartland Christian Village and FISH have been invited to speak on this day **9:00 a.m.** to 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Wednesday, October 18th**—**6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Representatives from Christian Campus House EIU and Oil Belt Christian Service Camp have been invited to speak.
- ♦ **Sunday, October 22nd**—during worship service the following have been invited to speak: Christian Missionary Fellowship, Feed the Crave, Youth With A Mission, Salvation Army and H.I.S. K.I.D.S.



Lunch: Church Family invited to stay for pot luck lunch after worship service on Sunday, October 22nd in Beebe Hall.

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."
1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)



Rev. Beebe's Letter From 1973

LAWRENCE G. BEEBE, PASTOR

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April 22, '73
Easter Sunday

To you who open this box:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We join with you in spirit, for we pray for all who today serve our Lord in this place and for all who shall serve Him here in time to come. May God always bless His work with His Presence and Power.

It has been our privilege to build this Church in '72, and our first Worship was on December 24th of '72. Today we are laying the Cornerstone. On Sunday, June 10th, we will dedicate this facility. We trust that in the years to come His Word of Truth will be proclaimed here, souls will be saved, and Christians strengthened. God Bless You All.

Lawrence G. Beebe
"A GLOWING CHURCH IN A GROWING COMMUNITY" Pastor