



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, November 22nd

No W.O.W. due to Thanksgiving holiday

Tuesday, November 28th Young @ Heart meet at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 29th W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 3rd Flour, Baking Powder, Sugar or Cereal is due for Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Tuesday, December 5th Elders meet @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 9th Children's Event—Birthday Party for Jesus from 10:00 a.m. to noon; then, practice for the Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 10th Children's Christmas Program during worship service; then, stay for the Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner directly after worship service

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Irma and I want to thank all of those who shared cards and gifts with us for Pastor Appreciation month. We surely appreciate all of the kind words and encouragement you shared with us.

Since Thanksgiving is this week, may each of us give thanks to the Lord above!

1. Give thanks for food – “When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. (Deuteronomy 8:10)

2. Give thanks for Jesus – For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor that you through His poverty, might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

3. Give thanks for salvation – Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:12-14)

4. Give thanks for family and friends – I thank God every time I remember you. (Philippians 1:3)

5. Give thanks for special favors – Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress ... Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men. (Psalm 107:19, 21)

6. Give thanks for all God's gifts – Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, “The Lord reigns!” Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. (1 Chronicles 16:31-32, 34)

Irma and I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving! We hope to see you this coming Lord's Day morning when we gather for worship.

C U N Church,
David

***Serving In November******Elder:*** Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating***Deacons:*** Chris Hutcheson, Kelvin Williams, John Donathan, Larry Thomason***Deaconesses:*** Sandy Grimsley & Linda Packer

<i>11-12-17 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$4,051.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>11-19-17 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$4,415.26 includes Faith Promise</i>
Worship: 108 Sunday School: 24	Worship: 110 Sunday School: 25
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$385.00</i> <i>Bud Byers Memorial: \$170.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise Offering: \$205.00</i>
<i>Building: \$40.00</i> <i>Lulabelle Winn \$100.00</i>	<i>Building: \$40.00</i> <i>Use of Beebe Hall: \$200.00</i>
<i>Sunday School: \$18.00</i> <i>Oblong Children's Christian Home: \$111.00</i>	<i>Sunday School: \$15.00</i> <i>Donations for OCC shipping: \$465.00</i>

November 26th Greeters: Chris & Sheila Hutcheson***November 26th Home Communion:*** Larry Maxwell & Toby Wolke***December 3rd Greeters:*** Barb Morrison & June Ashley***December 3rd Home Communion:*** David McConnell

Young @ Heart

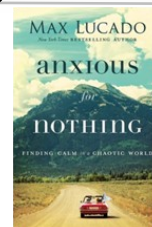
Tuesday, November 28th

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



W.O.W. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, November 29th***Adult s, Youth (6th -11th grades) & Young adults (12th grade and over) Children (5th grade and under)*****W.O.W. begins @ 5:30 p.m. with supper, then worship in song and Bible study to follow.**

Thank You

The Family of Lulabelle Winn

Thank you for all the prayers, gifts and cards given for our mom. We appreciate you all.

Becky Jewell

Kathy Brasel

Karen Wix

Charlotte Ervin

Earlene McClaine

Allen Yoy

Debra Davis

Tammy Starr



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 Szyonik, Katie Krueger, Misty Ulmer, Lanny Grove, Joshua McConnell, Rosemary Niemerg, Paula Jones, Ruth, Barb Gaddis, Elizabeth Weidner, Wyatt Smith, Dallas Parkhurst, Ray Bushue, Bill Dentln, Jane Ann's Friend, Joy Gamber, Gene Moeller, Ellen Walk, Sue Heth, Ken Gilbert, Arlene Mullen, Cheryl Woodard, Joe Stoops, Jill Fiddler, Scott Chalcant, Dallas Hurst, Caleb, Tammy Zuber, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Diane Slone, Elizabeth-7year old, Candy Walden, Ken Roley, Lois Bartels, Aretha Young & her husband, Cindy Meitzner, Leroy Lester, Mat Reed, Adam Stoops, Craig Lattig, Allen Griffin, Kathy Schroeder



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, Elaine Griffin, Mary Muntean, Russ Mitchell, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, David Shouse, Brad Donaldson, Callista Denoyer, Sarah Gremo & baby Cal, John Weiffenbach, Ron Thomason, Lolita, Lydie Anderson, Holly-Justine's Friend, Dan Richey, Dale Loy, Ken Thomason, Glen Anderson, Amy Sidwell, Larry Harvey, Zoe Sanchez-Grubb, Nancy Miller—(Gen Byers' Daughter), Haylee Miller, Gary Berlin, Jim Jones, Lucas McCarty, Sara Grubb, Carolyn—(Judy Gregory's Sister-in-law), Velma Thomason, Cheryl Fagg, Olivia Adams

(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: Steve Ernest-3 week trip to Rwanda to work with refugees from Sudan



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



Grieving Families: Elenor Elliott Family, Lois Ayers Family, Bud Byers Family, Leon Fulk Family, Andrew Gates Family

OCC Thank You Church Family

One Hundred Fifteen Shoeboxes




Thank you church family for your awesome response to Operation Christmas Child. We are amazed and humbled by the outpouring of monetary donations for shipping; filling shoeboxes; buying all year long; and praying for the children who receive the boxes.



Thanks to Bonnie, April, Reenie, Sonya, Cleone and Laurie for helping with filling the boxes during Children's Church. Thanks to Pastor Martin and the youth for filling boxes at W.O.W. Thanks to Women's ministry for the start up donation to buy items for the shoeboxes. Special thanks to Claudine for donations throughout the year. You are all awesome! ~Elaine

December 2017

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disci- ple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. Luke 9:23				1	2	
3 Calvary Baptist Food Pantry Items Due	4	5 Young @ Heart —9:00 a.m. Elders’ Meet @ 6:30 p.m.	6 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	7	8	9 Children’s Event —10:00 a.m. to noon; then, Christ- mas program practice
10 Christmas Program dur- ing worship service; then dinner in Beebe Hall	11	12 Young @ Heart —9:00 a.m. Women’s Min- istry Meets @ 6:30 p.m.	13 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	14	15 Youth Christmas Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.	16
17	18	19 Young @ Heart —9:00 a.m.	20 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m. Last W.O.W. of the Year	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve Candle light service @ 5:00 p.m.	25 	26 Young @ Heart —9:00 a.m.	27 No W.O.W.	28	29	30
31 New Year’s Eve Party 	In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 					

December Birthdays & Ann.

1—Christopher McCammon	BD	22—Adi Davidson	BD
4—Eldon Ooton	BD	23—Lisa Frieze	BD
7—Kiel Moeller	BD	27—Michelle Vonderheide	BD
7—Shane Waldhoff	BD	28—Aly Spillman	BD
14—Toby Wolke	BD	28—John Guthrie	BD
16—Chris & Angie Denoyer	WA	30—Sam McCammon	BD
16—Marcie Shouse	BD	30—Cathy Waldhoff	BD
16—Kacey Scoggins	BD	31—Anita Cowger	BD
17—Clara Harris	BD	31—Brad & Holly Arney	WA
17—Gary & Teresa Stanfield	WA		
17—Mimi Bushue	BD		



Faith Promise

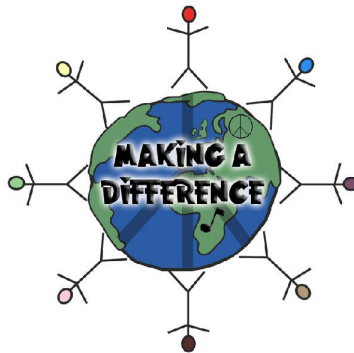
2017-2018 Faith Promise Giving

Promised

\$30,220.00

Given

\$2,755.00



November 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 November**, our challenge is to become more **familiar with basic facts about the church**. Won't you join us in this worthwhile endeavor? Be sure to pick up your Bible question calendar for November.





Oblong Children's Christian Home

Thank You For Donations

The total collected for the food pantry was \$1,256.00!!! That is so appreciated by the staff of the home. It will help fill the food pantry with items they are needing.



Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, December 3th

Flour, Baking Powder, Sugar or Cereal are due in Beebe Hall

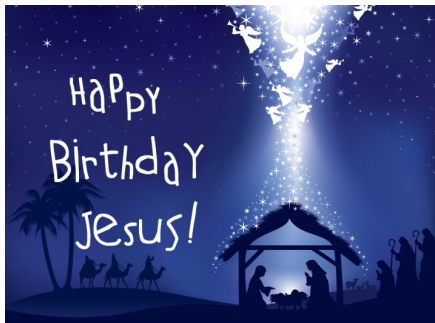


Children's Event

Saturday, December 9th

Meet in Beebe hall from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Birthday Party for Jesus.

Then, Stay for the children's program practice





Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 10th

God's Promise Came True is the title of the Children's Christmas Program. It will be during the worship service.

After the worship service, the Church Family is invited to the Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner.

Bring a vegetable, salad or dessert. Meat and drinks will be provided.

Jesus

Women's Ministry Party

Tuesday, December 12th

All women invited to come at **6:00 p.m. for soup and sub sandwiches**, chips and dessert hosted by the women's ministry. Secret Sisters will be revealed. This year, we ask that you bring a card to the secret sister and sign it to reveal to her who you are. Instead of a gift bring a money amount to be given for a donation to Oblong Children's Christian Home for the purpose of buying gifts for their Christmas.

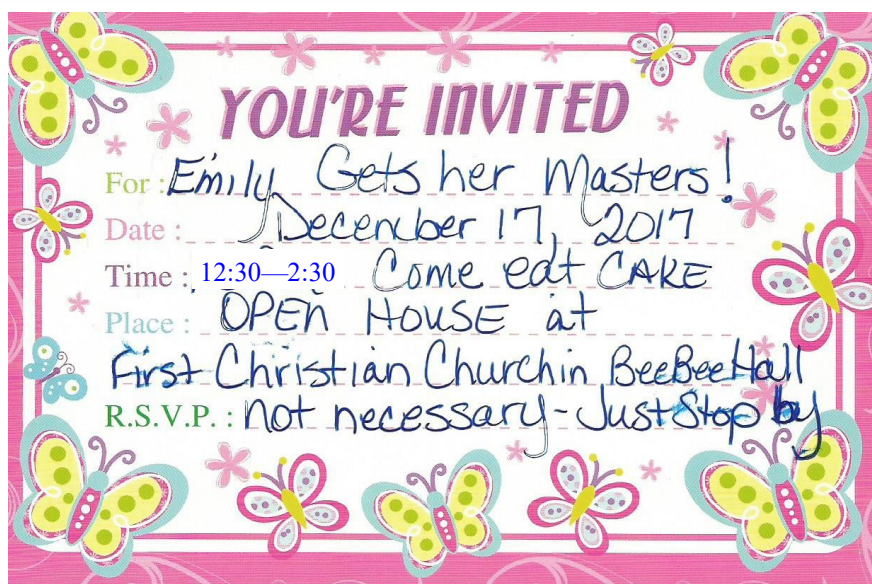


If you do not have a secret sister, bring a card with a **donation to the Oblong Children's Christian Home for the purpose of buying gifts for their Christmas.**

They have 19 children residing at the home now.

(If you wish to give a secret sister Christmas gift, please leave it on the Secret Sister table)

Emily Griffin Open House





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SERVICE REQUESTED



**Friday, November 24th
Begins Salvation Army
Bell Ringing—North
Door At Wal-Mart**



**Sign Up For A Time Slot To Ring
Bells**

Every Friday and Saturday from November 24th through Saturday, December 23rd

Share a two hours time frame with a friend.