



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Under His Wings

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, November 12th Donations
for Oblong Children's Christian
Home food pantry will be accepted
November 12th

**Monday, November 13th to Sunday,
November 19th** Operation Christmas
Child collection week. Shoeboxes
will be prayed over on Sunday, No-
vember 19th

Tuesday, November 14th Young @
Heart Meets @ 9:00 a.m. in Beebe
hall

Tuesday, November 14th Women's
Ministry meets @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, November 17th Youth Event
at 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, November 18th Children's
Event (6th grade and under) from
10:00 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, November 22nd
No W.O.W. due to Thanksgiving
holiday

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

The Dog Who Talked

A minister in North Carolina was surprised to find a large, white, nervous dog pacing back and forth in front of the church building one Sunday morning. It seemed to scrutinize each passing church member. It was almost as if the dog was looking for someone. It was not disruptive in any way, but did scan each arriving attendee in an apparent attempt to find someone. Everyone was curious about the dog and to whom it belonged.

Later, the minister learned the full story. The dog's master, a very consecrated Christian and faithful member of that church, had passed away while the dog was being cared for by a veterinarian. Somehow the dog had escaped from the vet's care and the dog went to a place where he had known his master to go regularly.

If this had been your dog and he had known the places you could be found, where would he have looked for you? Would his Sunday morning attempt to locate you have taken him to the golf course, the lake, the TV set, the restaurant, or the fishing dock? Would a search for you have led that dog to the garage, to the sports arena, the stores, or under the covers in the bedroom?

The dog who talked said that his master was willing to put Jesus first. And that said a lot about whoever that man was.

~Copied

We had a great time of worship this past Sunday morning. I hope that each of us will be present this coming Sunday morning when the church gathers for worship. I look forward to being able to greet each of you personally!

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			
10-22-17 Attendance & Giving Total: \$4,950.96 includes Faith Promise Offering		10-29-17 Attendance & Giving Total: 2,997.03 includes Faith Promise	
Worship: 94 Sunday School:14		Worship: 93 Sunday School:26	
Faith Promise Missions: \$335.00 Faith Promise 2017/2018:\$1,220.00		Faith Promise Offering:\$193.00 Donation, Use of Fellowship Hall:\$75.00	
Building:\$40.00 Chicken Donation:\$111.86		Building:\$40.00	
Sunday School:\$11.00 Faith Promise Lunch Donation:\$18.00		Sunday School:\$11.50	
11-5-2017 Attendance & Giving Total: \$5,406.00 includes Faith Promise Offering			
Worship:110		Sunday School:26	
Faith Promise:\$ 945.00		Sunday School:\$17.00	
Building:\$40.00 Senior Day @ Oil Belt Camp:\$12.00		Operation Christmas Child:\$100.00	
<u>November 12 Greeters:</u> Dennis & Mimi Bushue <u>November 12th Home Communion:</u> Chris Denoyer & Tom Waldhoff <u>November 19th Greeters:</u> Vernon & Shirley Jamison <u>November 19th Home Communion:</u> Greg Spillman & Martin Zubiarte			

Oblong Children's Christian Home

Food Pantry Donations

Sunday, November 12th

Donations will be accepted in the foyer which will be sent to Oblong Children's Christian Home so they can add items they need to their food pantry. If you forget to donate on that Sunday, you can give your check to Linda Shaw or Cleone Bloemker by November 26th.



Operation Christmas Child

November 13th Through November 19th

Please pick up a **shoebox in the foyer**. Fill it and bring it back on Sunday, Nov. 19th. We will pray over the boxes on that Sunday before they are delivered to Cornerstone Christian Church.

The amount for **postage** has raised to **\$9.00 per box** this year.

No toothpaste or candy are allowed this year.

As always no seeds, chocolate, food, liquids, lotions, medication, vitamins, breakable items, aerosol cans or war-related items.





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, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Linda Packer, 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



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, Sue Thomason, Ken Thomason, Glen Anderson, Amy Sidwell, Ruby Tabor, Larry Harvey, Judy Waters, Zoe Sanchez-Grubb, Nancy Miller—(Gen Byers' Daughter), Haylee Miller, Gary Berlin, Jim Jones, Leroy Lester, Lucas McCarty, Sara Grubb, Carolyn—(Judy Gregory's Sister-in-law)

(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: Mary Vail Family, Kay Turke Family, Kim Kobler Family, Randall Loy Family, Jim Coatney Family, Elenor Elliott Family, Lois Ayers Family, Bud Byers Family, Leon Fulk Family

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, November 14th

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





Faith Promise

2017-2018 Faith Promise Giving

Promised

\$30,220

Given

\$2,165.00

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.

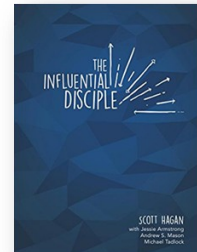
Women's Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th

Come and join us for prayer, fellowship and bible study **at 6:30 p.m.**

Our study is the video series by Scott & Karen Hagen, *The Influential Disciple*.

The Second session is *Spiritual Formation*.



We will copy each of the lesson's study guide pages from *The Influential Disciple Study Guide*.

W.O.W. Adult Bible Study

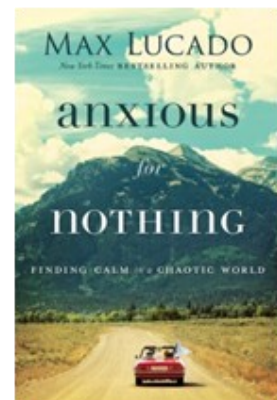
Wednesday, November 15th

Come join us on **Wednesday nights** for supper and Bible Study!!!

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.





Youth Event



Friday, November 17th

7th Grade through College

Thanksgiving dinner @ 6:00 p.m. in Beebe Hall



Children's Event

Saturday, November 18th

Meet in Beebe hall from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
Psalm 100:4,5a



Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, December 3th

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





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901 N. Henrietta
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SERVICE REQUESTED



**First Christian Church
901 N. Henrietta St.
Sunday, November 19th
Shoeboxes Will Be Prayed Over**



**Collection Week : is Monday,
November 13th through Sun-
day, November 19th**

**Shoeboxes are in the Foyer
for you to pick up at your
convenience**