



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*Under His Wings*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**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 Thanksgiv-  
ing/Christmas dinner directly after  
worship service

**Tuesday, December 12th** Young @  
Heart meet at 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 12th** Women's  
Ministry Christmas Party @ 6:00  
p.m.

**Wednesday, December 13th** W.O.W.  
meets @ 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 15th** Youth Christ-  
mas dinner @ 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 20th** Last  
W.O.W. of the year. We will go Car-  
oling that evening

**Sunday, December 24th** Candle light  
Service @ 5:00 p.m.

**Note:** Suggested Colors for Poinsettia  
are red or white with green paper/red  
bow



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

Technology is a wonderful thing as long as it works. Last Saturday I was finishing up my work on the Bible question calendar when the program that I was using on the computer quit working. If only it had continued to work for another thirty minutes, I would have completed the project. So all the work I had done was inaccessible and I could not print the calendars. I thought in place of the calendar, I might ask some questions here in my column and print the answers somewhere else in the newsletter.

The emphasis this month centers around the birth of Christ. This is a familiar story to us but sometimes we have added to what the Bible has actually said, made assumptions that have no biblical support, or have forgotten what the Bible actually says. To help refresh our memories, here are a few questions.

1. What are the two Gospel accounts where the birth of Jesus is related?  
a. Matthew and Mark b. Matthew and Luke c. Matthew and John
2. What Old Testament prophet spoke about the virgin birth?  
a. Isaiah b. Jeremiah c. Micah
3. What Old Testament prophet foretold the birthplace of the Messiah?  
a. Isaiah b. Jeremiah c. Micah
4. Why did Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem?  
a. They needed to get away from Nazareth b. Joseph's work took him there c. Joseph was a descendent of King David
5. How did Mary travel to Bethlehem?  
a. She rode a donkey b. She walked c. The Bible doesn't say
6. Because there was no room in the inn, Mary and Joseph ended up in a place where animals were kept. How did they learn about this place?  
a. the innkeeper showed them b. the innkeeper's wife after her husband turned them away showed them c. the Bible doesn't say
7. In accordance with their arrival in Bethlehem, when was Jesus born?  
a. on the very night of their arrival b. the very next day c. sometime while they were there
8. What was to be the sign to the shepherds so they might be able to identify the baby?  
a. the baby would be lying in a manger b. there would be a star over where the baby was c. they would receive additional directions when they arrived in Bethlehem
9. How many wise men (magi) came to see the new King of the Jews?  
a. 3 b. 7 c. the Bible doesn't say
10. What were the gifts given to the new King by the wise men?  
a. gold, silver and platinum b. gold, silver, and frankincense c. gold, frankincense and myrrh

Please answer all of the questions before looking at the answers. I hope you are able to enjoy the Christmas season. See you Sunday!

C U N Church,  
David

***Serving In December******Elder:*** Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating***Deacons:*** George Shouse, Martin Zubiata, Toby Wolke***Deaconesses:*** Bev Thoele & Mimi Bushue

<b><i>11-26-17 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$2,820.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>	<b><i>12-3-17 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$7,073.20 includes Faith Promise</i></b>
Worship:106                      Sunday School:31	Worship:97                      Sunday School:24
<b><i>Faith Promise Missions: \$190.00</i></b>	<b><i>Faith Promise Offering:\$1,105.00</i></b>
Building:\$40.00	Building:\$40.00
Sunday School:\$19.75	Sunday School:\$.14.70

***December 10th Greeters:*** Alexis Smith & Rachel Akeman ***December 10th Home Communion:*** Martin Reyes***December 17th Greeters:*** Delaine & Sandi Donaldson ***December 17th Home Communion:*** Kevin Jamison & Kelvin Williams

## *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.



## *Young @ Heart*

### **Tuesday, December 12th**

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



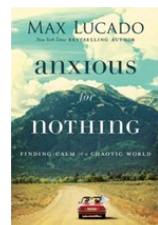
## *W.O.W. Adult Bible Study*

### **Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

W.O.W. begins @ 5:30 p.m. with supper, then worship in song and Bible study to follow.

**Wednesday, December 20th**—Last W.O.W. of this year

We are going Caroling after supper



# 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, Elbert Carnes



**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, 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, Nancy Miller—(Gen Byers' Daughter), Gary Berlin, Jim Jones, Lucas McCarty, Sara Grubb & Zoe, Carolyn—(Judy Gregory's Sister-in-law), Velma Thomason, Cheryl Fagg, Olivia Adams, Dorothy Locke, Josh & Rochelle Dunkel, Van Bogan, Shawn Bogan, Scott Figueroa, Lynn Weddle, Sandy Grimsley, Sally Ooton, Bob Reardon, Craig Lattig, Hazel Wyckoff, Rob Thomason, Joyce Jordon, Ethel Lash, Grandma Lucille, Brad Arney

(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:** Salvation Army & Operation Christmas Child



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



**Grieving Families:** Andrew Gates Family, Tom Welp Family

# Faith Promise

**2017-2018 Faith Promise Giving**

**Promised**

\$30,220.00

**Given**

\$4,050.00





## *Women's Ministry Party*

### **Tuesday, December 12th**

All women invited to come at 6:00 p.m. for soup and sub sandwiches, & chips

**Bring a dish to go with subs or a dessert.**

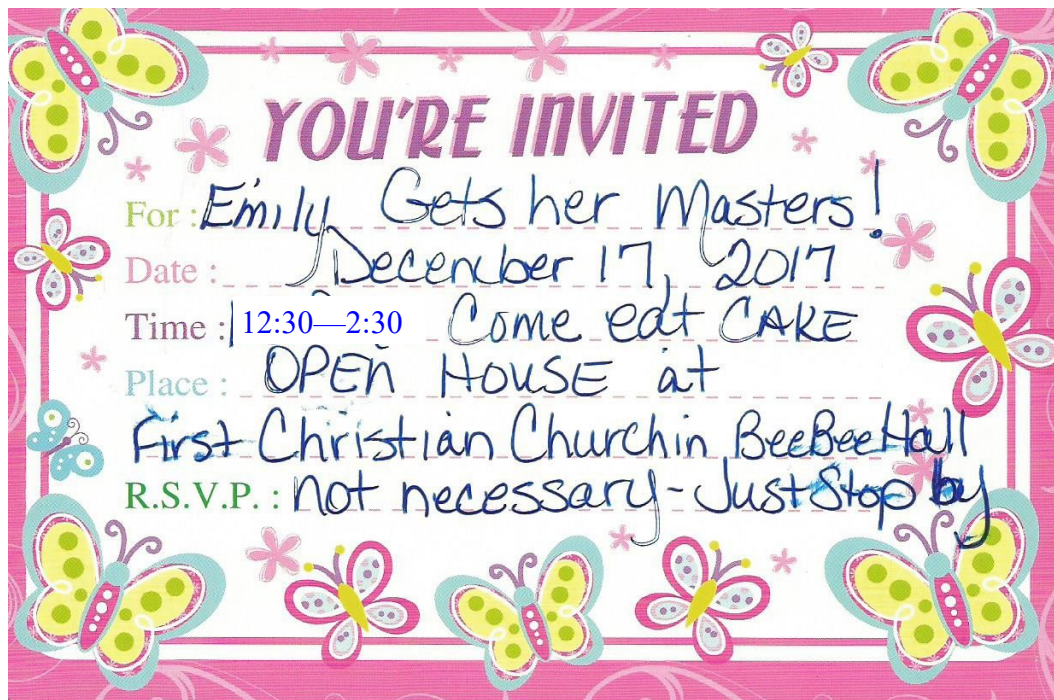
Secret Sisters will be revealed. This year, we ask that you bring a card to the secret sister and sign it to reveal to her who you are. Instead of a gift bring a money amount to be given for a donation to Oblong Children's Christian Home for the purpose of buying gifts for their Christmas.

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*







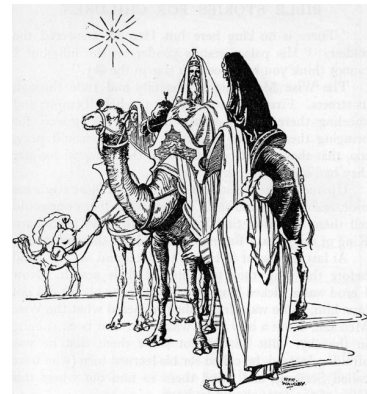
## *December Challenge*

### **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 December, our challenge is to become more familiar with basic facts about the birth of Christ. Won't you join us in this worthwhile endeavor?

Answers to questions in Ponderings of the Preacher

1. Matthew 1:18 – 2:12; Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20
2. Isaiah 7:14
3. Micah 5:2
4. Joseph was a descendent of King David, Luke 2:4
5. The Bible doesn't say, Luke 2:1-20
6. The bible doesn't say, Luke 2:1-20
7. Sometime while they were there, Luke 2:6
8. the baby would be lying in a manger, Luke 2:12
9. the Bible doesn't say, Matthew 2:1-12
10. gold, frankincense, and myrrh, Matthew 2:11



## *Christmas Eve Service*

### **Candle Light Service**

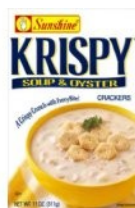
Sunday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m. Come and worship with the church family.



## *Calvary Baptist Food*

### **Sunday, January 7th**

Canned Soup, Dry Soup, Crackers & Cereal are due in Beebe Hall





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SERVICE REQUESTED

**First Christian Church  
Saturday, December 24th  
Christmas Eve Candle Light Service  
5:00 P.M.  
Come Caroling At St. Anthony Directly  
After The Service**

