



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*Under His Wings*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Tuesday, August 14th** Young @  
Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee/  
snacks, prayer and fellowship

**Wednesday, August 22nd** Youth &  
Young Adults W.O.W. meets @ 5:30  
p.m. with worship and Bible study to  
follow

**Sunday, September 2nd** Vegetables,  
Cereal or your choice are due in  
Beebe Hall for Calvary Baptist Food  
Pantry

**Tuesday, September 4th** Elders' Meet  
@ 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 11th** Women's  
Ministry meets. Time and place to be  
announced

**Saturday, September 29th** Men's  
Gathering meets time and event to be  
announced



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

Pride is a dangerous thing. We are warned in Proverbs 16:18 that "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." Paul admonishes his readers in Romans 12:3, "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you." Despite these instructions found in the Bible, pride continues to be a problem each of us deals with. I found a website on the internet that even gives a list of things of which we can be proud. That list included your attitude, what you have learned in life, your accomplishments, your financial decisions, your leisure activities and hobbies, your relationships and compassion for others, and your physical achievements. John warned his readers that the boasting of what he has and does – doesn't come from the Father but from the world. He added to that thought by saying "the world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever." (1 John 2:16-17)

Is there anything about which we can boast? Jeremiah wrote in his prophecy, "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me that I am the Lord" (Jeremiah 9:23-24).

Aren't you glad that you know the Lord and have been able to walk with Him? Aren't you glad that you have experienced His grace and His wonderful blessings? Aren't you glad that you have a loving Father and a loving Savior who died in your place? Yes! Yes! And Yes! How blessed we are!

But even in this boasting about knowing the Lord, may we not be puffed up with pride, but may we make that boast in humility and in gratitude. May that humility and gratitude motivate us to share the message with others so that they too can say, "We know the Lord."

I hope to see each of you this coming Sunday as we worship together. Let's all do our very best to be present.

C U N Church,  
David



<b><i>Serving In August</i></b> <b><i>Elder:</i></b> Delaine Donaldson, Don Thoele & Dennis Bushue alternating <b><i>Deacons:</i></b> J. P. Smith, Martin Zubiate, George Shouse, Jacob Beavers <b><i>Deaconesses:</i></b> Sandi Donaldson & April Moeller	
<b><i>7/22/18 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$3,716.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>	<b><i>7/29/18 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$3,385.88 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>
Worship:99                      Sunday School:31	Worship: 89                      Sunday School:20
<b><i>Faith Promise Missions: \$195.00</i></b> <b><i>Sunday Brunch Donation:\$5.00</i></b>	<b><i>Faith Promise Offering:\$390.00</i></b> <b><i>Initial Offering: \$1.00</i></b>
<b><i>Building:\$40.00</i></b>	<b><i>Building:\$40.00</i></b> <b><i>Countrymark Refining \$46.53</i></b>
<b><i>Sunday School:\$41.00</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday School:\$26.00</i></b>

**August 12th Greeters:** June Ashley & Barb Morrison    **August 12th Home Communion:** Larry Thomason  
**August 19th Greeters:** Delaine & Sandi Donaldson    **August 19th Home Communion:** Delaine Donaldson

<b><i>8/5/18 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total:\$ 5,648.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>	
Worship:99	Sunday School:\$27
<b><i>Faith Promise Missions: \$2,430.00</i></b>	<b><i>Building:\$40.00</i></b>
<b><i>Sunday School: \$23.00</i></b>	<b><i>Lighting Fund:\$20.00</i></b>

## *Young @ Heart*

### **Tuesday, August 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**

**\$30,220.00**



#### **Given**

**\$25,130.00**



## Prayer List



**Homebound and Nursing Home:** Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Marie Fulk, Don VanDeveer, Oneida Lewis, Elinor Wolford, Elfrieda Zerkel, Darlene Zimdars, Dorothy Locke, Cecil "Paul" Richey



**Cancer:** Laura Knierim, Sharon Douglas, Shirley Strickland, Ron Anderson, Tatum, Ashley Judd, Paul Dempsey, Barb Eaton, Patty Willis, Alayna Plank, Renae Metke, Andy, Mike Page, Tom Koester, 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, Misty Ulmer, Lanny Grove, Joshua McConnell, Rosemary Niemerg, Ruth, Barb Gaddis, Elizabeth Weidner, Wyatt Smith, Dallas Parkhurst, Ray Bushue, Bill Dentln, Jane Ann's Friend, Joy Gamber, Gene Moeller, Arlene Mullen, Joe Stoops, Jill Fiddler, Scott Chalcant, Dallas Hurst, Caleb, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Diane Slone, Ken Roley, Lois Bartels, Cindy Meitzner, Mat Reed, Adam Stoops, Allen Griffin, Joyce Jordon Griggs, Mitchell Coffin, Steve Sabens, Reenie's Cousin Teri, A.J.'s Grandmother, Brad Hockman & family, Hanna Henning, Eddy Elson, Barb (Delaine & Sandi's friend), Marissa (Walton) Banovz, Ashley (friend to Mary Muntean), Bob Pike, Bill LeCrone



**Special Needs:** Darlene & Gary Elliott, Elaine Griffin, Mary Muntean, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, Brad Donaldson, Callista Denoyer, Sarah Gremo & baby Cal, Ron Thomason, Lydie Anderson, Josh & Rochelle Duncel, Craig Lattig, Phyllis & Russ Mitchell, Bonnie Thomas, Jody Scribner, Nadine Bair, Ken Thomason, Zoe Sanchez-Grubb, Diane Donaldson, Sandy Grimsley, Sandi Donaldson, Bobbie Raymond, Chris Hutcheson's nephew, Reenie's nephew A.J., Michele Vonderheide, Melissa Ross, Pastor Martin's sister, Vicky Stout, Alistair Titsworth, Brad Arney, Danny Vasquez, Gary Elliott's Sister-Evelyn, Alline Lewis, Darren Vonderheide, Lucien Grey Valdez (6 week old), Sarah (Alex's friend), Debbie Apke, J.C. Packer, Reyes' house to sell, Roger Friese, Martin Zubiate, Pat Clark, Lois Ooton, Nathan Davis, Mildred Rankin, Cathy Weiffenbach, Sharon Gallup, Morgan Turner, Dennis Reynolds, Gary Carr

**(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:** Oil Belt Christian Service Camp, Family Life Center, Steve Ernest Safe Return From Mission Trip



**Military:** Troops in Harms Way; Tyler Cross in the Air Force, Zach Apke



**Grieving Families:** Mike Osterman Family, Pat Martin Family, Wallace Darkow, Jr. Family, Eddie Elson Family, Lucas Ahten Family, Elsie Doty Family, Charlotte Scott Family

## August Book of the Month

### Daniel

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table.

Pastor David will be preaching from **Daniel** during the month of August

**Goals:** Greater knowledge of the Bible &

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.





# Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

**Sunday, September 2nd**

Vegetables, cereal or  
your choice are due in  
Beebe Hall



## Elders Meet

**Tuesday, September 4th**

Elders' Meet @ 6:30 p.m.  
Any concerns or ideas, let an elder know



## Women's Ministry

**Tuesday, September 11th**

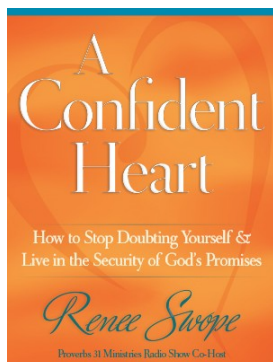
1st meeting of the season meets  
All ladies invited to join us  
Come for fellowship, prayer and Bible study from  
September to May.

*Mission Statement:*

*"For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who  
are being saved and those who are perishing."*



*II Corinthians 2:15 NIV*



### SESSIONS

1. Introduction & Invitation
2. Don't Throw Away Your ...
3. Letting God Fill My Empty ...
4. Discovering the Plans God Has ...
5. Turning In to God's Thoughts ...
6. The Woman God Created You to Be
7. Sometimes Worry Makes Me Wonder
8. Looking through the Lens of ...

### FEATURING

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### TIME

3 MINS  
5 MINS  
7 MINS  
6 MINS  
5 MINS  
6 MINS  
4 MINS  
6 MINS





# *Oil Belt Christian Service Camp*

**FAMILY CAMP**

OIL BELT CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP

**GENESIS WEEKEND**

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 3

**SPEAKERS:**

**CREATION TRUTH FOUNDATION**

**WORSHIP:**

**CHRIST'S CHURCH WORSHIP TEAM**

**REGISTER ONLINE  
AT OILBELT.COM**

**Creation Truth  
FOUNDATION**

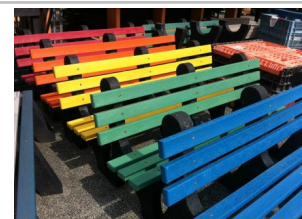
**FUN FOR  
ALL AGES!**

**OIL BELT  
CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP**

## *Stew/Straus Bottle Caps*

### Help Collect Bottle Caps

Save your bottle caps, any size, for the Stew/Straus school. They are needed to be recycled into plastic park benches.





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**Wednesday, August 22nd**

Youth and Young Adults (7th grade through 12th grade & 18 years old to 29 years old) Meet for first Worship On Wednesday of the season at 5:30 p.m. for supper then Worship & Bible study till 7:30 p.m.