



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*O Breath of Life*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Tuesday, November 27th** Young @  
Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, November 28th** W.O.W.  
@ 5:30 p.m. for supper and then Bi-  
ble study and worship for all ages

**Monday, November 26th & Thurs-  
day, November 29th** Please, come  
and help decorate the church for  
Christmas

**Sunday, December 2nd** Flour, Sugar,  
Cereal or your choice items are due in  
Beebe Hall for Calvary Baptist Food  
Pantry

**Tuesday, December 4th** Elders'  
meeting meets @ 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 11th** Women's  
Ministry meeting meets @ 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 14th** Youth &  
Young Adults Christmas Dinner  
starts @ 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 15th** Children's  
Christmas Dinner & Rehearsal for  
Children's Program meets from 11:00  
a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, December 15th** Men's  
Gathering meets for Christmas Din-  
ner from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, December 16th** Children's  
program during worship service; then,  
Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner im-  
mediately after worship service

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

Since Thursday is Thanksgiving, I thought it would be good to share with you some thoughts about giving thanks. Thanks-giving is not always an easy thing to do. Some might even call it art. That is the title of the following article.

It is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly.

It is thanking God for your talents and abilities by accepting them as obligations to be invested for the common good.

It is thanking God for all that men and women have done for you by doing things for others.

It is thanking God for opportunities by accepting them as a challenge to achievement.

It is thanking God for happiness by striving to make others happy.

It is thanking god for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful.

It is thanking God for inspiration by trying to be an inspira-tion to others.

It is thanking God for health and strength by the care and rev-erence you show your body.

It is thanking God for the creative ideas that enrich life by adding your own creative contributions to human progress.

It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest.

It is thanking God by giving hands, arms, legs, and voice to your thankful spirit.

It is adding to your prayers of thanksgiving, acts of thanks-living

W.A. Peterson

May each of you have a blessed Thanksgiving and may each of us be able to live our lives in such a way so as to express our thanksgiving to the One from whom all blessings come.

I hope to see all of you this coming Sunday. Let's all do our very best to be present for our services this coming Lord's Day.

C U N Church,  
David





### ***Serving In November***

**Elder:** Delaine Donaldson, Don Thoele & Dennis Bushue alternating  
**Deacons:** J. P. Smith, Martin Zubiate, John Donathan, Larry Thomason  
**Deaconesses:** Sandy Grimsley & Linda Packer

<b><i>11/11/18 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> Total: \$3,714.00 includes Faith Promise Offering	<b><i>11/18/18 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> Total: \$3788.50 includes Faith Promise Offering
Worship:86                      Sunday School:23	Worship:109                      Sunday School:23
<b>Faith Promise Missions: 1,315.00</b>	<b>Faith Promise 2018/2019: \$210.00</b>
Building:\$40.00 Operation Christmas Child: \$200.00	Building:\$60.00 Operation Christmas Child: \$145.00
Sunday School:\$9.00	Sunday School:\$12.00
<b>Greeters for November 25th: Elaine Griffin &amp; Sonya Davis</b>	<b>Home Communion for November 25th: Martin Reyes</b>
<b>Greeters for December 2nd: Linda Packer &amp; Sandy Grimsley</b>	<b>Home Communion for December 2nd: Don Thoele &amp; J.P. Smith</b>

## ***Church Office Closed***

**Thursday, November 22nd & Friday, November 23rd**



## ***Help Needed***

**Monday, November 26th & Thursday, November 29th**

The following days are set to **decorate the church:**

**Monday, November 26th at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 29th @ 10:00 a.m.** Anyone wanting to help is welcome and needed

**Questions call or text Cheryl Bloemker @ 217.343.9060.**



## ***Young @ Heart***

**Tuesday, November 27th**

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.





## Prayer List



**Homebound and Nursing Home:** Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Marie Fulk, Don VanDeveer, Elinor Wolford, Darlene Zimdars, Dorothy Locke, Bonnie Thomas, Shirley Barry

**Cancer:** Laura Knierim, Sharon Douglas, Shirley Strickland, Ron Anderson, Tatum, Ashley Judd, Barb Eaton, Patty Willis, Alayna Plank, Renae Metke, Andy, Mike Page, 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, Hanna Henning, Marissa (Walton) Banovz, Ashley, Bob Pike, Bill LeCrone, Janet (Dennis Young's Friend), Doris Percival, Malcolm Jollivay & Family, Sandra Helmink, Norma Buehler, All Kids with cancer, Keaton Gabel-13 year old, Rayleigh-7 year old, Kristen Avotea, 2 year old boy, Jill Fidler, Stephanie Packer



**Special Needs:** Darlene & Gary Elliott, LeAnn Spruell, Callista Denoyer, Sarah Gremo, Craig Lattig, Phyllis Mitchell, Jody Scribner, Nadine Bair, Zoe Sanchez-Grubb, Diane Donaldson, Sandy Grimley, Bobbie Raymond, Chris Hutcheson's nephew, Reenie's nephew A.J., Michele Vonderheide, Melissa Ross, Vicky Stout, Alistair Titsworth, Brad Arney, Danny Vasquez, Gary Elliott's Sister-Evelyn, Alline Lewis, Lucien Grey Valdez(6 month old), Sarah (Alex's friend), Debbie Apke, J.C. Packer, Reyes' house to sell, Roger Friese, Pat Clark, Lois Ooton, Mildred Rankin, Cathy Weiffenbach, Morgan Turner, Dennis Reynolds, Gary Carr, Linda Shaw, John Donathan's uncle, Bill Fry, Phyllis (Bev Thoele's Sister), Ken & Velma Thomason, Bob Pike, Rhodes Gephart, Dennis Stuckey, Terry & Ashley Ralston & Baby—Amzie, Gary Banks & family, Elfrieda Zerkel, Marsha Smith, Roberta Washer, Brad Hockman & family, Peggy Phelan, Sharon Caylor, Bobby Spracklen, Roger Wyckoff, Emily Griffin, Cal Gremo, Rory Miller, Ken Wolke, Mike Niebrugge, Sarah Blume, Victoria Gifford, Cathy Lane, Aiden, Emmy, Gene Bartels, Jim Schroeder, Wilbert Schaefer, Richard Cameron, Cathy Lane, Shirley Jamison

**(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:** Operation Christmas Child, The Salvation Army, Steve Ernest-In Africa for a month

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

**Grieving Families:** Nelda Birch Family, Sharon Gallup Family, Bryan Gier Family, Mary Muntean family, Nicole Jennings Family, Larry Williams Family

## Worship On Wednesday


### Wednesday, November 28th

All ages meet for Worship On Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for supper then Worship & Bible study till 7:30 p.m.





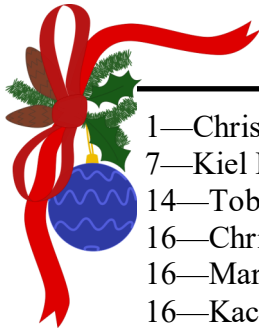
**Merry Christmas**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May the grace shown by the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. May the love that God has given us be with you. And may the sharing of life brought about by the Holy Spirit be with you all.						1
II Corinthians 13:14 (NIRV)						
2 <b>Food Pantry</b> items due in Beebe Hall	3	4 <b>Young @ Heart</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Elders meet @</b> 6:30 p.m.	5 <b>W.O.W.</b> meets @ 5:30 p.m.	6	7	8
9	10	11 <b>Young @ Heart</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Women's Christmas Party</b>	12 <b>W.O.W.</b> meets @ 5:30 p.m.	13	14 <b>Youth &amp; Young Adults</b> Christmas supper @ 6:30 p.m.	15 Children's Christmas lunch 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. <b>Men's Gathering</b> 6:00 p.m.
16 <b>Children's Program</b> <b>Thanksgiving/Christmas</b> lunch after worship	17	18 <b>Young @ Heart</b> 9:00 a.m.	19 <b>W.O.W.</b> meets @ 5:30 p.m.—last W.O.W. for 2018	20	21	22
23 <b>Adult Christmas Play</b> during worship	24 <b>Candle Light Service</b> @ 5:00 p.m.	25 <b>Church Office Closed</b> 	26	27	28	29
30	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b> party and service	In the same way, let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16				





## *December Birthdays & Anniversaries*



1—Christopher McCammon	BD
7—Kiel Moeller	BD
14—Toby Wolke	BD
16—Chris & Angie Denoyer	WA
16—Marcie Shouse	BD
16—Kacey Scoggins	BD
17—Mimi Bushue	BD
25—Jesus Christ	BD
27—Michelle Vonderheide	BD
28—Aly Spillman	BD
30—Sam McCammon	BD
31—Brad & Holly Arney	WA

## *Faith Promise 2018/2019*

### **Faith Promises Received**

A total of \$35,070.00 for the year 2018/2019 so far.

Received So Far: \$2, 715.00

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

*1 Peter 4:10*



## *Missing Book*

### **Claudine Rush Is looking For A Book**

The title is "*At Peace :How to die a good death after a long life*"

Last seen Friday, Nov 9 in the fellowship hall.

She just wants to know who has it, so she can pass it around to others as well.





## *November Book of the Month*

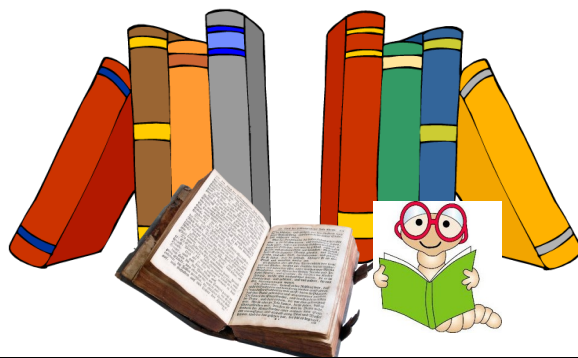
### **Psalms 1-50**

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

Pastor David will be preaching from **Psalms during the month of November**

#### **Goals:**

Greater knowledge of the Bible &  
Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



## *Calvary Baptist Food Pantry*

### **Sunday, December 2nd**

Flour, Sugar, Cereal  
or your choice are due in Beebe Hall



## *Elders' Meeting*

### **Tuesday, December 4th**

Elders will meet @ 6:30 p.m.

If you have any suggestions, please let one of pastors or elders know



## *Decoration Committee*



### **Fall Arrangements & Decorate for Christmas**

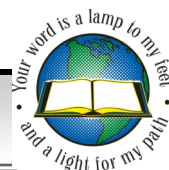
This **October** the church was beautifully decorated by Nancy Harper. She arranged the altar with the lovely setting on the stage area. Elaine Griffin decorated the sanctuary and Beebe Hall for **November**. **Thank you so much** ladies for blessing the church with your talent.

The Decorating Committee needs a lot of help for getting the church ready for the Christmas holidays. The following days are set to **decorate the church: Monday, November 26th at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 29th @ 10:00 a.m.**

Anyone wanting to help is welcome and needed

**Questions** call or text Cheryl Bloemker @ 217.343.9060.





## *Women's Ministry*

**Tuesday, December 11th**

All ladies invited to join us

Christmas Party starts @ 6:00 p.m.

Bring an appetizer or finger foods

Bring a \$5.00 Wal-Mart gift card to be given to Oblong Children's Christian Home



Secret Sisters will be revealed

*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

## *Youth & Young Adults*

**Friday, December 14th**

Meet @ 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Christmas Supper. Come for fellowship and good food to share together.



## *Children's Christmas Lunch*

**Saturday, December 15th**

Meet @ 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Christmas Lunch and practice for the Children's Christmas Program.



## *Men's Gathering*

**Saturday, December 15th**

Meet @ 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for Christmas Supper. Come for fun, food and fellowship. Come and gather together.





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## *Salvation Army Bell Ringing*

Two Hour Time Slots—Friday & Saturday  
Saturday, December 8th  
to Christmas Eve have open slots to fill for Bell Ringing

North Entrance To Wal-Mart  
First Christian Church's  
Designated Bell Ringing Place