



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*O Breath of Life*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Monday, November 12th** Elder's meet @ 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 13th** Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, November 13th** Women's Ministry will meet @ 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 14th** W.O.W. @ 5:30 p.m. for supper and then Bible study and worship for all ages

**Thursday, November 15th** Missions meets @ 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, November 16th** Youth & young adults meet for Thanksgiving supper 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 17th** Children's Thanksgiving Lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 17th** Men's Gathering Thanksgiving supper @ 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, November 18th** Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are due in worship service.

**Thursday, November 22nd** Church office is closed

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

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

Thank you so much for all the kind expressions of appreciation given to me and Irma during the month of October (Pastors' Appreciation Month). We are thankful for your support and encouragement whether it was by word, card or gift.

Yesterday (October 28) sitting at the table eating lunch, we began to see something interesting unfold. As you know Henrietta Street is under repair and the section of street just past our house to the north is closed. There is a sign posted at Henrietta and Temple saying that the road is closed and only local traffic should use the street. Despite the notice, we daily see several vehicles attempt to go through Henrietta. They have to turn around and go back. Yesterday, it was more than just several who tried to go through on Henrietta. Due to the parade in town, there was a huge amount of traffic. In just about an hour's time there were approximately 100 vehicles that tried to go through on Henrietta but were forced to turn around and go back. At times there were as many as five vehicles in front of our house. Some were circling in the clinic's parking lot across the street while the others were waiting their turn to do the same. For an hour there was an uninterrupted stream of traffic on a street that led nowhere. They were all trying to find a way to get to the big event – the Halloween Parade.

I was reminded of how people are trying to get to heaven. God has told us how to get to heaven. Through His Word the Bible, He has posted clear instructions. Jesus is the Way. All the other ways have been closed. Despite those instructions, people still try to bypass "the Way" and go an alternate route. They travel down life's road until they can travel no further and are forced to turn back. It would have been so much better if they would have heeded God's directions and warnings. Portions of lives that have been wasted living for sin and self could have been used for Christ and His Kingdom. Praise God that many have eventually heeded God's instructions and turned around to go the other way! However, there are some who never listen. Even yesterday in the "great parade" on Henrietta, there were some who chose to bypass the road closed signs and go through. The ones on Henrietta were able to make it but those who disregard God's warning signs will eventually perish and be lost forever.

I want to encourage you to continue walking faithfully on the "Way" that God has shown you and to continue to try to help others on the wrong road see the right way.

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning

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>10/21/18 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$4,312.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>		<b><i>10/28/18 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$ 4,752.39 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>	
Worship:88	Sunday School:16	Worship:103	Sunday School:23
<b><i>Faith Promise Missions: \$370.00</i></b> <b><i>Cecil Richey Memorial: \$155.00</i></b>		<b><i>Faith Promise Offering:\$200.00.00</i></b> <b><i>Faith Promise 2018/2019: \$105.00</i></b>	
<b><i>Building:\$40.00</i></b> <b><i>CMF Bead Project:\$181.00</i></b>		<b><i>Building:\$60.00</i></b>	
<b><i>Sunday School:\$13.00</i></b>		<b><i>Sunday School:\$16.50</i></b>	

### ***11/04/18 Attendance & Giving***

<b><i>Total: \$ 4,210.12 Includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>	<b><i>Worship: 91</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday School:26</i></b>
<b><i>Faith Promise Missions:\$1,085.00</i></b>	<b><i>Building: \$40.00</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday School: \$15.00</i></b>
<b><i>Crossroads Quilt Guild:\$140.00</i></b>	<b><i>Salvation Army Treat Town:\$10.00</i></b>	

***November 11th Greeters:*** Chris & Angie Denoyer ***November 11th Home Communion:*** Delaine Donaldson & Jacob Beavers

***November 18th Greeters:*** Dee Musgrave & Judy Tapp ***November 18th Home Communion:*** David McConnell

## ***Card Shower***

### **Moris Sowers**

Saturday, November 10th is Moris Sower's 97th Birthday. Please send him a card to celebrate!

His address is: 206 W. Wabash Ave., Effingham, Il 62401-2666



## ***Young @ Heart***

### **Tuesday, November 13th**

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.



## ***Family Life Center Snacks***



### **If You Forgot**

Women's Ministry is bringing snacks to be taken to the Family Life Center for their November meetings  
 Please bring snacks to donate and leave in the kitchen.





## *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 (friend to Mary Muntean), 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



**Special Needs:** Darlene & Gary Elliott, Mary Muntean, LeAnn Spruell, Callista Denoyer, Sarah Gremo, Craig Lattig, Phyllis Mitchell, Jody Scribner, Nadine Bair, Zoe Sanchez-Grubb, Diane Donaldson, Sandy Grimsley, 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 week 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, NC; Peggy Phelan, Sharon Caylor, Bobby Spracklen, Roger Wyckoff, Emily Griffin, Cal Gremo, Rory Miller, Ken Wolke, Mike Niebrugge, Sarah Blume, Victoria Gifford, Cathy Lane, Nicole Jennings

**(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:** Larry Cline Family, Nelda Birch Family, Sharon Gallup Family

## *Thank You Church Family*

### **Mimi & Denny Bushue**

We would like to thank all of you for the love, hugs, prayers and the kind words when Dad died. Many of my family made comments on the kindness of the church family during that time. Thank you for the lunch. Dad would want us to thank all the elders and deacons that brought him communion and prayed with him. He didn't remember your names, but he always knew enough about you that we knew who had been there. We have been blessed by all of you.

Yours in Christ's love,  
Mimi & Denny





## Women's Ministry

**Tuesday, November 13th**

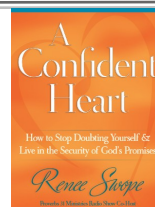
Meeting starts @ 6:30 p.m.

All ladies invited to join us

Come for fellowship, prayer and Bible study.

Third Session of "A Confident Heart" study.

Kristen from Stanfield Chiropractic Clinic will bring light supper to us compliments of Barb Morrison.



*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*

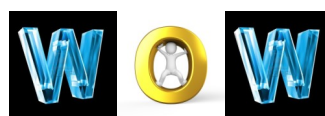
## Worship On Wednesday

**Wednesday, November 14th**

All ages meet for Worship On Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

for supper then Worship & Bible study till 7:30 p.m.

Menu: Italian Night



## Youth & Young Adults

**Friday, November 16th**

Come and join us for a Thanksgiving supper @ 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Pastor Martin is cooking. Come

for good food, fellowship and prayer.



## Children's Event

**Saturday, November 17th**

Come and join us for a Thanksgiving lunch.

We will meet @ 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Escape Room Activity is being planned!!!

Hope to see you there!







## *Men's Gathering*

### **Saturday, November 17th**

Come and join us for a Thanksgiving supper.

We will meet @ 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m..

Pastor Martin is cooking! There will be good food, good fellowship and prayer.



## *Operation Christmas Child*

### **Sunday, November 18th**

Please have your boxes brought to the church by **November 18th**. They will be prayed over during worship service, then, transported to Cornerstone Church.

**Shoeboxes**

**Boy/Girl Labels**

**Rubber Bands are available in the foyer for your convenience**

If you would like to donate **money for shipping** the shoeboxes the kids fill, make checks out to First Christian Church or give money to Elaine Griffin or Cleone Bloemker or one of Pastors.



## *Church Office Closed*



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

The church office will be closed these two days for the Thanksgiving holiday



## *Calvary Baptist Food Pantry*

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

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



## *Faith Promise 2018/2019*

### **Faith Promises Received**

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

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* I Peter 4:10



## *Faith Promise 2017/2018*

### **2017-2018 Faith Promise Giving**

#### **Promised**

\$30,220.00



#### **Given**

\$30,788.00

## *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.



## *Treat Town*

### **Thanks So Much For Your Help**

Vote Tallies Of People Who Came Through Treat Town And Voted

#### **Best Decorated:**

1. McDonald's
2. Halloween Store
3. Taxidermy Shop

#### **Best Treat:**

1. The Fruit Stand
2. McDonald's
3. Library



#### **Most Friendly**

1. McDonald's
2. Jesus Loves Me
3. Sporting Goods

#### **Favorite Costume**

1. Taxidermy Shop
2. Halloween Store
3. McDonald's



#### **Door Prizes:**

- 1st—Danielle Crooker—Batman Costume Head  
2nd—Mitch Mercer—McDonald's \$5 Gift Card  
3rd—Heather Serenity & Cooper Guy—Sack of Candy



## *Treat Town Pics*

**Oct. 31st**



## *Salvation Army Bell Ringing*

### **Sign Up Times Available**

Two Hour Time Slots—Friday & Saturday  
From Day after Thanksgiving  
to Christmas Eve

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





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SERVICE REQUESTED



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*Sunday, November 18th*

Shoeboxes for Operation  
Christmas Child are due in wor-  
ship service.

Shoeboxes, rubber bands, labels  
are in the foyer

