



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*O Breath of Life*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Tuesday, December 11th** Young @  
Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 11th** Women's  
Ministry Christmas Party starts @  
6:00 p.m. Bring favorite Finger Food

**Wednesday, December 12th** W.O.W.  
@ 5:30 p.m. for supper and then Bi-  
ble study and worship for all ages

**Friday, December 14th** Youth &  
Young Adults Christmas Supper at  
6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 15th** Children's  
Christmas lunch starts @ 11:00 a.m.  
then, practice for the children's' Pro-  
gram

**Saturday, December 15th** Men's  
Gathering Christmas supper starts @  
6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 16th** Children's  
Christmas Program during worship;  
then, Potluck dinner following the  
service

**Wednesday, December 19th** Last  
W.O.W. for 2018.

**Sunday, December 23rd** Adult  
Christmas Program during worship  
service

**Monday, December 24th** Christmas  
Eve Candle Light Service begins @  
5:00 p.m.

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

Former President George W.H. Bush died this past Friday, November 30. He was the forty first President of the United States. There is a story that has been shared about the former President that should motivate each of us to be better citizens of our country.

In 1989, President Ronald Reagan began a tradition that has continued with each succeeding President of leaving a hand-written note to the man who would be taking over the job of leading the nation. President Bush left such a note to Bill Clinton. Although Clinton had defeated Bush in the 1992 election and they disagreed on a number of issues, the note that Bush left Clinton contained nothing but encouraging words. The last words of the note were "*You will be our President when you read this note. I wish you well. I wish your family well. Your success now is our country's success. I am rooting hard for you.*" In a time where strife and division characterize our country's leadership, those simple words should motivate us to have a little more understanding and respect for others. We may vehemently disagree with others on different issues, but we should never allow that to cause us to be disrespectful and hateful toward others. Somewhere along the way, we have lost that sense of patriotism that the older generation seemed to have. May God help us to love and respect our American neighbors.

I want to remind you of all the activities that are coming up in December. Be sure to read this newsletter to see what is coming up. I hope that you can be a part of these activities and enjoy the blessings of this Christmas season.

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning when we gather for worship.

C U N Church,  
David



### ***Serving In December***

**Elder:** Delaine Donaldson, Don Thoele & Dennis Bushue alternating  
**Deacons:** Terry Harper, Vernon Jamison, George Shouse, Jacob Beavers  
**Deaconesses:** Bev Thoele & Mimi Bushue

<b><i>11/25/18 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b>Total: \$5,569.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</b>	<b><i>12/2/18 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b>Total: \$5,218.50 includes Faith Promise Offering</b>
Worship: 95                      Sunday School: 21	Worship: 108                      Sunday School: 28
<b>Faith Promise Missions: 850.00</b>	<b>Faith Promise 2018/2019: \$1,545.00</b>
Building: \$40.00	Building: \$40.00 H.I.S. K.I.D.S. Van: \$100.00
Sunday School: \$10.00 H.I.S. K.I.D.S. Van: \$1,120.00	Sunday School: \$17.01 Case for Christ DVD donation: \$17.49
<b>Greeters for December 9th:</b> Reenie Miller & Elsie Palmer	<b>Home Communion for December 9th:</b> Kevin Jamison & George Shouse
<b>Greeters for December 16th:</b> Barb Morrison & June Ashley	<b>Home Communion for December 16th:</b> Greg Spillman

## *Young @ Heart*

### **Tuesday, December 11th**

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.



## *Women's Ministry*

### **Tuesday, December 11th**

All ladies invited to join us for a **Christmas Party** starting @ 6:00 p.m. **Bring** an appetizer or finger foods—Plus, **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*

## *Worship On Wednesday*

### **Wednesday, December 12th**

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

**Last W.O.W. This Year IS: December 19th**





## 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, Elfrieda Zerkel

**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, Raeleigh-7 year old, Kristen Avotea, 2 year old boy, Jill Fidler, Stephanie Packer, Brad Hockman, Aiden-2 year old



**Special Needs:** Darlene & Gary Elliott, LeAnn Spruell, Sarah Gremo, Craig Lattig, Phyllis Mitchell, Jody Scribner, Sandy Grimsley, Chris Hutcheson's nephew, Melissa Ross, Vicky Stout, Brad Arney, Danny Vasquez, Gary Elliott's Sister-Evelyn, Aline Lewis, Lucien Grey Valdez(6 month old), Sarah (Alex's friend), Debbie Apke, J.C. Packer, 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, Gary Banks & family, Marsha Smith, Roberta Washer, Sharon Caylor, Bobby Spracklen, Roger Wyckoff, Emily Griffin, Cal Gremo, Rory Miller, Ken Wolke, Mike Niebrugge, Sarah Blume, Victoria Gifford, Cathy Lane, Gene Bartels, Jim Schroeder, Wilbert Schaefer, Richard Cameron, Cathy Lane, Shirley Jamison, Emmie Jane Sidwell-2 year old, Sonya Davis, Thelma Kirchoffer

**(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

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

**Grieving Families:** Bryan Gier Family, Mary Muntean family, Nicole Jennings Family, Larry Williams Family

## 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.





## *December Book of the Month*

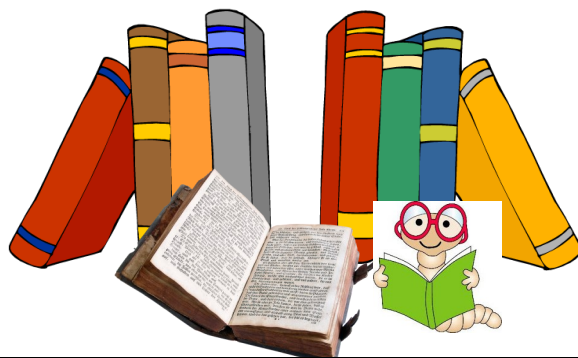
### **Matthew**

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

Pastor David will be preaching from **Matthew** during the month of December

#### **Goals:**

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



## *Men's Gathering*

### **Saturday, December 15th**

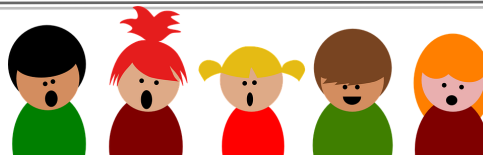
Meet @ 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for Christmas Supper.  
Come for fun, food and fellowship. Come and gather together.



## *Program & Potluck Lunch*

### **Sunday, December 16th**

**Children's Program** will be presented during worship service



#### **Thanksgiving/Christmas**

**Potluck** will immediately follow the worship service

Please, bring your favorite dish to share with the church family,

**Meat Provided**

Hope to see you all there!

## *Youth & Young Adults*



### **Friday, December 21st**

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



## *Adult Christmas Play*

### **Sunday, December 23rd**

During worship service the adult play will be presented:

*A Dish Of Blessings* by Dianne McIntosh



## *Christmas Eve Candle Light Service*

### **Monday, December 24th**

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**You all are invited** to the Candle Light Service which will end with a circle of candle light around the auditorium

**The service will be followed by Caroling** at St. Anthony Hospital if you would like to join us.



## *Faith Promise 2018/2019*

### **Faith Promises Received**

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

Received So Far: \$5,110.00

"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*



## *Calvary Baptist Food Pantry*

### **Sunday, January 6th**

Soup, crackers, Cereal or your choice are due in Beebe Hall



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SERVICE REQUESTED



May the peace and hope of  
*Christ's birth*  
be with you now and in the days ahead...