



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*What Manner of Love*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Tuesday, February 11th** Young @  
Heart Meets @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee/  
tea, fellowship and prayer

**Tuesday, February 11th** Women's  
and Girls meeting @ 6:30 p.m. Tying  
blankets for the cancer center in Ef-  
fingham

**Wednesday, February 12th** W.O.W.  
meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper and  
6:00 p.m. for Bible Study

**Saturday, February 22nd** Children's  
Event from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. All  
children 6th grade and under

**Saturday, February 29th** Men's  
Gathering meets for supper @ 6:00  
p.m.

**Sunday, March 1st** Peanut Butter,  
Jelly, Cereal or your choice are due  
for the Calvary Baptist food pantry

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

Punxsutawney **Phil** did not see his shadow on Sunday. Ac-  
cording to legend, that means we will have an early spring. De-  
spite the fact that the winter has not been hard or severe, I believe  
everyone is ready for spring to arrive. You may already have  
made for those months when we are blessed with warmer  
weather. I don't know that I have made definite plans but certain  
indefinite plans have been circulating through my mind. I look  
forward to gardening, fishing, golfing, watching Cardinal baseball  
and just enjoying a nice summer evening out on the porch.

It doesn't hurt to make plans, but we should always remember  
that we should make them with the understanding that our time is  
in God's hands. We must remember the words found in James  
4:13-16.

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to  
this or that city, spend a year

There, carry on business and make money." Why you do not  
even know what will happen  
tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for  
a little while and then

vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "if it is the Lord's will,  
we will live and do this or that."

As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil."

Consider the words of the poem "Life's Clock."

The clock of life is wound but once,

And no man has the power to tell

just where the hands will stop

at late or early hour,

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed;

To lose one's health is more.

To lose one's soul is such a loss,

As no man can restore.

The present only is our own.

Live, love, toil with a will-

Place no faith in "tomorrow"

For the clock may then be still.

Let's use and enjoy today! I hope to see all of you this coming  
Sunday!

C U N Church,  
David



<b><i>Serving In February</i></b> <b><i>Elder:</i></b> February 9th Jon Zerkel <b><i>Deacons:</i></b> Chris Hutcheson, Kelvin Williams, John Donathan, Larry Thomason <b><i>Deaconesses:</i></b> Cheryl Bloemker & Astrid Zubiata	
<b><i>1/26/20 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$3,762.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>	<b><i>2/2/20 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$ 5,610.76 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>
Worship: 90                      Sunday School: 23	Worship: 94                      Sunday School: 18.00
<b><i>Faith Promise Missions: \$549.00</i></b>	<b><i>Faith Promise: \$1,460.00</i></b>
<b><i>Building: \$40.00</i></b>	<b><i>Building: \$40.00</i></b>
<b><i>Sunday School: \$15.00</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday School: \$18.00</i></b> <b><i>Oil Belt Men's Night: \$20.00</i></b>
<b><i>Greeters for February 9th: Cathy Weiffenbach &amp; Kacey Scoggins</i></b>	<b><i>Home Communion for February 9th: Delaine Donaldson</i></b>
<b><i>Greeters for February 16th: Chris &amp; Sheila Hutcheson</i></b>	<b><i>Home Communion for February 16th :Chris Denoyer &amp; J.P. Smith</i></b>

## *Young @ Heart*

### **Tuesday, February 11th**

All 50 and over meet @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee/tea, fellowship and prayer.



## *Women's Meeting*

### **Tuesday, February 11th**

All ladies and girls are invited to attend. The meeting begins @ 6:30 p.m.

We will be **tying blankets** for the Effingham Cancer Center at this meeting. There will also be snacks and devotions.





## *Prayer List*



**Cancer:** Angie Thomason (Breast Cancer 2nd time)

**Special Needs:** Matthew (thumb surgery), Anthony Jamison (Personal issues), Christy Slifer (hip replacement), Bernie Sabens (fire in apt. total loss), Barbara Long (broken Shoulder), Dale & Dianne Donaldson (both have health issues), Lee Beals, Janice Pike (double lung transplant), Darlene Murphy (lesion on the brain), Judy Faber (cirrhosis of the liver), Lloyd Brown, June McConnell, Carol Bratton, Ginger & Randal Turner, Danielle Niebrugge (knee surgery), Cathy Weiffenbach (cataract surgery), Larry Thomason (cataract surgery), Terry Pritz (broken shoulder)

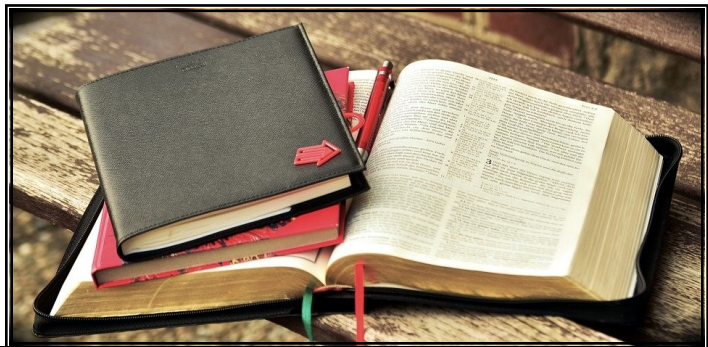
**Missions:** National Guardsmen deployed to Afghanistan

**Grieving Families:** Morris Sowers Family, Wilmer Kruger Family, Harold Heth Family, Davis Family, Shirley Spencer Family

## *W.O.W.*

### Wednesday, February 12th

All ages meet for supper @ 5:30 p.m.  
and Bible study @ 6:00 p.m.



## *February Book of the Month*

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table for 2 Samuel .  
Pastor David will be preaching from **the book of 2 Samuel during the month of February**

**Goals:**

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





## *Children's Event*

### Saturday, February 22nd

All children 6th grade and under are invited to join us from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.  
We will meet @ the church.



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## *Faith Promise Rally 2019/2020*

### Promises Made

\$53,492.00 for 2019/2020

**Theme:** Take God At His Word

**Bible Verse:** "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33

### Received So Far:

\$13,133.00



**Take God At His Word**

## *Decorating The Church*

### Signup Sheet

On the Secret Sister table a signup sheet will be available for anyone who wishes to decorate the church and fellowship hall for a month in the year 2020.



## *Men's Gathering*

### All Men & Boys

**Saturday, February 29th**

All are invited to come and join us for supper, fellowship and prayer @ 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.





# *Oil Belt Christian Service Camp*



## Upcoming Events

### **2020 Summer Camp**

Online Registration opens March 2nd  
27 Camps for K—College Age!

#### **Now Hiring Summer Staff**

Apply for a life-changing summer at [oilbelt.com/serve](http://oilbelt.com/serve) (must be a graduating senior or college age student)



### **2020 Prayer**

Commit to pray each day for Oil Belt this year.  
2021 will be Oil Belt's 75th year—Pray for their future vision

### **Ladies Day:**

March 21, 2020

### **3rd-5th Grade Big Overnighter:**

March 27-28 & 28-29 (Hours: 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.)

### **College-Age Greater Retreat:**

May 15-17

## *Food Pantry Items*

### **Sunday, March 1st**

Please bring Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.





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SERVICE REQUESTED

## *W.O.W. New Lessons*

### **“The Faith of our Presidents”**

**New Bible study**  
coming on  
**Wednesday nights**

**Delaine Donaldson**  
will be teaching  
the series of lessons  
on "The Faith of our Presidents."

**Study begins on February 19th**

