



First Christian Church of Effingham

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The Way, The Truth & The Life

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Mark Your Calendar

Worship Services for Sundays The services will stream live to watch on You Tube First Christian Church Effingham accounts for the 10:00 a.m. service each Sunday

Sunday, October 25th Faith Promise "Take God At His Word" cards will be collected on the 25th

Sunday, October 25th Congregational Meeting will convene @ the end of worship service

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

Tuesdays Online Prayer Time Starts @ noon on the First Christian Church Effingham Facebook (See page 3)

Wednesday, October 28th Youth & Young Adults meet @ 6:00 p. m.

Sunday, November 1st Salt, Pepper, Spices, cereal or your choice is due in Beebe Hall for Calvary Baptist Church food pantry

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Before Jesus left this earth to return to the Father, He gave a specific command to His disciples. We know that command as "The Great Commission." It is found in different forms in the gospel accounts and Acts (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:45-49; John 20:21; Acts 1:8). The early church was obedient to the command of Jesus and sent missionaries out to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

One of those churches that sent missionaries was the church at Antioch. This church sent Paul and Barnabas out to share the message with those who did not know Christ (Acts 13:1-3). Paul went on three of those missionary journeys (those are the ones we have record of in Acts).

A part of the process was that at the end of those journeys, the missionary would come back to the church and report on the progress of the work being done. "From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles (Acts 14:26-27). Other instances of this are recorded in Acts 18:22-23; 21:17-19.

It is important for the ones who have been sent to share the good news with others to report to the ones who have sent them about the work being done. That is what is happening right now during our Faith Promise Rally. We are hearing about the work being done for Christ by the ones we have been supporting with our financial gifts. I am happy to report that every one of our missionaries has sent a report to us. When a church supports a missionary, the question is often asked, "Do we ever hear anything from them?" Our missionaries are being faithful and responsible in the use of the money we have sent them.

Yesterday and next Sunday, you had and will have opportunity to hear what has been happening on their field of service.

Please be praying this week concerning what God is challenging you to promise to give for the cause of world-wide missions during the coming year.

I hope to see you this coming Sunday but if you are unable to join us in person, please watch the services online.

C U N Church,
David



<i>Serving In October</i> <i>Communion Table : October 25th—Dennis Bushue; November 1st—Troy Bloemker</i>	
10/11/2020 Attendance & Giving Total: \$1,924.00 <i>includes Faith Promise & Online Giving</i>	10/18/2020 Attendance & Giving Total: \$4,555.00 <i>includes Faith Promise & Online Giving</i>
Attendance: 48 Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00	Attendance: 52 Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00
Faith Promise: \$446.00	Faith Promise \$421.00

Pastor Appreciation Month

October

Pastor David & Pastor Martin need to be encouraged and built up by the church family. In this month, pray for them, send a card, or give them a call. Continue to pray for the pastors and our church family all year.



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 25th

Please, stay after the worship service for the fiscal year meeting and to vote on the budget and officers.

BUDGET



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, October 27th

All over 50 meet @ 9:00 a.m. Coffee will be available along with a snack cake. Come for the conversation and prayer time.





Prayer List



Cancer: Diane Slone (chemo), Lynette Fugate (Bone Cancer), Gail Loy (melanoma surgery), Dorothy Bryant (chemo)

Special Needs: Sharon Caylor (health issues), U.S.A., Police, 1st Responders, Church, Laney Jo Moran (Covid 19), Bobby Dean Raymond (health issues), Renee's Dad (critical condition), Carlos Sanchez (Rehab), Kristie Sori (financial troubles & leg damaged), Theresa (Back surgery Oct. 26th), Barb Morrison (eye problems), Mila Leach (CHF), Bill Nuxoll (Burns 30% of body)

Missions: Operation Christmas Child, Faith Promise 2020/2021

Bereavement: Bob Vodicka Family, Bill Meitzner Family, Milo Adler Honea Family, Jerry Webb Family

Worship Service

10:00 A.M.

We will continue to follow CDC guidelines for social distancing and wearing face masks

The 10:00 a.m. service will be streamed to FCC's You Tube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzvbJDnqiiSgRwsjlorIJhA>

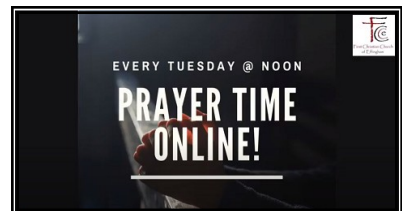
For technical difficulties call or text Pastor Martin @ (217) 317-3800.



Prayer Tuesdays

Tuesday Prayer On Facebook

Join us online on First Christian Church Effingham Facebook account to pray together. Text, call or message and let us know if you have prayer concerns you want added to the list on Tuesdays.



Thanks To Church Family

Decorating Committee

Thanks to all who have been decorating the church so beautifully throughout this Covid 19 year. In addition, thanks to all who are helping with communion and greeting the people as they come into the church. Thank you to Crystal Habing for keeping us supplied with masks for anyone who needs one.



November 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items salt, pepper, spice, cereal or your choice due	2	3 Young @ Heart 9:00 am.	4 W.O.W. 6:00 p.m.	5	6 Elder's Meeting 10:00 a.m.	7
8	9	10 Young @ Heart 9:00 am Women's Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	11  W.O.W. 6:00 p.m.	12	13	14
15 Youth will fill Operation Shoeboxes	16	17 Young @ Heart 9:00 am	18 W.O.W. 6:00 p.m.	19	20	21
22 Operation Shoeboxes will be prayed over	23	24 Young @ Heart 9:00 am	25	26 Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28
29	30	 "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will in Christ." <i>1 Thessalonians 5:18</i>				

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

1-David McConnell	BD
2-Angela Denoyer	BD
2-Shannon Smith	BD
6-Sheila Hutcheson	BD
11-Terry Harper	BD
11-Gene Roley	BD
14-Barb Morrison	BD
14-Stacy Brown	BD
15-Cheryl Bloemker	BD
17-Wanda McCoy	BD
18-Dale & Bonnie Vonderheide-WA	
18-Reenie Miller	BD
18-J.P. Smith	BD
25-Cathy Weiffenbach	BD
29-Cecil Wright	BD



Operation Christmas Child

First Christian Church will be praying over the boxes on Sunday, November 22nd.





**NATIONAL
COLLECTION
WEEK**

NOV. 16-23

PACK A SHOEBOX

Samaritan's Purse
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF



Food Pantry Items

Sunday, November 1st

Please bring Salt, Pepper, spices, cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



Faith Promise Rally

Sunday, October 25th

"Take God At His Word" Faith Promise Cards will be Collected Oct. 25th

Voice of the Martyrs—Video

Christian Missionary Fellowship (CMF)—Lynn & Dori Cazier

Lincoln Christian University—Silas McCormick

St. Louis Christian College—Dennis McConnaughay

Christian Campus House—Matthew Thomas

Missions Alive—Harvey Waddelow

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp—Tyler Mulvaney

FISH—Austen Majors—In Person Speaker

H.I.S. K.I.D.S., Inc.—Jayme Alexander

IDES—Jeff Greene

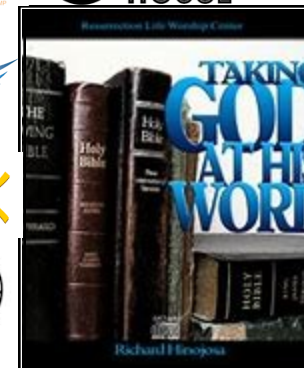
Operation Christmas Child

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)



**CHRISTIAN
CAMPUS
HOUSE**



St. Louis Christian College
"Educating Children & Graduating Leaders"

Contemporary Songs For Fall

Playlist

Go to FCCeffingham Facebook page and click on the link in the paragraph under "Hi Church Family!" or click on the blue square that says Contemporary Songs

or ctrl click on the following link and then, click on Contemporary songs

<https://www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham/posts/3642436509121552>



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Hi Church Family!

In order to help you get familiar with the Contemporary songs we will be singing at church from September to November of 2020, we have put together this playlist.

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2MN20UMj0COkjKh466D5IL?si=bC0nMUxXROSIBzhR_Nnbaw

*Contemporary
Songs*

SEP - NOV 2020



OPEN.SPOTIFY.COM

, a playlist by Martin Reyes on Spotify

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Book Of The Month



October Bible Study

The books of the month for October are Jonah, Habakkuk, 1 & 2 Peter and Jude. You may be wondering why these books have been grouped together. As we go through October and especially focusing on the Faith Promise Rally, we want to give special emphasis to the importance of taking the message of Christ to the entire world along with remaining faithful to God and His work despite hard times and persecution. The short book of Jonah will teach us to see God loves all people. Habakkuk's prophecy will encourage us to be faithful even during difficult times economically and politically. First and Second Peter along with Jude will encourage us to remain faithful in the face of persecution. Study guides will be available on Sunday. For those of you who have been participating in our book of the month reading plan that began in January 2018, you should note that by the end of 2021 you will have read completely through the Bible.



Faith Promise 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:

\$38,908.00



Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

Upcoming Events

Minister's Gathering: Nov. 5—2020

Men's Night: Feb. 12—2021

High School Retreat: Feb. 20-2021

3rd-5th Big Overnighter 1 & 2: March 19-20-2021

& March 20-21—2021



75th Anniversary for Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

Mail/Email pictures & videos to them!

Send your stories! Whether baptisms, decisions, funny moments, or historical events, all are appreciated!

Send your recipes: Jeannie and Jerry are compiling stories, recipes and camp history for the 75th anniversary cookbook. mail or Email yours to the office by October 15th.

E-mail: campoffice@oilbelt.com

Address: 555 Park Rd. Flora, IL 62839





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SERVICE REQUESTED

Fill The Storeroom

Oblong Children's Christian Home

This is their fall appeal to fill their storeroom with supplies. If you would rather donate to support their fall appeal, they have a giving portal at www.easytithe.com/christianhome or you can send a check to 4094 E. 1050th Ave. Oblong, IL 62449. The items they suggest for those who wish to donate items instead of a monetary donation are as follows:

Personal Items

Deodorant-Boys & Girls
Conditioner
Shampoo
Body Wash
Toothpaste
Feminine maxi pads
Liquid hand soap & refills



Canned & Bottled Items

Rotel Tomatoes & diced tomatoes
Creamy & Crunchy peanut butter
(Jif or Skippy)
Pork & Beans
Tomato Juice & Sauce
Bottled Water
Mushrooms
Apple sauce
Cream of Chicken Soup
Oil-Vegetable & Olive



Paper Goods

Paper Towels & Napkins
Paper cups, plates & plastic tableware
Toilet Paper
Kleenex
Trash Bags (13 & 30 Gallon size)
Zip-Lock Qt. & Gal. bags
Sandwich bags
Styrofoam bowls
Heavy duty aluminum foil
Plastic Wrap



Dry Items

Swerve, Stevia
Gluten-free, dairy-free, and nut-free products
Jasmine rice
Flour
Taco Seasoning
Brown & Powdered Sugua
Lemon-pepper seasoning
Christmas Sprinkles



Meat & Cheese

Pepperoni
Velveeta—light & regular
Shredded cheese (Mozzarella, Mexican, & Cheddar)
Beef—especially hamburger
Chicken



Household Items

Slow Cooker Liners
Light Bulbs



Cleansing Supplies

Bleach & Laundry Detergent
Fabric softener & Dusting Spray
Pine-Sol & Windex
Finish dishwasher pods
Lemi "Shine dishwasher powder
Resolve carpet cleaner
Scrubbing Bubbles, Clorox wipes
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Murphy's Oil Soap & Dish Soap

