



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*The Way, The Truth & The Life*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Sunday, January 24th** A Congregational Meeting will convene directly after the worship service

**Tuesday, January 26th** Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesdays Online Prayer Time** Starts @ noon on the First Christian Church Effingham Facebook

**Wednesday, January 27th** Youth & Young adults meet @ 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, February 5th** Elders meeting at 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, February 7th** Canned Fruit, Jell-O, Pudding, cereal or your choice is due in Beebe Hall for Calvary Baptist Church food pantry

**Friday, February 12th** Men's night @ Oil Belt Camp



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

In 1903, Nicholas II who was the Russian Czar at that time noticed a sentry posted for no apparent purpose on the Kremlin grounds. Upon inquiry, he discovered that in 1776 Catherine the Great found there the first flower of spring. "Post a sentry here," she commanded, "so that no one tramples that flower under foot!" For over 125 years a guard stood at that spot. The purpose for that posted guard had long been forgotten but the practice continued for over a century. It is a sad state of affairs when purpose is lost and forgotten.

The Church of Jesus Christ must never forget its purpose. This coming Sunday morning, we will be looking at Philippians 1:12-18. In that passage, Paul talks about the purpose of the church and how he as an individual fitted in with that purpose. Paul identified the purpose of the church as "advancing the gospel," "speaking the word of God," and "preaching Christ." When he saw that purpose being fulfilled, he rejoiced. It may not have been in the way he envisioned it, but it was being accomplished and that brought him joy.

Our purpose as a church must coincide with that God-given purpose revealed in the Bible. Our purpose statement is as follows: "First Christian Church is a family of believers in Christ who loves God, one another, and our community called by God to restore the principles and practices of the New Testament Church." How are we doing in accomplishing our purpose?

I look forward to sharing the message with you this Sunday and joining together with you in worship. If you are not able to be present with us, then please join us online.

Keep praying for our church, our community and our nation!

C U N Church,  
David



<i><b>Serving In December</b></i> <b>Communion Table :</b> January 24th—Troy Bloemker; January 31st—Delaine Donaldson	
<b><i>1/10/2021 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b>Total: \$2,463.00</b> <b>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Giving</b>	<b><i>1/17/2021 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b>Total: \$8,255.00</b> <b>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Giving</b>
Attendance: 57 Property Ministry (Building):\$40.00	Attendance: 50 Property Ministry (Building):\$40.00
<b>Faith Promise: \$1,081.00</b>	<b>Faith Promise \$406.00</b>

## *Congregational Meeting*

### **Sunday, January 24th**

Congregational meeting will meet directly after the worship service to vote to accept a new trustee to fill a vacancy.



## *Young @ Heart*

### **Tuesday, January 26th**

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



## *W.O.W.*

### **Wednesday, January 27th**

Youth & Young Adults will meet @ 6:00 p.m. in the church auditorium for worship & Bible Study





## Prayer List



**Cancer:** Jessica Baker (Cancer tumors), Jeff Anderson (cancer of the back), Anthony (Reenie's nephew 2nd round of Chemo)

**Special Needs:** Sharon Caylor (health issues), U.S.A., Police, 1st Responders, Church, Suz (hip replacement), Sandy Brockett (knee replacement), Vicki Lynn Antwine (brain surgery), Chris Hutcheson (health issues), Jennifer Johnson (surgery home from hospital), Eric Poorman (surgery on tumor on kidney), family at Noble Christian Church, Hayden Kanizer (seeing neurologist)

**Covid 19:** Deb Meyers, Roger Long, Gene Denney, Kevin Palmer family members, Pauline Verdeyen (hospice care)

**Healed from Covid 19:** Steven Thomason, Billie Bounds Ferris

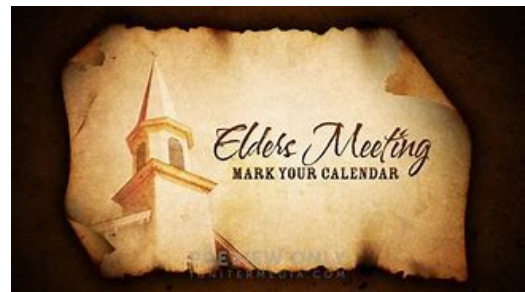
**Missions:** Faith Promise 2020/2021

**Pray For These Families:** Dennis Stuckey Family, Ronald Torbeck Family, Robbie Lewis Family, Michael Olino Family, Bob Stine Family, Leon Vonderheide Family, Jeanette Butler Family, Stanley Dickerson Family

## Elder's Meeting

### Friday, February 5th

The elders will meet @ 4:00 p.m. at the church



## Oil Belt Men's Night

### February 12, 2021

Men's Night

Jamie Allen from Central Christian Church in Mt. Vernon will be speaking on our topic of "Shining Our Light for Christ!"

Kinmundy Christian Church "Worship Team will be leading us in Worship!"

5:30 p.m. Doors Open

6:00pm - Supper (*catered by Niemerg's Fried Chicken & Pulled Pork*)

7:00pm - Worship



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <b>Young @ Heart</b> meets @ 9:00 a.m.	3 <b>W.O.W.</b> meets @ 6:00 p.m.	4	5 <b>Elders' Meeting</b> meets @ 4:00 p.m.	6
7	8	9 <b>Young @ Heart</b> meets @ 9:00 a.m. <b>Women's Meeting @</b> 6:30 p.m.	10 <b>W.O.W.</b> meets @ 6:00 p.m.	11	12 <b>Oil Belt Men's Night</b> supper @ 6:00 p.m.	13
14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15	16 <b>Young @ Heart</b> meets @ 9:00 a.m.	17 <b>W.O.W.</b> meets @ 6:00 p.m.	18	19	20
21	22	23 <b>Young @ Heart</b> meets @ 9:00 a.m.	24 <b>W.O.W.</b> meets @ 6:00 p.m.	25	26	27
28	Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11 (NIV)					

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

**2021**

<i>8—J.T. &amp; Cheryl Bloemker</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>19—Martín &amp; Justine Reyes</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>9—Gene &amp; Sherry Roley</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>24—Daisy Fry</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>11—Chris Hutcheson</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>24—Sandy Grimsley</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>13—Callista Denoyer</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>25—Trenton Scoggins</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>14—Vernon Jamison</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>28—Megan Lattig</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>16—Linda Shaw</i>	<i>BD</i>		
<i>17—Stephanie Vonderheide</i>	<i>BD</i>		
<i>18—Irma McConnell</i>	<i>BD</i>		
<i>18—Marsha Bloemker</i>	<i>BD</i>		



## *75th Oil Belt Anniversary*

Join with us the celebrate Oil Belt Christian Service Camp's 75th year! Below are a few of the activities and plans we have.

- Oil Belt Recipe & History Book is currently being created. Recipes and stories will be taken until October 15th, 2020. To purchase yours, more information is forthcoming.

- Attend Family Camp 2021 for a special service on Sunday, September 5, 2021.

- Mail / Email your pictures, videos and stories to the camp office!







## *Food Pantry Items*

### **Sunday, February 7th**

Please bring Jell-O, Canned Fruit, Pudding, cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



## *Oil Belt Christian Service Camp*

### **March 13, 2021**

#### **Ladies' Day—*Clothed in Grace***

Spend a day being encouraged by Cindy Sigler Dagnan, International Speaker & Author, and being led in worship by Dee Ann Schnautz!

**Pre-Register** online by March 5th for the early bird rate of \$20.00.

After March 5th registration fee is \$25.00

#### **Schedule:**

Doors open & light breakfast @ 8:15 a.m.

Worship Begins: 9:00 a.m.

Dismiss: 2:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided

### **April 19, 2021**

Minister's Gathering

### **May 2, 2021**

Camp Open House from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.—tours, yard games, live music, food trucks and more!

6:00 p.m.—Activity room worship service

No cost & no need to register. Food available to purchase and Oil Belt shirts & gear.

### **May 21-23**

Greater Retreat





## *Book Of The Month*

### **January Bible Study Book**

The book of the month for January is Ecclesiastes & Song of Solomon

**Goals:**

Greater knowledge of the Bible

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



## *Foyer Wall Photos*

### **Thankful Pictures**

In January, those who have a picture of a thankful time during Christmas to be considered for the thankful pictures on the wall in the foyer send them to Mimi Bushue.

Please, e-mail the pictures to Mimi @ den-mib@consolidated.net



## *Faith Promise 2020*

### **Promises Made**

\$39,449.00 for 2020/2021

**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—\$11,236.00**





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SERVICE REQUESTED

## *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 Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham>

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

