# First Christian Church of Effingham

In God's hands

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Mark Your Calendar Saturday, December 18th Men's Breakfast will meet @ 8:00 a.m.

<u>Tuesday, December 21st</u> Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

*Tuesdays Online Prayer Time* Starts (a) noon on the First Christian Church Effingham Facebook https:// www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham and You Tube <u>First Christian Church</u> of Effingham - YouTube

*Wednesday, December 22nd & 28th* W.O.W. is dismissed. W.O.W. will resume on Wednesday, January 5, 2022

*Friday, December 24th* Candlelight worship Service will begin @ 5:00 p.m.

*Friday, December 31st* New Year's Eve worship service will begin @ 6:00 p.m. A party will start directly after the worship service. Bring a snack to share and your favorite game.

<u>Sunday, January 2nd</u> Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items of Soup, Crackers, Cereal or your choice are due.

#### Ponderings of the Preacher ...

Most of you are probably familiar with "The Family Circus" cartoon strip. One of the things that always stood out to me about the cartoon was the frequent references to Christian themes. I saw one of the cartoon strips reprinted in one of the Chicken Soup books. It depicted Billy, the eldest child being confronted by some reminders concerning Christmas. One reminder said, "Don't forget wrapping paper." Another one urged people to "Don't forget last minute gifts." Still another poster urged people to "Don't forget tree lights and tinsel." One was directed especially to children -"Don't forget: Visit Santa." Apparently the idea of not forgetting impressed Billy because in the last panel of the cartoon, he is busily involved in printing his own reminder poster. It had as its headline "Don't Forget" and the picture that accompanied it was the baby Jesus lying in a manger with Mary and Joseph bowing before the infant king. Although surrounded by all of the trappings of the season, Billy did not forget the real reason why we celebrate Christmas.

The Christmas season is rushing past rapidly and will soon be over. I encourage you to not forget the One we say is the reason for the season. Don't forget Jesus, the eternal Word of God, became a human being. He came to earth as a tiny baby, grew up to become a man, and then died on a cross to pay the penalty for our sins. Thank you God for this indescribable gift!

So, in the midst of a season crowded with gift buying and giving, decorating, cooking, and gatherings with friends and loved ones, please do not forget Jesus. Take time to read again the biblical story of Jesus coming to earth (Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-12). Take time to worship with other believers. Take time to tell the Lord thank you for His amazing gift.

Irma and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

C U N Church, David



Serving In December Communion Table : December 7th —Dennis Bushue ; December 14th—Troy Bloemker

**12/5/2021 Attendance & Giving** Total: \$9,819.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance: Sunday-67 Wednesday:22 Property Ministry (Building) \$40.00 12/12/2021 Attendance & Giving Total: \$3,524.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance: Sunday:77 Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00

Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$1,331.00

Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$296.00 Crossroads Quilters Guild:\$200.00

# Men's Gathering

### Saturday, December 18th

All men and boys are invited to have breakfast and fellowship together @ 8:00 a.m.



Young @ Heart

### Tuesday, December 21st

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



WOW!

#### Wednesday, December 22nd & 29th

W.O.W. is dismissed until January 5th when it will resume again @ 5:30 p.m.



# Prayer Líst



Cancer: John Lee (Cancer & Dialysis), Jerry & Cindy (Jerry/Surgery)

Special Needs: Tom Newman (heart valve surgery), Karen Hakman (open heart surgery/11/11), Lynn Cazier (heart issues), Carl Lipcamon (surgery 1/2022), Diane Donaldson (surgery 11/29/21), Breanna (pain), Marsha Bloemker (Meniere's disease), Kacey Scoggins (bruised tailbone)

Missions: Faith Promise 2021/2022, Project Bible Runners, St. Louis Christian College

**Pray For These Families:** Mary Cline Family, Mary Beck Family, Rosalee Waller Family, Betty Richman Family

**<u>NEW</u>:** Prayer Bulletin Board: Anyone can add anonymous prayers to the board. Note paper & pen available.

Helping The Storm Victims

#### Sunday, December 19th

Helping His Hands (HHH) is a trained relief organization in Vincennes, IN. They bring peace and assistance while mobilizing the church. Please, bring the following items this Sunday to be sent to Noble Christian Church who will deliver the items to Helping His Hands.

For Male hygiene kit: (Place in gallon zip lock) Hand Towel; Comb; Washcloth Nail File; Bar of soap; Band-Aids (6); deodorant; Shampoo (travel size);Razor; Bible

Toothbrush &Toothpaste(4, 7oz.) Aftershave lotion or shaving cream; Facial Tissues (travel size);

For Female hygiene kit: (Place in gallon zip lock) Same list as male kit, but add 6 feminine sanitary napkins and a travel size hair conditioner



Candlelight Service

### Friday, December 24th

The Candlelight service will begin @ 5:00 p.m. Please, pick up a candle in the foyer as you enter the service.

There will be a box to put the candles in as you exit the service.





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January Bírthdays & Anniversaries

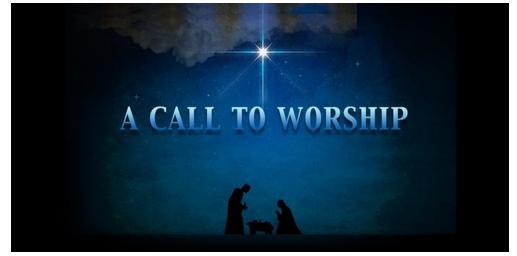
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<b>3-June</b> Ashley	BD
4-Eden Griffin	BD
8-Loretta Miller	BD
10-Gary Elliott	BD
11-Alexis Smith	BD
12-Linda Packer	BD
16-Larry & Sue Thomason	WA

16-Laurie Akeman	BD
17-Cecil & Charlotte Wright	WA
22-Sharon Knaus	BD
27-Jon Zerkel	BD
30-Billy Fry	BD
31-Aaron Vonderheide	BD
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New Year's Eve Worship

#### Friday, December 31st

Please, note that a New Year's Eve Worship is planned for December 31st @ 6:00 p.m.



All are invited to attend. If Covid restrictions allow, there will be a party directly afterward. Bring your favorite snack and board game or card game.

## Faith Promise

#### 2021/2022 Giving

Promises: \$42,662.00 <u>Theme:</u> Take God At His Word <u>Bible Verse:</u> "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33 **Giving so Far:** \$7,238.00



Calvary Baptist Food Pantry



#### Sunday, January 2nd

Bring to the Fellowship Hall One or more of the following items to donate to the food pantry. Soup, Crackers, Cereal or your choice.



# Women's/ Gírl's Gathering

#### Saturday, January 29th

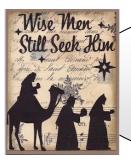
All women and girls are welcome to come to tea and conversation @ 10:00 a.m. This month we will talk about New Beginnings.

#### **Tea & Conversation**

All ladies and girls! Come Saturday, January 29th @ 10:00 a.m.

Come and Visit, share In prayer & discuss New Beginnings

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#### **Sunday Times**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:40 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday Morning 9:00 a.m. Young @ Heart Coffee & Prayer Time

<u>Wednesday Evening</u> 6:00 p.m. Bible Study & Worship Time

