



First Christian Church of Effingham

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In God's hands

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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, January 22nd Women's & Girls Tea & Conversation meets from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 25th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday, January 26th W.O.W. Will meet @ 5:30 p.m. for light supper. Then, Bible studies will follow for all ages

Sunday, January 30th Card Shower for Bill Fry's 90th Birthday.

Sunday, February 6th Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items of Canned fruit, Jell-O, Pudding, Cereal or your choice are due in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 6th Open House for J.T. & Cheryl Bloemker's 60th Wedding Anniversary from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the fellowship room.

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Our church is facing a major decision. Yesterday, the elders recommended Martin Reyes to be the next Senior Pastor of First Christian Church. On Sunday January 30, the congregation will have the opportunity to either accept or reject that recommendation.

As I read the New Testament, I find that God's people when faced with major decisions would pray seeking God's will on the matter and would often fast. Our Lord Himself as He was preparing to begin His public ministry went into the wilderness and there fasted and I would assume prayed. Before appointing 12 of His disciples to be apostles, Jesus spend all night in prayer. Barnabas and Saul (Paul) along with two others were worshiping and fasting as they were seeking the Lord's guidance. I would urge the members of our church to earnestly seek the Lord's guidance during these next few days to be able to make the right decision. The question that should be asked is not whether I want Martin to be the next Senior Pastor but whether God wants Martin to be the next Senior Pastor.

If you have questions about Martin assuming this role, then I would suggest that you talk to Martin and ask those questions. He would be glad to talk with you and discuss the future of First Christian Church and what you and he can do to accomplish God's will in this community. Talk to one or all of the elders. Talk with those ladies that were mentioned yesterday who have worked closely with Martin during the last ten years. But most of all, talk to the Lord asking for His guidance in making this decision.

I will be preaching this next Sunday and Martin will be preaching on January 30. I hope to see each of you this coming Sunday as we gather together for worship.

CUN Church,
David



<i>Serving In January</i> Communion Table : January 23rd —Troy Bloemker ; January 30th—David McConnell	
1/9/2022 Attendance & Giving Total: \$2,328.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving	1/16/2021 Attendance & Giving Total: \$6,099.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving
Attendance: Sunday-55 Property Ministry (Building) \$40.00	Attendance: Sunday: 60 Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00
Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$136.00	Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$2,386.00

Women's/ Girl's Gathering

Saturday, January 22nd

All women and girls are welcome to come to tea and conversation @ 10:00 a.m. This month we will talk about how new starts at different times in our lives have affected our lives.



Tea & Conversation

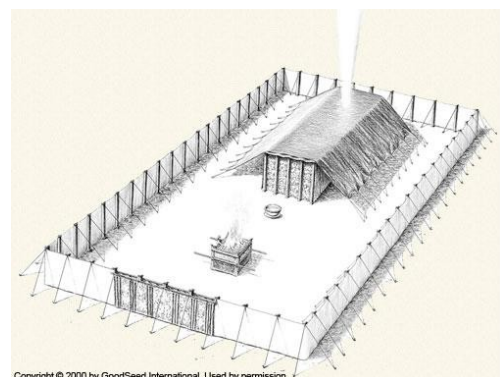
All ladies and girls!
Come Saturday, January
29th @ 10:00 a.m.

Come and
Visit, share
In prayer & discuss
New Starts

Children's Church

Sunday, January 23rd

Children's Church will meet during worship service. The lesson is The Tabernacle was Built from Exodus 35:4-40:38



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Prayer List



Cancer: John Lee (Cancer & Dialysis), Jerry & Cindy (Jerry/Surgery), Mark Gabel (Chemo), Diane Slone (fluid in lung)

Special Needs: Bill Fry (CHF & pneumonia), Diane Haney (Kidney failure), Pat Larsen (Covid 19 & Blood Clot), Marsha Bloemker (Meniere's disease), Martha Pickens (Covid 19), Kacey Scoggins (broken tailbone), Steven Smith (Covid 19), Brian & Christie Dabler (Covid 19), Will Bruce (pain in back, neck & hip), John Weiffenbach (lung infection), Linda Richey (surgery)

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

Pray For These Families: Shawn Winter Family, Cedric Wright Family, Lynn Cazier Family, Les McGee Family, Terry Elder Family, Gabby Bushue's Grandpa's Family, Ginger Turner Family, Sue Borries Family, Greg Lilly Family, Joan Eggers Family

NEW: Prayer Bulletin Board: Anyone can add anonymous prayers to the board. Note paper & pen available.

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, January 25th

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!

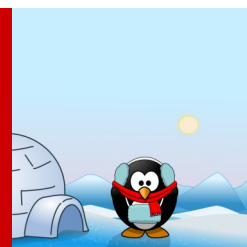
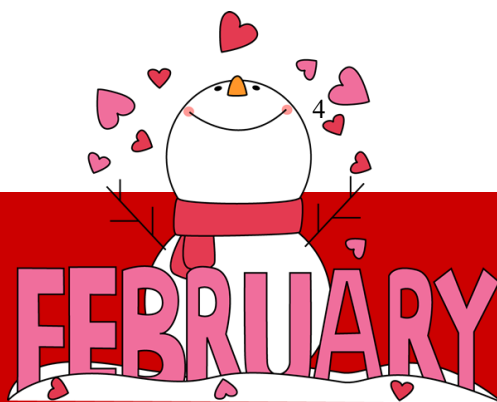
Wednesday, January 26th

W.O.W. Meets @ 5:30 p.m. with a light supper. Then, Bible study begins @ 6:00 p.m. for Youth & Young Adults & Children. The **Youth & Young Adults** are studying the basics of Christianity.

The **Children** are viewing the *What's In the Bible with Buck Denver* video series.

The **Adult** Bible Study begins @ 6:30 p.m. They are studying the Bible book of Romans





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
“Your heart will be where your riches are.” Matthew 6:21		1 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	2 GROUNDHOG DAY <i>February 2nd</i> W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	3	4	5
		6 Food Pantry items, canned fruit, Jell-O, Pudding or your choice Open House —J.T. & Cheryl Bloemker 1:00 p.m. 60th Ann.	7	8 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	9 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	10
11	12	13	14 	15 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	16 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	17
18	19 Men’s Breakfast —8:00 a.m. Children’s Event —10:00 a.m.	20	21 	22 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	23 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	24
25	26 Women’s Tea & Conversation meets @ 10:00 a.m.	27	28	“Israel, listen to me. The LORD is our God. The LORD is the one and only God. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength. The commandments I give you today must be in your hearts.” Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (NIV)		

February Birthdays & Anniversaries



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



Card Shower

Bill Fry

Please, send a birthday card to Bill Fry. His **90th birthday is January 30, 2022**. He would love to receive cards from his church family.

Box 167, Stewardson, IL 62463-0167





Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, February

6th

Bring to the Fellowship Hall
One or more of the following
items to donate to the food pan-
try.

Canned Fruit, Jell-O, Pudding,
Cereal or your choice.



Open House 60th Anniversary

J.T. & Cheryl Bloemker



COME ON IN

**OPEN
HOUSE**



Come and celebrate their 60th wed-
ding anniversary on **February 6th**
from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in the
Fellowship Hall. Please, no gifts,
your presence is present enough.

New Home Card Shower



Martin & Astrid Zubiate

Pastor Martin's Step Dad & Mom are moving to 301 E. Grove, Effingham, IL 62401.



It would be great if the church family could send a congratulations on a new home card to them at their new address.

Faith Promise

2021/2022 Giving

Promises: \$42,662.00

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

Giving so Far: \$12,728.00



Books, Books, Books

Free To Everyone

David and Irma are discarding several books. They would like to give the church family opportunity to take any of those books they might want.

During the **next two weeks** those books will be on display in the fellowship hall. The books that are available are **children's books, teen books, Chicken of the Soul books, history books, books on U.S. Presidents, Christian books, etc.** The books that are not taken will be donated to Silk Purse. Please help yourself.





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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

Wednesday Evening

5:30 p.m. Bible Study & Worship Time