



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*In God's hands*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Tuesday, February 8th** 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](https://www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham)  
and You Tube [First Christian Church  
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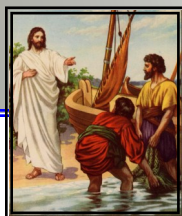
**Wednesday, February 9th** W.O.W.  
Will meet @ 5:30 p.m. for light sup-  
per. Then, Bible studies will follow  
for all ages

**Saturday, February 19th** Men's  
Breakfast begins @ 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday, February 19th** Children's  
Event—Valentines party starts @  
10:00 a.m.

**Saturday February 26th** Tea &  
Conversation 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, March 6th** Calvary Baptist  
Food Pantry items of Peanut Butter,  
Jelly, Cereal or your choice are due  
in the Fellowship Hall



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

What is the church? How would you answer that question? We are an army, not an audience. We are a body and not a building. The church is a company of participants and not an auditorium full of spectators. We are an organism and not an organization. We are a hospital for sinners, not a country club for saints.

The church is a training center and not an entertainment center. We are to make disciples, not to play religious games. The church is to equip for ministry, not just to enlist for membership. We are fishers of men and not keepers of the aquarium.

The church is here to meet needs and not just here because we need to meet. We are here to save the lost and not here to just satisfy and pacify the saved. We are to provide fellowship for the hurting, wounded, discouraged, and weary. We are to extend hope, love encouragement, care, grace, and forgiveness in the name of Jesus.

We are sinners made saints; people with a passion to serve; disciples who are doers; soldiers in warfare, children of the King; members of God's family; and branches of the vine. We are saved, redeemed, forgiven, adopted, born again and waiting for the return of our Lord.

Let us be the church of the Lord Jesus Christ!

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day morning as His church comes together for worship and fellowship.

C U N Church,  
David

**We are fishers of men**



<i>Serving In February</i> <i>Communion Table : February 6th —Martin Reyes ; February 13th—Jon Zerkel</i>	
<b><i>1/23/2022 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$2,909.00.00</i></b> <b><i>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Giving</i></b>	<b><i>1/30/2021 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$3,199.00</i></b> <b><i>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Giving</i></b>
<i>Attendance: Sunday-51</i> <i>Property Ministry (Building) \$40.00</i>	<i>Attendance: Sunday: 69</i> <i>Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00</i>
<b><i>Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$791.00</i></b>	<b><i>Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$450.00</i></b> <b><i>Quilt Guild: \$80.00</i></b>

## *Open House 60th Anniversary*

**J.T. & Cheryl Bloemker**



Come and celebrate their 60th wedding 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.

## *Young @ Heart*

**Tuesday, February 8th**

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:** John Lee (Cancer & Dialysis), Jerry & Cindy (Jerry/Surgery), Mark Gabel (Chemo), Hazel Kingery (Chemo)

**Special Needs:** Pat McWhorter (Covid & pneumonia), Linda Richey (aneurysm), Ukraine & Russia Standoff,

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

Christian College

**Pray For These Families:** 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, Diane Slone Family, Daniel Mueller Family

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

## WOW!

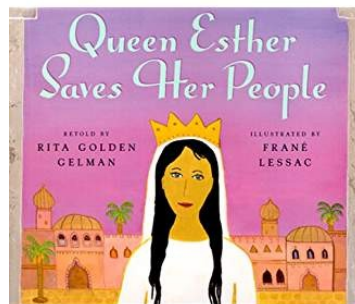
### Wednesday, February 9th

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 *ver* video series.

*What's In the Bible with Buck Den-*

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



## Children's Church

### Sunday, February 13th

Children's Church will meet during worship service. The lesson is God Reminded His People of His covenant from Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25; 8:1-11:1; 26-28







## *Men's Gathering*

**Saturday, February 19th**

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



## *Children's Event*

**Saturday, February 19th**

Children 5th grade and under are invited to the Valentine themed party from 10:00 a.m. to noon



## *Calvary Baptist Food Pantry*

**Sunday, March 6th**

Bring to the Fellowship Hall

One or more of the following items to donate to the food pantry.

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal or your choice.



# Thanks For Helpers



## All Who Decorated In 2021

The church was so beautiful this past year thanks to all the church family.

Claudine Rush decorated for patriotism during the summer month.

Nancy Harper did the wonderful fall arrangement on the altar.

We had a great team put together the Christmas decorations. Sheila and Chris Hutcheson decorated Beebe Hall with beautiful snowflakes and churches and buildings all hand made.



The church area and Christmas trees were done by Dennis & Mimi Bushue, Sheila Hutcheson, Charlotte Wright, Claudine Rush, Cleone Bloemker, June Ashley, Cathy Weiffenbach and Cheryl Bloemker.

April Moeller and the children with their families decorated the tree during the children's program. Great Job!

Also, thanks to Aaron Vonderheide and David Reyes for helping put things away. You all did beautiful work and are much appreciated. I know God was happy with our celebration of the birth of our Savior.  
—Decoration Committee

## Poinsettia's

Thanks to all who shared a Poinsettia for the altar. They looked beautiful. Those donating were Richard Raber, Elsie Palmer, Cleone Bloemker, June Ashley and J.T. Bloemker families



# 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:** \$13,969.00





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SERVICE REQUESTED**



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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