



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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In God's hands

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Sunday, May 15th** Open House for Shorty & Lee Beals will meet @ 1:30 p.m. @ Villas of Holly Brook's four Season Room. (70th Anniversary and Shorty's 92nd birthday)

**Tuesday, May 17th** 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, May 18th** W.O.W. Will meet @ 5:30 p.m. for light supper. Last WOW for this season

**Saturday, May 21st** Men's & Boys Breakfast meets @ 8:00 a.m. this month.

**Saturday, May 21st** Children's Event meets @ the movie theater around 10:00 a.m. to watch DC League Super Pets

**Saturday, May 21st** Women & Girls Tea & Conversation will meet @ 11:30 a.m. @ the church to car pool to eat lunch in Stewardson @ Emma's Diner.

## **Pick up the towel**

<sup>3</sup>Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup>so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup>After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

-John 13:3-5 (NIV)

Hello Church Family!

I hope that you had a great Mother's Day Weekend. Justine and I went to a gardening place in Altamont and walked around the flower beds and the fish pond. It reminded me that Spring is in full swing and Summer will soon be here.

Many of you will probably take trips this summer and stay in hotels. I love staying in a hotel! I don't have to cook breakfast, make my bed, or worry about the towel after I take a shower. The crazy thing is that the people at the hotel encourage you to leave your towel in the floor! They have employees who come later and pick them up, clean up the room, and make you feel great as a guest.

On the other hand, at home we don't let our kids leave their clothes or towels in the ground. Why? Well, because they are family, not guest. Our home is their home too. They have the same responsibility we have to take care of this blessing from God and to help out in any way they can, so that we all can enjoy it and share it with others.

Well, our church is as welcoming as a hotel. We want to serve people from our community and be a blessing to them. We want to share with them what God has given us in Christ and host them as long as they need. But we want to invite them to stay, not just as guests, but as part of our church family members.

There is a theory in church leadership circles that say "20% of church members do 80% of the work of the church". As I look at the summer coming up, at our volunteers' list, at the repairs and upkeep needed in our church building, at our ministry needs, I can't disagree with that statement.

Our church needs you, as a church member, to pick up the towel and serve our church and our community in anyway God has empowered you to do so. God has given you some spiritual gifts "so that the body of Christ may be built up". God has given you some resources, wisdom, and life experiences to bless others with.

I look forward to seeing how God will use you to minister the lives of the people of our church and our community.

At His service and yours,

Pastor Martin.



<i>Serving In May</i> <i>Communion Table : May 15th —Jon Zerkel; May 22nd—Dennis Bushue</i>		
<b>4/24/2022 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$3,951.00</b> <i>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Giving</i>	<b>5/1/2022 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$8,143.00</b> <i>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Giving</i>	<b>5/8/2022 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$3,091.96</b> <i>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Giving</i>
<i>Attendance: Sunday-65</i> <i>Sunday School:8</i> <i>Property Ministry (Building) \$40.00</i>	<i>Attendance: Sunday: 57</i> <i>Sunday School:11</i> <i>Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00</i>	<i>Attendance: 81</i> <i>Sunday School:11</i> <i>Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00</i>
<b>Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$358.00</b>	<b>Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$4,565.00</b>	<b>Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$316.00</b>

## *Prayer List*



**Cancer:** , Hazel Kingery (Chemo), Marietta Greenly (Cancer Treatments), Jim Owen (Chemo/radiation)

**Special Needs:** Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Bill Fry (health issues), Shorty & Lee Beals (moved to Villas of Hollybrook), Joni Millman (kidney stones removed 5/5/22), Josh Aden (Neck Surgery)

**Missions:** Faith Promise 2021/2022, Oil Belt Christian Service Camp, Dori Cazier will be returning to Kenya the end of April

**Pray For These Families:** Aaron Carrell Family, Paul Hilt Family, Cody Blair Family, Tim Mueller Family, Carl Lance Family, Gina Pullam Family, Joyce Cameron Family

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

If you haven't noticed the wonderful mural at the end of the foyer hall, be sure take time to look at it. Mimi Bushue and Chris Hutcheson put it together for the Easter Season. Thanks so much for such a blessing.

Sheila Hutcheson decorated Beebe hall for the Spring season and made the fellowship hall Sweet Spring.

Thanks to all who gave Easter lilies for the Sanctuary & to Cleone & Cheryl Bloemker for setting up the Chain of Prayer and decorating for Holy week.

Thanks to April Moeller for the great Palm Sunday program leading us into Easter. Thanks to Pastor Martin & April Moeller for putting together a fun Easter egg hunt for the children and to all of those who shared candy for the eggs.

The decorating Committee~Cheryl Bloemker



# Open House Celebration

Sunday, May 15, 2022

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

@ Villas of Holly Brook's

Four Seasons Room

904 W. Evergreen

Effingham, IL



You are invited to celebrate  
*Shorty Beals' 92nd Birthday*  
and *Shorty and Lee Beals' 70th Anniversary*

## V. B. S. Meeting

Sunday, May 15, 2022

1:00 p.m.

To all the church family:  
Please, come and help plan for the  
Vacation Bible School  
and volunteer to help make V.B.S.  
a success!



## Young @ Heart 9:00 A.M.



Tuesday, May 17th



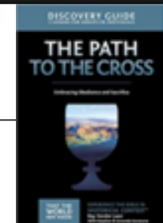
## WEDNESDAY



*Light Supper*



5:30 P.M.  
TO  
7:30 P.M.



*Bible Study*  
May 18th





# Children's Event

SIT, STAY, SAVE THE WORLD.

## Movie Day

About 10:00 a.m.



Saturday, May 21st

Please call or text

Pastor

Martin to find out the

exact time when

the movie begins

(217) 317-3800

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### Men Ministry's Breakfast

May--Meets on the 21st  
8:00 a.m.



### Emma's Diner Lunch



Saturday, May 21st @ Noon

To Car Pool Meet @ The Church @ 11:30 a.m.

All Ladies & Girls, we will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the church  
to carpool

to Emma's Cafe in Stewardson for lunch.

### Faith Promise

2021/2022 Take God At His Word

### Giving

"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: \$26,267.00





## Visitor's Card

Church Family  
Encourage your visitors  
to fill out the welcome visitor  
card and return it

Cards will be put in the back of  
the pews for easy access to fill  
them out.



Welcome to First Christian Church!  
We are delighted that you have chosen to  
worship with us today!  
Please take a moment to fill out this card so  
that we can get to know you a little better.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Farewell to Pastor David & Irma

We wish you God's great blessings and pray for your good  
health and happiness. You will be missed and have blessed  
all of us greatly. Thanks to all who helped in putting  
together and cleaning up the farewell dinner for them.  
Decorating Committee~Cheryl Bloemker



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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