



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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In God's hands

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Tuesday, May 31st** 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  
of Effingham - YouTube](#)

**Sunday, June 5th** Canned Meat, Des-  
sert Mixes, Cereal or your choice due  
for the Calvary Baptist food pantry

**Sunday, June 12th** Vacation Bible  
School meeting directly after church

**Saturday, June 25th** Men's Breakfast  
@ 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday, June 25th** Children's  
Event meet @ Mini Golf @ noon

**Sunday, June 26th** Congregational  
meeting will meet directly after wor-  
ship service to vote on the budget and  
officers



## **Kaleidoscope**

***"You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens  
with God's people and also members of his household"***

**Ephesians 2:19 (NIV)**

Wikipedia defines a Kaleidoscope as "a cylinder with mir-  
rors containing loose, colored objects such as beads or pebbles and  
bits of glass. As the viewer looks into one end, light entering the  
other creates a colorful pattern, due to the reflection off of the mir-  
rors."

The beauty of the pattern is in the diversity of colors,  
shapes, and sizes of the beads. It is also important that each bead  
lets the Light shine through them to create a beautiful pattern.

Our Church is like a Kaleidoscope. The unique beauty of  
our church is found in our diversity in backgrounds, upbringings,  
experiences, spiritual gifts, and in the different ways that God has  
called us to reflect His Light to people around us. He has prepared  
certain works for us to do, individually and together.

This diversity, sometimes, can create friction and factions;  
but I am glad that we continue to remain together as a church and  
focused on the big picture God is making.

The next couple of months might bring disagreements  
about the budget, the parsonage, or building updates, but as we  
listen to each other and seek the Lord, He will show us His light  
and His will.

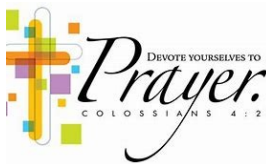
Continue to pray for God to show you how your gifts  
form part of His great picture, and as we continue to grow and  
spend time together, we can encourage each other to remain fo-  
cused on the Goal: **To bring glory and people to Him.**

God has brought you here to be part of His family and the  
beautiful picture He is creating. So let the light shine and make it  
interesting. Remember, a Kaleidoscope with one bead, it's pretty  
boring.

**Pastor Martin Reyes**



<i>Serving In May/June</i> <b>Communion Table :</b> May 29th —Troy Bloemker; June 5th—Martin Reyes	
<b>5/15/2022 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$2,605.29</b> <i>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Giving</i>	<b>5/22/2022 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$2,954.47</b> <i>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Giving</i>
Attendance: Sunday-73 Sunday School:10 Property Ministry (Building) \$40.00	Attendance:62 Sunday School:18 Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00
<b>Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$467.00</b>	<b>Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$305.00</b> Menard's Refund:\$11.00
<i>Prayer List</i>	



**Cancer:** , Hazel Kingery (Hospice Care), Marietta Greenly (Cancer Treatments), Jim Owen (Chemo/radiation), Tom Young (chemo)

**Special Needs:** Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Shorty & Lee Beals (moved to Villas of Hollybrook), Joni Millman (kidney stones), Josh Aden (Neck Surgery), Pastor David & Irma (moving), Gary & Darlene Elliott ( health issues), Judy Tapp (broken kneecap & cracked arm), Justin Borries (Cancer surgeries), Janet Strange (stroke rehab), Marsha Bloemker (Meniere's Disease), June McConnell (health issues)

**Missions:** Faith Promise 2021/2022, Oil Belt Christian Service Camp, Dori Cazier has returned to Kenya and will be moving back to the U.S. by the end of May or beginning of June

**Pray For These Families:** Carl Lance Family, Gina Pullam Family, Joyce Cameron Family, Bill Fry Family, Debra Young Family, Bernice Tucker Family, Jerry Gulley Family, Roberta Tomaw Family, Gen Byers Family, Mark Schultz Family

## *New Address*

♦ For David & Irma McConnell—1696 E. 550th Rd. Casey, IL 62420

## *June Birthdays & Anniversaries*

1-Charlotte Wright	BD	16-Klent & Tracey Scoggins	WA
5-Troy Bloemker	BD	18-John Donathan	BD
7-Jeff & Laurie Akeman	WA	23-LeAnn Spruell	BD
9-Toby & Heather Wolke	WA	26-Holly Bloemker	BD
10-Jeff Akeman	BD	30-Nancy Harper	BD
11-Terry & Nancy Harper	WA		
13-Erin Calvert	BD		
15-Darlene Elliott	BD		





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




Tuesday, May 31st

**Calvary Baptist**  
**Food Pantry**  
*Sunday, June 5th*



Canned Meat



Cereal Of Your Choice



Dessert Mixes

**V. B. S. Meeting**

**Sunday, June 12, 2022**  
**After Worship Service**



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!





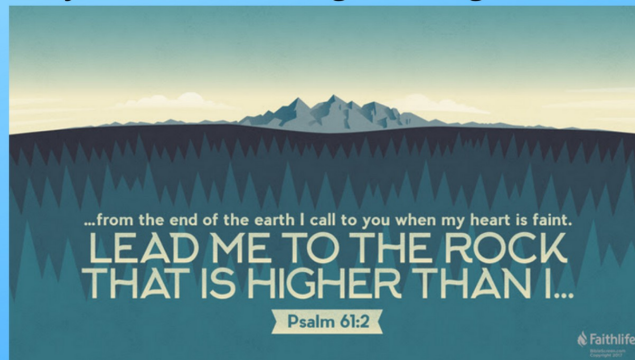
## Children's Event





# Thank you Lovely Church Family

I want to thank you for all the prayers, cards, and food  
I ask you to continue to keep my family and me  
in your hearts as we get through this loss.



Love to all, Barb Morrison

## Faith Promise

# 2021/2022 Giving

Take God At His Word

"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: \$27,039.00**







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901 N. Henrietta  
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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**