



First Christian Church of Effingham

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In God's hands

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Mark Your Calendar

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](#)

Thursday, June 23rd Vacation Bible
School meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Tuesday, June 28th Young @ Heart
meets @ 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 29th Meet @
church @ 6:30 p.m. then, go to mini
golf



Another Gospel???

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

-Galatians 1:6-7 (NIV)

Hello Church Family!

I didn't have the chance to write to you last newsletter since I was at Oil Belt Camp. I had a great time with students and faculty, and had many opportunities to talk to them about their faith walk and struggles. In these conversations, I started to notice a pattern: they were not relying on the Gospel, because they either had an incomplete Gospel or were adding to it. Just like the Galatians, they were thrown *into confusion* because they were adding or subtracting to the Gospel (the Good News of Jesus), *which is really no gospel at all*.

There are many different ways to remember the key points of the Gospel. A popular way to "present the Gospel" (used in many VBS and children's programs in America) is to use the "ABCs of Salvation":

A stands for **Admit you have sinned.**

B stands for **Believe in Jesus.**

C stands for **Confess that Jesus is Lord.**

This is not a bad start for a child, and a simple way to help someone come to Christ **after** they have received the Gospel. But this is not the Gospel. Its incomplete and will lead them to struggle in their faith and seek for answers somewhere else.

I took the time to remind these students and faculty of the Gospel, and they were able to see God's grace, repent from their sins, and start to trust Jesus' work in the Cross.

The G.O.S.P.E.L. method is an easy way to explain what we believe and present the Gospel:

God created us to be with Him.

Our sins separate us from God

Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

I hope this article encourages you and challenges you to stand firm in the Gospel of Jesus.

At His service and yours,
Pastor Martin.



Serving In May/June Communion Table : June 26th —Troy Bloemker; July 3rd—Martin Reyes	
6/12/2022 Attendance & Giving Total: \$2,333.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving	6/19/2022 Attendance & Giving Total: \$3,851.62 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving
Attendance: Sunday-69 Sunday School:14 Property Ministry (Building) \$40.00	Attendance:58 Sunday School:11 Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00 Family Life Center:\$330.62
Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$286.00 Initial Offering: \$2.00	Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$846.00 Memorial-Hazel Kingery:\$10.00 FCC Soccer Fees:\$60.00
Prayer List	



Cancer: Marietta Greenly (Cancer Treatments), Jim Owen (Chemo/radiation), Tom Young (chemo), Dustin Borries (Cancer surgeries), Martha Fearday (brain tumor surgery), Paula Teiffel (Chemo), Keaton Gabel (chemo)

Special Needs: Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Shorty & Lee Beals (moved to Villas of Hollybrook), Joni Millman (kidney stone surgery), Josh Aden (Neck Surgery), Pastor David & Irma (moving), Gary & Darlene Elliott

(health issues), Judy Tapp (broken kneecap & cracked arm), , Marsha Bloemker (Meniere's Disease), June McConnell (health issues), Bob Gregory (gall bladder pain), Rich & Pat Hicks (Covid & health issues) Mimi Bushue (back pain), Rich & Pat Hicks (Covid 19 & infection), Elaine Griffin (surgery rehab), Alisha Eubanks (to have labor induced July 4th), Sharon Caylor (hospice), Jane Harrison (back surgery)

Missions: Faith Promise 2021/2022, Oil Belt Christian Service Camp, Dori Cazier safe travel back to the U.S.

Pray For These Families: Janet Strange Family, Hazel Kingery Family

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 1-Joshua Reyes	BD	July 11-Zachary Bloemker	BD
July 1-Mark Knaus	BD	July 22-Jon & Jane Ann Zerkel	WA
July 2-Sherry Roley	BD	July 25-Shari Long	BD
July 3-Larry Thomason	BD	July 26-Roger & Kaye Wyckoff	WA
July 5-David & Irma McConnell	WA	July 29-Layne Akeman	BD
July 8-Lee Beals	BD		
July 8-Troy & Marsha Bloemker	WA		





Family Life Center

Baby Bottle Project

FCC Total Given
So Far:
\$1,040.62
Thank you
church family for
your donations



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 26th

The yearly congregational meeting
will be directly
after the worship service
to vote on the budget and elders and deacons



Young @ Heart
9:00 A.M.



Tuesday, June 28th



FCC of Effingham
***Men Ministry's
Breakfast***

June-Meets on the 25th
8:00 a.m.



Children's Event

Wednesday, June 29th
6:30 P.M.



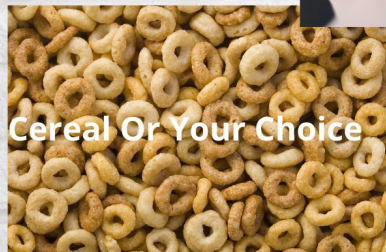
Children Meet @ the Mini Golf Course
Any Questions Text or
Call Pastor Martin @ (217) 317-3800



Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, July 3rd

Pancake Mix



Cereal Or Your Choice



Oatmeal

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: \$29,913.00





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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