



First Christian Church of Effingham

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In God's hands

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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, August 20th Men's Breakfast meets @ 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 20th Children's Event—Back to School @ 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 23rd 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, August 24th W.O.W. meets @ 600 p.m. for youth & Young Adults

Sunday, September 4th Food Pantry items canned vegetables, Cereal or your choice is due for Calvary Baptist Food Pantry



Serving & Giving

Serving In August

Communion Table : August 21st-Troy Bloemker; August 28th-Martin Reyes

| 8/7/2022 Attendance & Giving | 8/14/2022 Attendance & Giving |
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| Total: \$3,970.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving | Total: \$3,107.36 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving |
| Attendance: Sunday—57 Sunday School—6 Property Ministry (Building) \$40.00 | Attendance: 61 Sunday School: 10 Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00 |
| Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$1,066.00 Initial Offering: \$12.00 | Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$776.00 CD Interest: \$12.40 Countrymark Refinery: \$29.96 |

Prayer List



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

Ken Stuckey (2 types of cancer)

Special Needs: Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Pastor Martin, Gary & Darlene Elliott (health issues), Marsha Bloemker (Meniere's disease), June McConnell (broken wrist), Bob Gregory (health issues), Mimi Bushue (back surgery), Paul Talbert (multiple injuries from motorcycle wreck), Hadley Miller (new born heart surgery), Gabriel Reyes (broken hand), Chuck Croft (health issues), Kelvin Williams (health issues), Bradley (injuries from accident)

Missions: Faith Promise 2021/2022, Oil Belt Christian Service Camp,

Pray For These Families: Gary Beck Family, Dave Bingman Family, Charles Weber Family, Paula Teiffel Family, Steven Dasenbrock Family, Vickie Dasenbrock Family, Janet Young Family, Nina Warner Family, Phyllis Buening Family, Mary Vonderheide Family



Not Neglecting to Gather Together

And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.
Hebrews 10:24-25 (CSB)

Hello Church Family!

Children are back in school, college is about to start, and summer is almost over. The summer break months (May to July) tends to be a time in which historically church attendance fall, and this past school break was not an exception. In 2022, our attendance dropped almost 20% during the summer break from 76.6 (February to April) to 61.9 (May to July); and last year, WOW group had an average of 22 people, a nice percentage of our Sunday attendance average for that period.

Why the numbers? Well, numbers are not important but they tend to show our tendencies, and generally speaking, we are inconsistent coming to Sunday church, and half of our members don't go to any kind of church groups. So I want to encourage you to "not neglect to gather together" in a consistent basis, if you are able.

I understand that life is busy, but I encourage you not to miss more than a Sunday a month, and to join at least one small group. Here is a list of the small groups we are offering this Fall so far:

Bible Study Groups:

Sunday School groups (adults and youth) – Sundays @ 9:00AM

WOW Youth & Young Adults (6th grade and up) – Wednesdays @ 5:30PM starting on 08/17/22

WOW Children (5th grade and younger) – Wednesdays @ 5:30PM starting on 09/07/22

WOW Adults (Adults) – Wednesdays @ 5:30PM starting on 09/07/22

Mama Bear Apologetics – Meeting times to be determine soon. Lead by April Moeller

Fellowship Groups:

Young @ Heart (65 and older) – Tuesdays @ 9:00AM

Men's Breakfast (Man and Boys) – Third Saturday of every month at 8:00AM

Children's event (5th grade and younger) – Third Saturday of every month at 10:00AM

Women's Tea and Conversations (Women and Girls) – Fourth Saturday of every month at 10:00AM. Starting in September

If none of these times work for you, but would like to host/lead a group at your home, let me know and I can try to help you to set it up and figure out the logistics of it.

I hope this article encourages you and challenges you to join a group and be consistent.

At His service and yours,

Pastor Martin.



2022 WOW Groups

During the fall, we will be focusing on Apologetics, the theological discipline of defending our doctrines through explaining what we believe.

| Date | Youth & Young Adults | Adults | Children |
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| 08/17/22 | Devotional: What is Apologetics? | | |
| 08/24/22 | 1 - What is Truth? | | |
| 08/31/22 | 2 - Can everybody be right? | | |
| 09/07/22 | 3 - People v. Truth | 1 - What is Truth? | Ephesians – What Is God's Plan? |
| 09/14/22 | Devotional: | 2 - Can everybody be right? | Ephesians 1:1-11 |
| 09/21/22 | 4 - If you're just matter, you don't matter | 3 - People v. Truth | Ephesians 1:12-23 |
| 09/28/22 | 5 - Everyday proof evolution is impossible | 4 - If you're just matter, you don't matter | Ephesians 2:1-11 |
| 10/05/22 | 6 - Explain this, Atheists! | 5 - Everyday proof evolution is impossible | Ephesians 2:12-22 |
| 10/12/22 | 7 - Do we still need God? | 6 - Explain this, Atheists! | Ephesians 3:1-13 |
| 10/19/22 | Faith Promise Rally | Faith Promise Rally | Faith Promise Rally |
| 10/26/22 | 8 - The Most Reliable Book on Earth | 7 - Do we still need God? | Ephesians 3:14-21 |
| 11/02/22 | 9 - Christianity is Logical? | 8 - The Most Reliable Book on Earth | Ephesians 4:1-3 |
| 11/09/22 | 10 - Getting the Good News Right | 9 - Christianity is Logical? | Ephesians 4:4-6 |
| 11/16/22 | THANKSGIVING DINNER | THANKSGIVING DINNER | THANKSGIVING DINNER |
| 11/23/22 | THANKSGIVING BREAK | THANKSGIVING BREAK | THANKSGIVINGS |
| 11/30/22 | 11 - Access denied: Christianity's Exclusivity | 10 - Getting the Good News Right | Ephesians 4:7-16 |
| 12/07/22 | 12 - Anxiety and Depression: The Real Route Out | 11 - Access denied: Christianity's Exclusivity | Ephesians 4:17-24 |
| 12/14/22 | CHRISTMAS DINNER | CHRISTMAS DINNER | CHRISTMAS DINNER |



FCC of Effingham
***Men Ministry's
Breakfast***
August-Meets on the
20th @ 8:00 a.m.

A photograph of a breakfast meal. In the foreground, a white plate holds a fried egg, a slice of toast with another fried egg on it, and a serving of beans topped with shredded cheese. To the right, a white cup of coffee sits on a saucer. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the table and a knife.

FCC Children's Party

BACK TO
SCHOOL

Saturday, August 20th
10:00 a.m. To Noon
All children
5th grade and under

Any Questions:
text or call Pastor Martin
(217) 317-3800

A collection of school supplies. A green apple sits on a stack of spiral-bound notebooks. Next to the apple is a clear glass cup containing several yellow and green markers and a paintbrush. The background is a solid light green color.




Young @ Heart


9:00 A.M.



Tuesday, August 23rd

W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

August 24, 2022



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| 6:00 P.M.To | 7:30 P.M. | Bible Study |
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Birthdays & Wedding
Anniversaries

2 Astrid Zubiate—BD

4-Analise Brown—BD

12-Abby Smith—BD

13-Emily Griffin—BD

16-Sandi Donaldson—BD

18-Elaine Griffin—BD

20-John Weiffenbach—BD

22-J.T. Bloemker—BD

22-Sheryl Rincker—BD

29-Claudine Rush—BD

29-Chris & Sheila Hutcheson—WA



Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, September 4th

Cereal Or Your Choice



Canned Vegetables

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: \$35,059.00





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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