



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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## Mark Your Calendar

**Tuesday, September 26th** Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. the church for snack, prayer & fellowship Hall

**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, September 27th** W.O.W. for all ages meets at 5:30 p.m. with a light supper and then, Bible Study.

**Sunday, October 1st** Bring the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items of Pizza Sauce, Pizza Crust, cereal or your choice to the fellowship hall.

**Sunday, October 15th & Sunday, October 22nd** Faith Promise Rally "Use Your Gifts" with the scripture of 1 Peter 4:10

## Serving & Giving

### Serving In September

**Communion Table** : September 24th–Dennis Bushue; October 1st–John Donathan

#### 9/10/2023 Attendance & Giving

**Total: \$1,185.00**

*includes Faith Promise & Online Giving*

#### 9/17/2023 Attendance & Giving

**Total: \$2,242.00**

*includes Faith Promise & Online Giving*

Attendance: Sunday –63  
Sunday School — 14  
Property Ministries:\$40.00

Attendance: Sunday — 79  
Sunday School —14  
Property Ministry: \$40.00

**Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$57.00**

**Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$132.00**

## Prayer List

**Special Needs:** Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Church leadership, Nancy Harper (Heart surgery 9/20/2023), Bob Caruthers (cancer), Dennis Bushue (surgery on hand and elbow), Judy Tapp (hip replacement), Mandy Jo Schumacher (Breast Cancer), Debbie Little (Pneumonia), Terri Bequette (cancer), Shirley Ziegler (Broken Hip), Sabrina Coppleman (Knee Replacement), John McCarty (Back Surgery), Nelson Dunckel (Blood Clots in lungs), Megan Lattig (Staff infection), Linda Richey (abdominal infection), Cheryl Mix (cancer), Jady (car wreck injuries), Joni Millman (knee surgery), Chelsey Wakefield (Pain)

**Missions:** Faith Promise 2022/2023, Lincoln Christian University; Christian Campus House EIU

**Pray For These Family:** Phil Bennett Family, June McConnell Family, Linda Hilt Family, Margie Fulk Family, Janet Yocum Family





## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**This is written to help members of our church family better know each other**

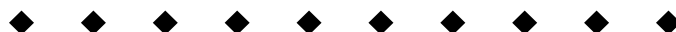
### JUDY GREGORY

Judy was born October 19, 1939 in Indianapolis, IN to parents Gerald & Opal Leamon. She has 2 sisters and one brother. She graduated high school in Indianapolis. She and Bobby Gregory were married March 3, 1956. They are the parents of 4 children, Linda Buehnerkemper, Gary Gregory, Rick Gregory all of Effingham and Lisa Guthrie of Normal, IL. Judy and Bobby came to Effingham in 1969 when they purchased the Abe Lincoln Motel and Café. They operated it until they sold to their daughter and bought the Altamont Motel. It was sold to the same daughter. They next bought the Oak View Mobile Home Park in Altamont and operated it for 27 years. They bought an old building in Shelbyville and renovated it into 12 new motel rooms. Their next purchase was Camp Lakewood in Effingham, renovating it and selling to their son. Judy did all the cleaning and laundry for those businesses – including ironing the pillow cases! Their final business before retirement was Gregory Flea Market which they operated for five years. Bobby passed December 4, 2022, Judy became a Christian in Indianapolis in 1962. She came to First Christian with her daughter Lisa in 2017. At First Christian Judy helped prepare communion trays and has been a greeter. Judy lives in Effingham.

### SHIRLEY JAMISON

Shirley was born March 14, 1948 in St. Mary's Hospital, St. Louis, one of five children born to Bill and Edith Buhler. She grew up near Dieterich where she graduated high school, She met Vernon Jamison in 1968 and they were married 52 years before he went to Heaven May 31, 2021.

Vernon and Shirley are the parents of 5 children—Laurie (Jeff) Akeman is a teacher at Altamont, Janet (Todd) Waymoth a nurse at Sarah Bush Tina Jamison (fiancé Todd Frey) employed at Dan Hecht, Kevin (Barb) of Watson employed at Stevens Industries) and Melissa (Jamie) Berlin of Marshall employed at Yargus. Vernon and Shirley began attending First Christian in the early 1970s. All the children were raised in our church. There are 16 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Vernon spent his working years at Dust & Son in Effingham.





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### DENNIS AND MARIAN (MIMI) BUSHUE

**Mimi**, as she is best known, was born December 17, 1950 in Effingham. Her parents were Cecil and Alice Richey and they lived in Dieterich until 1966 when they moved to Vandalia. She graduated from high school there. She has an older sister and brother (deceased).

Mimi worked at the Effingham Senior Center as a case manager. Then for 21 years she worked in the office at Meyer Oil. She retired four years ago.

**Denny** (as he is best known) was born May 15, 1950 in Mason Township to Randall and Gladys Bushue. He grew up there and graduated from Effingham High School. He has an older sister Vicky Maxwell and a younger sister Deb Bussman. He is retired from World Color Press and driving a Teutopolis School Bus.

Denny and Mimi were married in Effingham October 4, 1969 just before Denny left for Vietnam. They have three children Randy of Effingham, Allison Spracklen of Minier, IL and Carla Stoops of Newton. They have 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Mimi was baptized when she was about age 14 at the Dieterich Christian Church. The couple came to First Christian Church in 1975 because both had attended Christian Churches. It was then that Denny was baptized. Mimi has been a Sunday School teacher and works on the Garden Committee. Denny is/has been teacher, deacon, elder, secretary of board and trustee. At present he is teaching the adult Sunday School class.

Both are being too modest when stating what work they do here at First Christian Church. Almost any project will find them here ready to help.





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### SHEILA HUTCHESON

Sheila was born November, 1963 at the old hospital in Charleston to parents Jerry (deceased) and Alice Haga. Her step mother was Janice Haga and her step father was Tony Rickelman. Her siblings are Paula Nettles and Dean Haga. Her step siblings are Jodi Walters, Mendi Wallace, Cindi Sears and Marc Rogers. Sheila has one son Preston Spidle. She is a graduate of Mattoon High School.

She has always been a Christian. She, her mother and grandparents occasionally attended the Mattoon Southside Church of Christ. Her father was Mormon. As a young adult Sheila and a friend occasionally attended the First Baptist Church in Mattoon. When she and Preston's father, Mark Spidle, were married they attended the First Apostolic Church in Mattoon and she was baptized there. After they divorced in 1986, she left that church. A second brief marriage followed.

Sheila's first job was at Smith Machine Shop where they made kernel cutters and apple cutters. She worked at a shop where she made gift baskets and flower arrangements. And at a BP Convenience store where she was the office manager and bookkeeper.

Sheila and Chris Hutchinson met in 1999 at their place of employment, Ampad, in Mattoon. They were married September 29, 2001. They live at Lake Mattoon, Neoga. After several years they began attending the Toledo Christian Church. Chris and Sheila first came to our church on Easter 2015. It reminded Sheila of churches she had attended previously; the people are really friendly and they felt like they were they were welcomed with open arms. And they were taken with Pastor Dave.

At First Christian Sheila has helped as a greeter and decorates the fellowship hall. Having Chris and Sheila as part of the First Christian family is a great blessing.





# Women’s Tea & Conversation

First Meeting will meet Saturday, September 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



## The Book of 1 Thessalonians

**BEN STUART**

### Description

Living for Christ in a Culture that Doesn’t What is God’s will for our lives, and why is it important to know? In this eight-session series, Pastor Ben Stuart shows us that Jesus calls us to live our faith openly, letting the world see our allegiance to him. When we are being faithful, pressing against culture, others can’t help but notice. As we live confident of our good future in God’s kingdom, we show the world where—and in whom—their hope lies.



**Young @ Heart**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
 Tuesday, September 26th  
 For Coffee, Prayer & Fellowship

# Youth & Young Adults

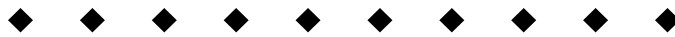
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Wednesday, September 27th



**W.O.W. WEDNESDAY**

**5:30 P.M. To  
7:30 P.M. Bible Study**



## Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

*Sunday, October 1st*

**Pizza Crust & Sauce**

**Cereal Or Your Choice**



# Faith Promise 2022/2023



Promises Made: \$31,084.00

Received: \$ 37,829.00



## Faith Promise Rally

## Use Your Gifts

*Sunday, October 15th & Sunday, October 22nd*



***"God's gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully."***

***1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)***



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901 N. Henrietta  
Effingham, IL 62401  
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