



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Mark Your Calendar

**Pastor Appreciation –Boxes In foyer
For Your Cards, Letters, etc.**

Saturday, October 21st Children's
(5th grade and under) Event from
10:00 a.m. to Noon-Bingo @ Ever-
green Nursing Home

Sunday, October 22nd Faith Promise
Speakers from Feed the Crave, Salva-
tion Army, CMF & Bead Project

Sunday, October 22nd Pot luck
Lunch directly after worship service

Tuesday, October 31st Treat Town—
Sign up sheet for a room is in the
foyer, and a box is in the foyer to
collect donations of candy to pass out
during treat town

Sunday, November 5th food Pantry
Items, Salt, Pepper, Spices, Jell-O or
Cereal, for Calvary Baptist are due

Sunday, November 5th Light Lunch
after worship; then, replace Lights
with LED lighting

Tuesday, November 7th The Elders'
meet @ 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 12th Donations
for Oblong Children's Christian
Home food pantry will be accepted
November 5th and 12th

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Yesterday, we were blessed to be challenged by the preaching of Terry Stine, President of St. Louis Christian College. He preached from Acts 1:8 which records Jesus' command to His apostles:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Are we carrying out that command today? This coming Sunday you will have the opportunity to help carry out that command. We are offering you the chance to make a promise in faith to give a certain amount of money to help support the missions program at First Christian Church. The money promised and given to the missions program is divided among 11 different missions and missionaries. These missions and missionaries are sharing the Gospel with people around the world, in our own country, and in our own community. Each of us wants to make a difference in our world. There is no better way of doing that than by sharing the good news about Jesus with others.

A faith promise is just exactly that. It is a promise you make to God to give a certain amount of money to missions during this next year. It is a promise you make to Him trusting that He will provide that amount of money. Presently, you may not have that money in hand and you may not know exactly where that money is going to come from.

However, you may feel that God is leading you to give that money so that others may know about Jesus. So in faith asking God to provide, you promise to give. This past year the Lord has enabled us to give more than \$33,500 to missions. That money has made a difference in the lives of others. We have been partners with our missionaries in bringing people to Christ, preparing others to take the message, and helping relieve suffering in the name of Jesus.

I hope that you will participate in our faith promise program this year. I ask that you prayerfully consider what the Lord may be challenging you to give this year. You are “Making a Difference.”

If you are not quite sure how the faith promise program works, then I would be glad to talk with you more about it.

C U N Church,
David

***Serving In October******Elder:*** Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating***Deacons:*** Terry Harper, Greg Spillman, Jeff Akeman, Chris Denoyer***Deaconesses:*** Laurie Akeman & Nancy Harper

<i>10-8-17 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$2,771.11 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>10-15-17 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: 2,530.97 includes Faith Promise</i>
<i>Worship: 76 Sunday School: 18</i>	<i>Worship: 102 Sunday School: 14</i>
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$265</i>	<i>Faith Promise Offering: \$160.00</i>
<i>Building: \$40.00</i>	<i>Building: \$40.00</i>
<i>Sunday School: \$11.00</i>	<i>Sunday School: \$11.00</i> <i>Country Mark Refining: \$45.22</i>

October 22nd Greeters: Don & Bev Thoele **October 22nd Home Communion:** Larry Thomason & George Shouse
October 29th Greeters: Trenton Scoggins & Alexis Smith **October 29th Home Communion:** Dennis Bushue

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, October 24th

Come @ 9:00 a.m. to share in coffee/tea,
fellowship and prayer in Beebe Hall



October Challenge

Eliminating Biblical Illiteracy

Biblical illiteracy has increased dramatically in recent years. People including Christians know less and less about the Bible. If we claim to be a people of the Book, we should have a working knowledge of the Bible. During the next several months, we as a congregation will be working toward eliminating Biblical illiteracy by increasing our knowledge and understanding of the Bible. Each month we will be focusing on a different part of the Bible and attempting to increase our knowledge of that part of Scripture. **In October**, our challenge is to **memorize the fruit of the Spirit** that are named in **Galatians 5:22-23**. Won't you join us in this worthwhile endeavor? Be sure to pick up your **Bible question calendar for October**.





Prayer Requests



Homebound and Nursing Home: Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Cecil "Paul" Richey, Wilma Sherrick, Marie Fulk, Don VanDeveer, Oneida Lewis, Elinor Wolford, Elfrieda Zerkel, Eldon Ooton, Darlene Zimdars, Agnes Simpson



Cancer: Laura Knierim, Sharon Douglas, Shirley Strickland, Ron Anderson, Tatum, Ashley Judd, Linda Smith, Paul Dempsey, Barb Eaton, Patty Willis, Alayna Plank, Renae Metke, Andy, Mike Page, Tom Koester, Brett Walker, Gary Lewis, Brandy Harper, Tiffany Dunaway, Brad Arney's Great Grandson Parker Burns, Susie Mast, Nancy Koester, Patrice Runyon, John Arnold, Carley Tull, Robert Barkauska, Jessica Baker, Nikki Szyonik, Katie Krueger, Misty Ulmer, Lanny Grove, Joshua McConnell, Rosemary Niemerg, Paula Jones, Ruth, Barb Gaddis, Elizabeth Weidner, Trish Couch, Wyatt Smith, Dallas Parkhurst, Ray Bushue, Bill Dentln, Jane Ann's Friend, Joy Gamber, Gene Moeller, Angie Thomason, Ellen Walk, Sue Heth, Ken Gilbert, Arlene Mullen, Donna Pollock, Cheryl Woodard, Joe Stoops, Jill Fiddler, Scott Chalcant, Dallas Hurst, Caleb, Tammy Zuber, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Linda Packer, Diane Slone, Elizabeth-7year old, Candy Walden, Ken Roley, Lois Bartels, Aretha Young & her husband, Cindy Meitzner, Leroy Lester, Mat Reed, Adam Stoops



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, Elaine Griffin, Mary Muntean, Russ Mitchell, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, David Shouse, Brad Donaldson, Yin Ying Zhang, Callista Denoyer, Sarah Gremo & baby Cal, John Weiffenbach, Cathy, Marvin Book, Ron Thomason, Lolita, Venezuela, Lydie Anderson, Glen Anderson, Grandma Lucille, Marita Boyce, Gary, Kayla Cordes, Holly-Justine's Friend, Dan Richey, Barb Wymo, Dale Loy, Sue Thomason, Ken Thomason, Uncle George Daley, Amy Sidwell, Ruby Tabor, Larry Harvey, Eleanor Elliott, Vicky Stout, Silent Prayer Request, Judy Waters, Vandal of Stained Glass Window

(These names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Then, we need an update to put their names back on this Special Needs list.)



Missions: Faith Promise Rally October 15th through October 22nd, Glenda Donaldson, Dominican Republic



Military: J.R. Trueblood, Troops in harms way, Tyler Cross in the Air Force



Grieving Families: Lawrence "Art" Davidson Family, Dan Smith Family, Famie Payne Family, Mary Vail Family, Kay Turke Family, Kim Kobler Family, Randall Loy Family, Jim Coatney Family

Heartfelt Thanks

Anniversary Open House

We were so pleased to see all the people who came out to visit with us at the 60th anniversary open house. Thanks to all the church family for your prayers, thoughts of us and cards. We are so blessed to have a loving and supporting church family.

Bill & Daisy Fry





November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 W.O.W. @ 5:30 p.m.	2	3	4
5 Light lunch Directly After Worship Ser- vice Lighting Party-help put up LED lights	6	7 Elders' Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	8 W.O.W. @ 5:30 p.m.	9	10	11
12 Oblong Children's' Christian Home Food Pantry Dona- tion Day	13 Operation Christmas Child Collec- tion Week	14 Operation Christmas Child Collec- tion Week Women's Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.	15 Operation Christmas Child Collec- tion Week W.O.W. @ 5:30 p.m.	16 Operation Christmas Child Collec- tion Week	17 Operation Christmas Child Collec- tion Week Youth Thanks- giving Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.	18 Operation Christmas Child Collec- tion Week Children's Event 10:00 a.m. to noon
19 Operation Christmas Child Collec- tion Week	20	21	22 No W.O.W.	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 W.O.W. @ 5:30 p.m.	30		

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries For November

1-David McConnell-BD
 2-Angela Denoyer-BD
 6-Jeff Christianson-BD
 6-Sheila Hutcheson-BD
 7-Sam & Paula McCammon-WA
 9-Kim Bushue-BD
 10-Moris Sowers-BD
 10-Tom & Jamie Shouse-WA
 11-Terry Harper-BD
 11-Tom Shouse-BD
 14-Barb Morrison-BD
 14-Bud Byers-BD

14-Stacy Brown-BD
 15-Cheryl Bloemker-BD
 17-Cecil Richey-BD
 17-Wanda McCoy-BD
 18-Bonnie & Dale Vonderheide-WA
 18-Reenie Miller-BD
 19-Gary Stanfield-BD
 20-Bud & Gen Byers-WA
 21-Miles Healy-BD
 27-Cheryl Beatt-BD
 27-Wayne Greenwood-BD



Thanks To All Contributors

Church Family

The month of September was so busy with all of the 150th anniversary celebration. What a terrific job all of those on the committee have done in informing us about the past history of First Christian and helping us to celebrate. The ice cream social was a big hit and the dinner was perfect. Much thanks to Delaine & Sandi Donaldson, Claudine Rush, Dennis & Mimi Bushue, Jon & Jane Ann Zerkel, Elaine Griffin, Reenie Miller and Pastor David. Elaine and Mimi had the church decorated so beautiful. All of you have blessed the church family.

The family of Lulubelle Winn was so appreciative of the funeral luncheon provided by the church. Thanks so much to all of those who brought dishes and a special thanks to Barb Morrison, June Ashley, Elsie Palmer, John Donathan & Claudine Rush for helping to serve and clean-up.

-- Cheryl Bloemker



Thankful For Fall Decoration

Decoration Committee

The committee wants to thank Sheila Hutcheson for decorating the church for September and getting us in the Fall mood.

Beebe Hall looked great.

Elaine Griffin & Mimi Bushue decorated the church for the 150th anniversary celebration and it was beautiful.

Elaine Griffin has decorated for the month of October and continued with the wonderful color of fall with pumpkins and fall leaves.

Beverly Thoele has hung her fall banners along the north wall and they add so much to the sanctuary. Nancy Harper brought the beautiful bouquet of Hydrangea that are placed on the alter. What a blessing you all are and we appreciate your talent. --- Cheryl Bloemker





October—Pastor Appreciation

Encourage & Build Them Up



Faith Promise

2016-2017 Faith Promise Giving	
<u>Promised</u>	<u>Given</u>
\$38,790	\$33,508

Make A Difference

Faith Promise Rally

When: Sunday, October 15th through Sunday, October 22nd

- ♦ **Sunday, October 22nd**—during worship service the following have been invited to speak: Christian Missionary Fellowship, Feed the Crave, Youth With A Mission, Salvation Army and H.I.S. K.I.D.S.
- ♦ Maasai Bead Project Items For Sale In Foyer
- ♦ Faith Promise Cards Will Be Collected

Lunch: Church Family invited to stay for pot luck lunch after worship service on Sunday, October 22nd in Beebe Hall. Signup sheet is in the foyer.

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”
1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)



W.O.W. Adult Bible Study

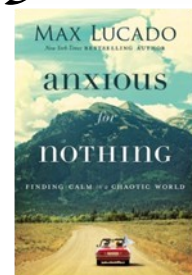
Wednesday, October 25th

Come join us on **Wednesday nights** for supper and Bible Study!!!

Adult s, Youth (6th -11th grades) & Young adults (12th grade and over)

Children (5th grade and under)

W.O.W. begins @ 5:30 p.m. with supper, then worship in song and Bible study to follow.





Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, November 5th

Salt, Spices, Jell-O or Cereal are due in Beebe Hall



Lighting Party

Sunday, November 5th

Light Lunch directly after worship service.



Please stay and help replace lighting with LED bulbs.

Oblong Children's Christian Home

Food Pantry Donations

Sunday, November 12th

Donations will be accepted in the foyer which will be sent to Oblong Children's Christian Home so they can add items they need to their food pantry.

If you forget to donate on that Sunday, you can give your check to Linda Shaw or Cleone Bloemker by November 26th.



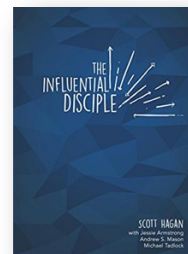
Women's Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th

Come and join us for prayer, fellowship and bible study at 6:30 p.m. Our study is the video series by Scott & Karen Hagen, *The Influential Disciple*.

The Second session is *Spiritual Formation*.

We will copy each of the lesson's study guide pages from *The Influential Disciple Study Guide*.





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SERVICE REQUESTED



First Christian Church
901 N. Henrietta St.
October 31st
Treat Town
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

When: Tuesday, October 31st

Time: 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 p.m.

Rooms decorated and treats handed out to kiddos

Signup in the foyer for a room to decorate

Bring candy to donate for passing out at treat town

Popcorn, hot dogs, hot chocolate and apple cider given out in dining area

