



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*Under His Wings*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **October Is Pastor Appreciation**

#### **Month**

**Tuesday, October 10th** Women's Ministry meets @ 6:30 p.m. in Beebe Hall

**Friday, October 13th** Heartland Christian Village Harvest Fest—25th anniversary 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, October 15th to Sunday, October 22nd** Faith Promise week with speakers on both Sundays, on Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening

**Saturday, October 21st** Children's (5th grade and under) Event from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

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

## **Ponderings of the Preacher . . .**

Recent headlines have announced the bad news.

**“Storm deaths: Harvey claims lives of more than 75 in Texas”**

**“Unofficial death toll from Hurricane Irma now stands at 75 across the state.”**

**“Death toll rises to 360 in Mexico earthquake.”**

**“58 killed, 515 hurt in Las Vegas Strip massacre.”**

It seems like that we have been inundated with bad news in the last few weeks. Death and destruction has been the theme of the news we read, hear and see from the newspapers, radio, TV, and internet.

We desperately need to hear some good news and our friends and neighbors also desperately need to hear some good news. Do we have any good news to share? The answer is “Yes, we still have good news.”

Despite the tragedies that surround us, let us understand that God has not deserted us. He has promised us, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5) Although we may think God has deserted us, may we cling to this promise knowing that our God is still with us and always will be.

Although it may seem like things are out of control, God is still in control. In the early days of Christianity, Christians were being persecuted for their faith and some were even being put to death. Things seemed to be out of control but the message that the book of Revelation gave to the early Christians is that God was still on His throne (Revelation 4). God is still on His throne today!

Jesus warned His disciples that in the world they would have trouble, but then He added this comforting thought. “But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

I hope to see you each of you this coming Lord's Day morning when the good news will be shared. Plan on being with us! Please keep praying for our neighbors who have suffered tragedy.

C U N Church,  
David



<b><i>Serving In October</i></b> <b><i>Elder:</i></b> Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating <b><i>Deacons:</i></b> Terry Harper, Greg Spillman, Jeff Akeman, Chris Denoyer <b><i>Deaconesses:</i></b> Laurie Akeman & Nancy Harper	
<b><i>9-24-17 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$ 5,354.25 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>	<b><i>10-1-17 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: 4,719.43 includes Faith Promise</i></b>
<i>Worship: 84</i> <i>Sunday School:19</i>	<i>Worship: 86</i> <i>Sunday School:21</i>
<b><i>Faith Promise Missions: \$180.00</i></b>	<b><i>Faith Promise Offering:\$1,195.00</i></b>
<i>Building:\$40.00</i>	<i>Building:\$40.00</i>
<i>Sunday School:\$12.00</i>	<i>Sunday School:\$ 12.00</i> <i>Lighting Fund:\$20.00</i>

**October 8th Greeters:** Dallas & Hazel Kingery

**October 8th Home Communion:** Chris Hutcheson & Jeff Akeman

**October 15th Greeters:** Elaine Griffin & Sonja Davis

**October 15th Home Communion:** John Donathan & Kelvin

Williams

## *Young @ Heart*

### **Tuesday, October 10th**

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

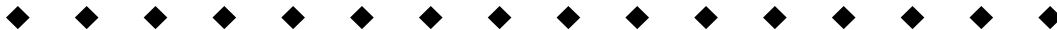


**Cancer:** Laura Knierim, Sharon Douglas, Shirley Strickland, Ron Anderson, Tatum, Ashley Judd, Linda Smith, Paul Dempsey, Barb Eaton, Patty Willis, Alayna Plank, Renae Metke, Andy, Mike Page, Tom Koester, Brett Walker, Gary Lewis, Brandy Harper, Tiffany Dunaway, Brad Arney's Great Grandson Parker Burns, 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, Mary Vail, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Linda Packer, Diane Slone, Jim Coatney, Elizabeth-7year old, Candy Walden, Ken Roley, Lois Bartels, Aretha Young & her husband, John Cordes, Cindy Meitzner, Leroy Lester, Mat Reed



**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, Adam Stoops, Ken Thomason, Uncle George Daley, Amy Sidwell, Ruby Tabor

(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



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



**Grieving Families:** Eleanor Byers Family, John Cordes Family, Lawrence "Art" Davidson Family, Dan Smith Family, Famie Payne Family

## Heartland Christian Village

### 25th Anniversary Harvest Fest

**When:** Friday, October 13th

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**What:** Activities

- ◆ Captain Rat & the Blind Rivets
- ◆ Car Show



- ◆ Bounce House
- ◆ Pumpkin Decorating
- ◆ Face Painting
- ◆ Catered Meal
- ◆ Free Chiropractic Screenings
- ◆ Quilt Show Display
- ◆ Volunteer Table
- ◆ Hot Cider Booth
- ◆ Pumpkin Carving Competition



## *October—Pastor Appreciation*

*Encourage & Build Them Up*



## *Faith Promise*

<b>2016-2017 Faith Promise Giving</b>	
<b><u>Promised</u></b>	<b><u>Given</u></b>
<b>\$38,790</b>	<b>\$33,083</b>

## *Make A Difference*

### **Faith Promise Rally**

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

- ♦ **Sunday, October 15th**—Terry Stine, the new president, of St. Louis Christian College will be the main speaker. Amy Kemp from Oblong Children's' Christian Home will also speak (The Faith promise Cards will be passed out)
- ♦ **Tuesday, October 17th**—have coffee, tea and donuts. Heartland Christian Village and FISH have been invited to speak on this day **9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**
- ♦ **Wednesday, October 18th**—**6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Representatives from Christian Campus House EIU and Oil Belt Christian Service Camp have been invited to speak.
- ♦ **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.



**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)