



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*What Manner of Love*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Saturday, November 23rd** Children's

Thanksgiving lunch will be from  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 23rd** Men's

Gathering Thanksgiving Supper will  
be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 26th** Young @

Heart Meets @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee/  
tea, fellowship and prayer

**Wednesday, November 27th** W.O.W.

Is dismissed due to Thanksgiving  
Holiday

**Thursday, November 28th & Friday,**

**November 29th** The church office  
will be closed due to Thanksgiving  
holiday

**Sunday, December 1st** Calvary Bap-

tist Food Pantry items flour, sugar or  
your choice are due in Beebe Hall

**Thursday, December 5th** Elders

meeting meets @ 9:00 a.m.

**Thursday, December 5th** Ladies

morning meeting will meet @  
Cracker Barrel at 10:00 a.m.

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

Thanksgiving is next week. What a wonderful thing to have a national holiday dedicated to the giving of thanks to God! An emphasis on thanksgiving is good because ingratitude seems to come easily to us.

Someone once said, "As a rule, a man's a fool. When it's hot, he wants it cool. When it's cool, he wants it hot – always wanting what is not." The renowned philosopher Immanuel Kant said, "give a man everything he wants and at that moment, everything will not be everything." Regardless of what a person possesses, he never seems to be satisfied, always wanting more or something else.

Our nation could be characterized by ingratitude. We have been blessed in so many ways and yet we have forgotten the source of that blessing. The great Puritan minister Cotton Mather said, "Religion begat prosperity, and the daughter hath consumed the mother." America became prosperous because of our Christian roots but in that prosperity we have forgotten God. We like the fruit, but not the root.

Two of our greatest leaders offer some keen insight into the subject of gratitude. George Washington said in his First Inaugural Address, "No people have more reason to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than those of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token or providential agency." Washington said America should be grateful. He was the first President to declare a National Day of Thanksgiving to God. Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving an annual event. He said, "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown; but we have forgotten God." (underlining mine)

May we as God's people lead our nation in giving thanks to God for all of His abundant blessings! May you and your loved ones have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

C U N Church,  
David



### ***Serving In November***

***Elder:*** November 24th Don Thoele

***Deacons:*** J. P. Smith, Martin Zubiate, John Donathan, Larry Thomason

***Deaconesses:*** Sandy Grimsley & Linda Packer

<b><i>11/10/19 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$ 3,656.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>	<b><i>11/17/19 Attendance &amp; Giving</i></b> <b><i>Total: \$ 4,368.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i></b>
Worship: 87                      Sunday School: 23	Worship: 98                      Sunday School: 27
<b><i>Faith Promise Missions: \$801.00</i></b>	<b><i>Faith Promise: \$526.00</i></b>
<b><i>Building: \$40.00</i></b>	<b><i>Building: \$40.00</i></b>
<b><i>Sunday School: \$16.00</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday School: \$20.00</i></b>
<b><i>Greeters for November 24th: Judy Tapp &amp; Dee Musgrave</i></b>	<b><i>Home Communion for November 24th: Kevin Jamison &amp; Jeff Akeman</i></b>
<b><i>Greeters for December 1st: Don &amp; Bev Thoele</i></b>	<b><i>Home Communion for December 1st: Chris Denoyer &amp; Terry Harper</i></b>

## ***Men's Gathering***

### **Saturday, November 23rd**

All boys and men are invited to join us for supper from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This will be the Thanksgiving Supper for you all.



## ***Decorating the Church***

### **Monday, November 25th**

At 9:00 a.m. meet at the church to help begin the decorating for December in the fellowship hall and the church auditorium

### **Saturday, November 30th**

At 9:00 a.m. meet at the church to finish decoration for December in the fellowship hall and the church auditorium





## *Prayer List*

**Cancer:** Marsha Meinhart (lung cancer), Kelly Tucker (throat cancer), Cindy Will (Cancer again)

**Special Needs:** Jason Burner (kidney problem), Jim Palmer (Heart Bypass Surgery), Alexis Smith (heart oblation Nov. 8th), Morgan (had an emergency Appendectomy), Joyce Walters



**Missions:** Operation Christmas Child & The Salvation Army

**Grieving Families:** Eugene Bounds Family, Hazel Percival Family, Arlene Fleener Family, Rick Champ Family, Brian Miller Family, Edith Knierim Family, Dorothy Walks family, Vandalia Community, Inge Keller Family

**Homebound:** Moris Sowers (Lakeland Nursing)



## *Sunday, November 24th*

### **Praise and Prayer Service**

Please join us this coming Sunday morning for a special **Thanksgiving service**. It will be a service dedicated to **praising God** and praying to Him.

Last Sunday we sent a blank list home with everyone asking them to fill in the **list with 10 things for which they are praising God**. Following the service these lists will be posted on our "Praise" wall in the hallway.

Our song service will be led by the praise team and the songs will be songs of praise. We will be offering our prayers up to God expressing our praise to Him for His wonderful blessings.

Please **fill out the list and bring it with you on Sunday**. We will also be **praying for the shoeboxes** we are sending to Operation Christmas Child. You won't want to miss out on this very special service.

**Be sure to come yourself and invite someone to come with you.**



## *Young @ Heart*


### **Tuesday, November 26th**

All 50 and over meet @ 9:00 a.m. for coffee/tea, fellowship and prayer.





# December 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>Food Pan-try</b> items flour, sugar or your choice is due in Beebe Hall	2	3 <b>Young @ Heart</b> meets at 9:00 a.m.	4 <b>W.O.W.</b> meets @ 5:30 p.m.	5 <b>Elders</b> meet @ 9:00 a.m.  <b>Morning ladies</b> group meets @ 10:00 a.m.	6	7
8	9 <b>Women's Christmas Party</b> meets @ 6:00 p.m.	10 <b>Young @ Heart</b> meets at 9:00 a.m.	11 <b>W.O.W.</b> meets @ 5:30 p.m.	12	13	14 <b>Children's Christmas lunch</b> & rehearsal 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  <b>Men's Gathering</b> @ 6:00 p.m. Christmas supper
15 <b>Children's</b> program in worship service  <b>Christmas Lunch</b> served directly after worship	16	17 <b>Young @ Heart</b> meets at 9:00 a.m.	18 <b>Last W.O.W.</b> of this year meets @ 5:30 p.m.	19	20 <b>Youth Christmas Dinner</b> @ 5:30 p.m. at the church	21
22	23	24 <b>Young @ Heart</b> meets at 9:00 a.m.  <b>Candle light service</b> @ 5:00 p.m.	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31 <b>Young @ Heart</b> meets at 9:00 a.m. <b>Worship Service</b> 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. <b>Party</b> 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	<p>“But these are written that you may believe that <b>Jesus</b> is the <b>Messiah</b>, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 20:31 (NIV)</p>			





December		
7—Kiel Moeller		BD
14—Toby Wolke		BD
16—Chris & Angie Denoyer		WA
16—Marcie Shouse		BD
16—Kacey Scoggins		BD
17—Mimi Bushue		BD
28—Aly Spillman		BD



## *Salvation Army Bell Ringers*

### Sign up Slots Available

December 6th— 10:00 a.m. to Noon; 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

December 7th—12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

December 13th—4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

December 14th—12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

December 20th—10:00 a.m. to Noon; 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

December 21st—12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

December 24th—10:00 a.m. to Noon; 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.



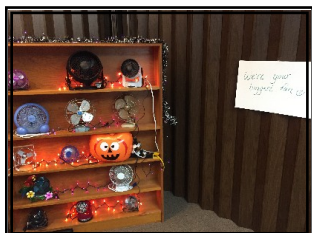
**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
INTERNATIONAL



## *Decoration Committee*



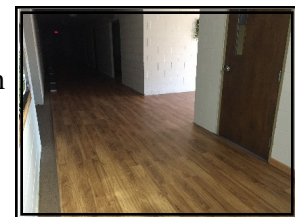
The church was **beautifully decorated** for fall by Nancy Harper & Elaine Griffin. Thanks so much ladies for making the church look so great. Bev Thoele provides the fall banners hanging on the North wall.



How nice the new **flooring** in the hallway and fresh painted walls look. Thanks to all of those who have done all of the hard work. Good job!!

The **Treat Town** was a huge success and a much welcomed refuge from the cold weather. Thanks to all of those who helped put it together and tear it down. A special thanks to Martin for all of his hard work.

Cheryl Bloemker~Decorating Committee





## *November Book of the Month*

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table for Psalms 51-100.

Pastor David will be preaching from **the book of Psalms** during the month of November

### **Goals:**

Greater knowledge of the Bible

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.

## *Faith Promise 2018/2019*

### **Faith Promises Received**

Our goal for the year 2018/2019 is \$36,570.00 .

Final Total: \$36,133.10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

*1 Peter 4:10*

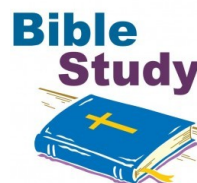


## *W.O.W.*

### **Wednesday, November 27th**

W.O.W. is dismissed due to Thanksgiving holiday

It will begin again on **Wednesday, December 4th**



## *Office Closed*

### **Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th**

The church office will be closed due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will open again on Monday, December 2nd.



## *Food Pantry Items*

### **Sunday, December 1st**

Please bring Flour, Sugar or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



# *Faith Promise Rally 2019/2020*



## Promises Made

**Theme:** Take God At His Word

**Bible Verse:** "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33

**Total Promises** \$53,492.00 for 2019/2020

Thank you all for the generous response to support our missions this year. Sunday Offering November 3rd received \$4,168.00



*Take God At His Word*

## *Ladies Morning Group*

### Thursday, December 5th

Come and join us at Cracker Barrel @ 10:00 a.m. for fellowship, food, prayer and devotional.



## *Women's Christmas Party*

### December 9th — Save the Date

Supper will begin @ 6:00 p.m.

Secret Sisters will be revealed with Christmas Card

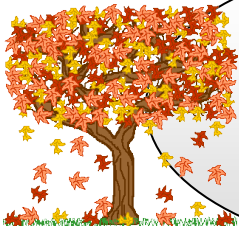
**Ornament** exchange—Bring an ornament if you wish to be in the exchange

Bring a **Five Dollar Gift Card to Wal-Mart** or Five dollars and give to Reenie Miller for the Oblong Children's Christian Home

**Devotional and fellowship times**



**Sign-Up sheet** on Secret Sister's table for what finger food or dessert you wish to bring to the party



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## *Children's Thanksgiving Lunch*

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**Saturday, November 23rd**

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All children 6th grade and under are invited to join us for a Thanksgiving lunch in Beebe Hall.

