



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*The Way, The Truth & The Life*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Worship Services for Sundays** The services will stream live to watch on You Tube First Christian Church Effingham accounts for the 10:00 a.m. service each Sunday

**Tuesday, August 25th** Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesdays Online Prayer Time** Starts @ noon on the First Christian Church Effingham Facebook (See page 2)

**Wednesday, August 26th** Youth & Young Adults meet @ 5:30 p. m.

**Sunday, September 6th** Canned Vegetables, cereal or your choice is due in Beebe Hall

**Sunday, September 6th** Family Life Center baby bottles are due back



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

Yesterday I began a sermon series on heaven. A few years ago the following article was making its rounds through church newsletters. I thought you might be blessed by reading it again or perhaps for the first time. It is entitled "Life tours, Inc."

**Accommodations:** Arrangements for first class accommodations have been made in advance. "In my Father's house are many mansions ... I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2).

**Passports** Persons seeking entry will not be permitted past the gates without have proper credentials and having their names registered with the ruling Authority. "Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life." (Revelation 21:27).

**Departure Times:** The exact date of departure has not been announced. Travelers are advised to be prepared to leave at short notice. "He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority." (Acts 1:7)

**Tickets:** Your ticket is a written pledge that guarantees your journey. It should be claimed and its promises kept firmly in hand. "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life." (John 5:24).

**Customs:** Only one declaration is required while going through customs. "Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures," (1 Corinthians 15:1, 3-4).

**Immigration:** All passengers are classified as immigrants, since they are taking up residence in a new country. The quota is unlimited. "Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them." (Hebrews 11:16).

**Luggage:** No luggage whatsoever can be taken. "For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it." (1 Timothy 6:7).

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Serving In August</b></i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Communion Table : August 23rd—Jon Zerkel; August 30th—Dennis Bushue</b></i></p>	
<p><i><b>8/9/2020 Attendance &amp; Giving</b></i>  <b>Total: \$3,317.55</b>  <i>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Offering</i></p>	<p><i><b>8/16/2020 Attendance &amp; Giving</b></i>  <b>Total: \$4,671.72</b>  <i>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Offering</i></p>
<p>Attendance: 61  Property Ministry (Building)\$40.00</p>	<p>Attendance: 62  Property Ministry (Building)\$40.00</p>
<p><b>Faith Promise: \$236.00</b>  CD Interest: \$186.46</p>	<p><b>Faith Promise \$441.00</b>  Countrymark Refining:\$15.09  Stamps Donation: \$10.00</p>

## ***Ponderings Of the Preacher Continued***

**Air Passage:** Travelers going directly by air are advised to watch daily for indications of imminent departure. “After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.” (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

**Vaccination and inoculation:** Injections are not needed, as diseases are unknown at the destination. “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Revelation 21:4).

**Currency:** Supplies of currency may be forwarded ahead to wait the passenger’s arrival. Deposits should be as large as possible. “But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.” Matthew 6:20.

**Clothing:** A complete and appropriate new wardrobe is provided for each traveler. “I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,” (Isaiah 61:10)

**Reservations:** Booking is now open. Apply at once. “I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.” 2 Corinthians 6:2

**Coronation Ceremony:** The highlight of the journey is the welcoming reception and coronation which awaits each new arrival. “Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:8).

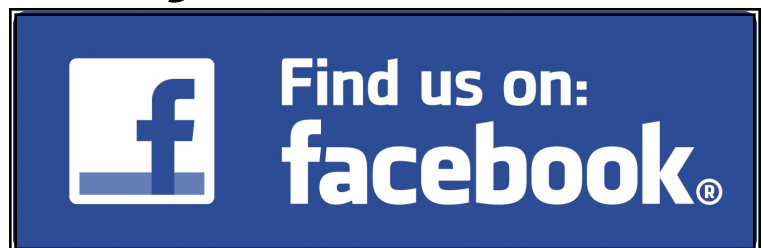
This sounds like a trip I want to definitely take. I hope to see you this coming Sunday as we continue our study of heaven.

C U N Church,  
David

## ***Prayer Tuesdays***

### **Tuesday Prayer On Facebook**

Join us online on First Christian Church Effingham Facebook account to pray together. Text, call or message and let us know if you have prayer concerns you want added to the list on Tuesdays.





## Prayer List

**Cancer:** Betty Griffin (brain tumor), Bill Wascher (Chemo), Grandma Lucy (Kidney Cancer surgery)



**Special Needs:** Sharon Caylor (health issues) U.S.A., Police, 1st Responders, Church, Baby Bottle Project, Brent Owen (hip surgery Aug. 6th), Schools, Larry Harvey and his wife (Covid 19), Brenda Phelps (catheterization), Cloe Spracklen (growth on Sternum), America, Children (Mental health issues), Jessica Baker (CHF), Peggy Walls (Parkinson)

**Missions:** Operation Christmas Child

**Bereavement:** Marsha Smith Family, Darlene Moriearty Family, Jim Angel Family, Sharon Barclay Family, Janet Calvert Family, Robert Ooton Family, Paul Prager Family

## Youth & Young Adults

**Wednesday, August 26th**

All youth and young adults meet @ 5:30 p.m. for worship, prayer and Bible study



## Food Pantry Items

**Sunday, September 6th**

Please bring Vegetables, cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



## Worship Service

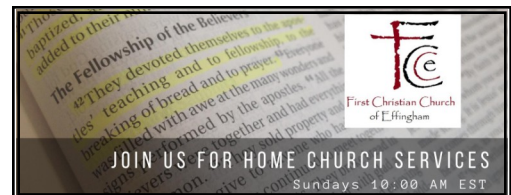
**10:00 A.M.**

We will continue to follow CDC guidelines for social distancing and wearing face masks

The 10:00 a.m. service will be streamed to FCC's YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzvbJDnqiiSgRwsjlorIJhA>

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For technical difficulties call or text Pastor Martin @ (217) 317-3800.



## Young @ Heart

**Tuesday, August 25th**

All over 50 meet @ 9:00 a.m. Coffee will be available along with a snack cake. Come for the conversation and prayer time.





## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



3 Astrid Zubiato—BD  
 4-Analise Brown—BD  
 5-Dorothy Locke—BD  
 5-Maci Renee Lewis—BD  
 7-Charolette Bushue—BD  
 12-Abby Smith—BD  
 13-Emily Griffin—BD  
 16-Sandi Donaldson—BD  
 18-Elaine Griffin—BD  
 21-Dallas & Hazel Kingery—WA  
 22-Hazel Kingery—BD  
 22-J.T. Bloemker—BD  
 22-Sheryl Rincker—BD  
 29-Claudine Rush—BD  
 29-Chris & Sheila Hutcheson—WA



## *Oil Belt Christian Service Camp*

### **2021 is 75th Year Of Camp**

**Help us celebrate!**

**Mail/E-mail** pictures & videos to us

**Send us your stories**—baptisms, decisions, funny moments or historical events

**Send in your recipes**—Jeannie & Jerry are compiling stories, recipes and camp history for the 75th anniversary cookbook—Mail or E-mail yours to the office by October 31st.





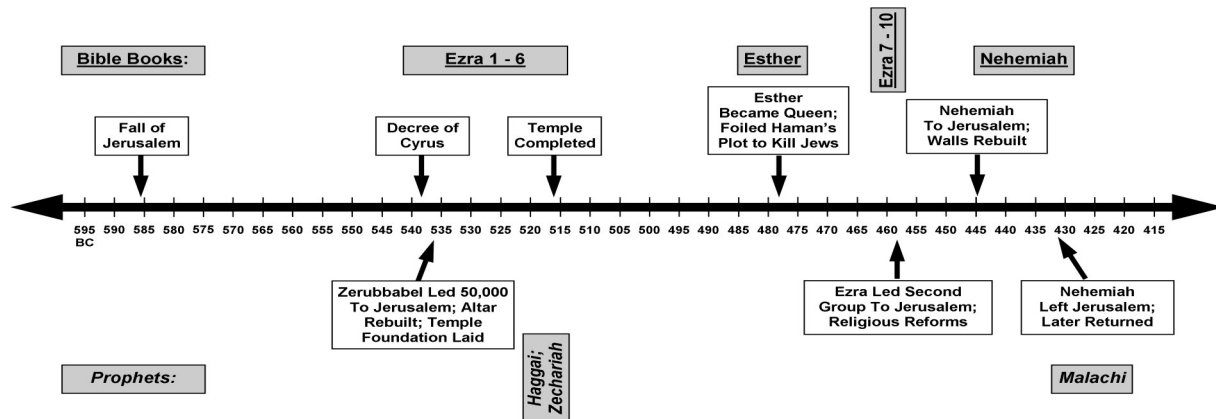


## Book Of The Month

### August Bible Study

Begin to read the Old Testament books of Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther. Study guides are in the foyer

#### Timeline of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther



## Faith Promise 2020

### Promises Made

\$53,492.00 for 2019/2020

**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



### Received So Far:

\$33,944.00

## Online Giving

### FCCEffingham.com

Go to first Christian Church web site and click on the Giving and the page will go to the Kindrid giving page for FCC. You will have to put in your information and bank routing number to make a donation.

The screenshot shows the 'My Donation' section with fields for 'FUND' (Choose Fund), 'AMOUNT' (\$), and a 'SUBMIT' button. There is also a checkbox for 'MAKE THIS GIFT RECURRING'.

## Family Life Center

### Baby Bottle Project

All bottles are to be returned on Sunday, September 6th (Labor Day weekend)

Bottles are in the foyer for you to pick up on Sunday. Fill with coins, cash or check and return





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**555 Park Rd.  
Flora, IL**

## **Family Camp**

**When:** September 4-7

**Speaker:** Nikomas Perez  
campus minister  
at Harvester Christian Church  
in St. Charles

**Housing:** RV/Camper or tent

**Food:** Take Out Style

**Cost:** Free

**More Information:** [oilbelt.com](http://oilbelt.com)