



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, September 22nd Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday, September 23rd Youth & Young Adults meet @ 5:30 p. m.

Sunday, October 4th Pizza Crust, Pizza Sauce, cereal or your choice is due in Beebe Hall



Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Before I came to the office this morning, I was in the garden working on cleaning it off. Most of the plants have died and it's time to get it ready for tilling before winter gets here. Yesterday, we had a family outing to pick pumpkins. It was a lot of fun watching our granddaughters pick them and choose some to take home for decorations. The pennant race in Major League Baseball is in full swing. Although the season is only 1 ½ months old, it will be over soon and it will be time for the Fall Classic (World Series). I can begin to see a little bit of color change in the leaves as I drive around town. You put all of these together and you come to the conclusion that fall is almost here and winter will soon follow.

The seasons of the creation change but our Creator remains the same. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." (James 1:17). The seasons of our life change but our Savior remains the same. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Man's knowledge and understanding changes but God's Word remains the same. "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah 40:8). Our physical strength and mental understanding diminish but God's strength and understanding remain strong. "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom" (Isaiah 40:28).

In a time when the news is often bad and discouraging, remember the good news: Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). In a world where nothing seems to stay the same, keep trusting in the one who does!

I hope to see you on Sunday whether you are here in person or you are watching our services online. Have a great week!

C U N Church,
David



<i>Serving In August</i> Communion Table : September 20th—Jon Zerkel; September 27th—Dennis Bushue	
9/6/2020 Attendance & Giving Total: \$4330.00 <i>includes Faith Promise & Online Offering</i>	9/13/2020 Attendance & Giving Total: \$2619.00 <i>includes Faith Promise & Online Offering</i>
Attendance: 57 Property Ministry (Building)\$40.00	Attendance: 53 Property Ministry (Building)\$40.00
Faith Promise: \$1,211.00 Family Life Center:\$69.00	Faith Promise \$231.00 Family Life Center\$229.94 Stamp donation:\$20.00

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, September 22nd

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



Youth & Young Adults

Wednesday, September 23rd

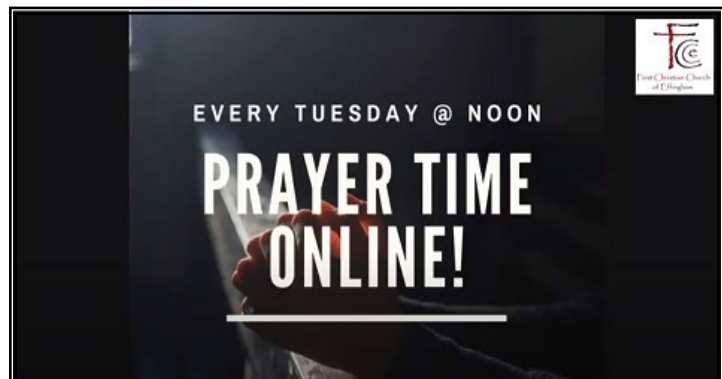
All youth and young adults meet @ 5:30 p.m. for worship, prayer and Bible study



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: Dorothy Bryant-(Stomach Cancer), Ronnie Johnson (cancer), Diane Slone (chemo)

Special Needs: Sharon Caylor (health issues) U.S.A., Police, 1st Responders, Church, Laney Jo Moran (Covid 19), Merl Regan (Covid 19), Ronnie Johnson (Covid 19 testing), Janice Pike (body rejecting Lung transplant), Sandra Friese (Covid 19), Donna Schultz (Covid 19), Scott Curry (teeth problems), Elaine Griffin & Sonja Davis (travel mercies), Ruby Tabor (eye problems)

Missions: Operation Christmas Child, Family Life Center (Baby Bottle Project)

Bereavement: , Shane Shamrock Family, Chuck Cunningham Family, Peggy Walls Family

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 You Tube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzvbjDnqjiSgRwsjlorIJhA>
For technical difficulties call or text Pastor Martin @ (217) 317-3800.



Food Pantry Items

Sunday, October 4th

Please bring Pizza Crust, Pizza Sauce, cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.





Birthdays and Anniversaries

October

2-Dennis Young
 3-Barb Jamison
 4-Dennis & Mimi Bushue-WA
 4-Delaine Donaldson-BD
 4-Sue Thomason-BD
 5-Regina Curry-BD
 11-Julie Healy-BD
 15-Cleone Bloemker-BD
 18-Gary & Darlene Elliott-WA
 19-Judy Gregory-BD
 24-Darlene Reynolds-BD
 24-Marie Waddell-BD
 25-Chris Denoyer-BD



Contemporary Songs For Fall

Playlist

Go to FCCeffingham facebook page and click on the link in the paragraph under "Hi Church Family!" or click on the blue square that says Contemporary Songs

or ctrl click on the following link and then, click on Contemporary songs
<https://www.facebook.com/FCCeffingham/posts/3642436509121552>


First Christian Church of Effingham
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Hi Church Family!

In order to help you get familiar with the Contemporary songs we will be singing at church from September to November of 2020, we have put together this playlist.

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2MN20UMj0COkjKh466D5IL?si=bC0nMUsXROSIBzhR_Nnbaw



OPEN.SPOTIFY.COM
, a playlist by Martin Reyes on Spotify
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Book Of The Month

September Bible Study

Since the books of the month for August were Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.

We will follow up on the reading of those books with the writings of the prophets who lived during that period of time.

The books for September are Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Study guides are in the foyer



Haggai 1:13 KJV

Then spake Haggai the LORD's messenger in the LORD's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD.

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:

\$36,058.00



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.

Family Life Center

Thank you church family for your participation in the Baby Bottle Project for Family Life Center.

\$298.94 received so far.





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