



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, October 13th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

Tuesdays Online Prayer Time Starts @ noon on the First Christian Church Effingham Facebook (See page 3)

Wednesday, October 14th Youth & Young Adults meet @ 5:30 p. m.

Sunday, October 18th and Sunday, October 25th Faith Promise "Take God At His Word" cards will be passed out on the 18th and collected on the 25th

Sunday, October 25th Congregational Meeting @ end of worship service

Sunday, November 1st Salt, Pepper, Spices, cereal or your choice is due in Beebe Hall for Calvary Baptist Church food pantry

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

God continues to pour His blessing out on our congregation! We have been able to have our in-person worship services for a period of four months. This seems like a small matter but after going 11 weeks without being able to come together in worship (March 22 – May 31), the privilege of being able to assemble as a church becomes a much bigger blessing! During that period (June 7 – October 4) we have averaged 55 in attendance. There have been over 100 different people who have come to worship with us. What a blessing! This doesn't count the number of people who continue to watch our services on the internet. I hope the pandemic has made each of us realize what a blessing it is to be able to go to church.

Two things normally happen in October in the life of our church. Due to the Covid-19 crisis, one of those things will go on but just in a little different fashion and the other one will not go on. We have been holding our Faith Promise Rally in October for the five years. During our rally we hear reports from our missionaries concerning the work they have been doing in their respective fields of service. Our missionaries have often been present to personally share those reports. This year it will be a little different. They will not physically be present but several have sent videos that will share with us what has been going on with their mission. On October 25, we will be asking you to make a promise in faith to share financial gifts over and above your regular giving to help support the work of our missionaries. Please be praying about what God is asking you to share for the work He is doing around the world.

The event that normally happens in October is our Treat Town. Because of the crowded conditions and our inability to sanitize our facilities during the event, treat town has been cancelled for 2020.

In November we will be preparing shoe boxes to send to children around the world in Operation Christmas Child. During a time of fear and hopelessness, children need to know that God still loves them and He sent His Son to die for them. When there doesn't seem to be any good news, we can share a message of hope.

As always I hope to . . .

C U N Church,
David



Serving In October Communion Table : October 11th—Delaine Donaldson; October 18th—Jon Zerkel	
9/20/2020 Attendance & Giving Total: \$3,429.61 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving	9/27/2020 Attendance & Giving Total: \$5,476.02 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving
Attendance: 54 Property Ministry (Building):\$90.00	Attendance: 51 Property Ministry (Building):\$40.00
Faith Promise: \$291.00 Calvary Baptist Church:\$50.00 Family Life Center:\$52.61	Faith Promise \$481.00 Countrymark Refining: \$5.82
10/4/2020 Attendance & Giving Total: \$6,278.06 Includes Faith Promise Offering & Online Giving Attendance:59	
Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00	
Faith Promise: \$1,211.00 Benevolence Reimbursement: \$46.00	

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, October 13th

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

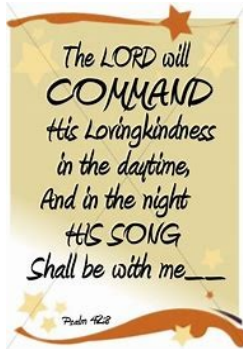
Wednesday, October 14th

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





Prayer List



Cancer: Diane Slone (chemo)

Special Needs: Sharon Caylor (health issues), U.S.A., Police, 1st Responders, Church, Laney Jo Moran (Covid 19), Bobby Dean Raymond (health issues), Renee's Dad (critical condition), Carlos Sanchez (Rehab)

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

Bereavement: Chuck Cunningham Family, Peggy Walls Family, Bob Vodicka 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/UCzvbjDngiiSgRwsjlorIJhA>

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



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.



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 25th

Please, stay after the worship service for the fiscal year meeting and to vote on the budget and officers.

BUDGET





Food Pantry Items

Sunday, November 1st

Please bring Salt, Pepper, spices, cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



Faith Promise Rally



Sunday, October 18th & Sunday, October 25th

Sunday, October 18th "Take God At His Word" Faith Promise Cards will be distributed

Videos from the missions supported during 2019/2020 will be shown.

If not all can be shown on Oct. 18th, the rest will be shown on Oct. 25th

Oblong Children's Christian Home—Amy Kemp

International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES)—Jeff Greene

Christian Missionary Fellowship (CMF)—Lynn & Dori Cazier

St. Louis Christian College—Dennis McConaughay

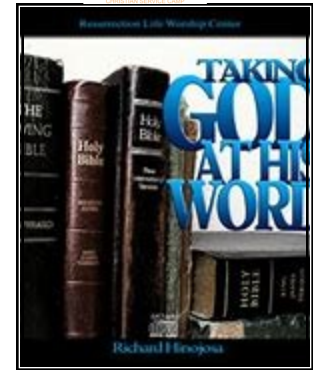
Oil Belt Christian Service Camp—Tyler Mulvaney

FISH—Austen Majors

Operation Christmas Child

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)



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/2MN20UMj0COkKh466D5IL?si=bC0nMUsXROSIBzhR_Nnbaw



OPEN.SPOTIFY.COM

, a playlist by Martin Reyes on Spotify

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Book Of The Month



October Bible Study

The books of the month for October are Jonah, Habakkuk, 1 & 2 Peter and Jude. You may be wondering why these books have been grouped together. As we go through October and especially focusing on the Faith Promise Rally, we want to give special emphasis to the importance of taking the message of Christ to the entire world along with remaining faithful to God and His work despite hard times and persecution. The short book of Jonah will teach us to see God loves all people. Habakkuk's prophecy will encourage us to be faithful even during difficult times economically and politically. First and Second Peter along with Jude will encourage us to remain faithful in the face of persecution. Study guides will be available on Sunday. For those of you who have been participating in our book of the month reading plan that began in January 2018, you should note that by the end of 2021 you will have read completely through the Bible.



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:

\$38,041.00



Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

Upcoming Events

Jr. High Strange: Oct. 11—2020

Minister's Gathering: Nov. 5—2020

Men's Night: Feb. 12—2021

High School Retreat: Feb. 20-2021

3rd-5th Big Overnighter 1 & 2: March 19-20-2021 & March 20-21—2021



75th Anniversary for Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

Mail/Email pictures & videos to them!

Send your stories! Whether baptisms, decisions, funny moments, or historical events, all are appreciated!

Send your recipes: Jeannie and Jerry are compiling stories, recipes and camp history for the 75th anniversary cookbook. mail or Email yours to the office by October 15th.

E-mail: campoffice@oilbelt.com

Address: 555 Park Rd. Flora, IL 62839





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SERVICE REQUESTED

Fill The Storeroom

Oblong Children's Christian Home

This is their fall appeal to fill their storeroom with supplies. If you would rather donate to support their fall appeal, they have a giving portal at www.easytithe.com/christianhome or you can send a check to 4094 E. 1050th Ave. Oblong, IL 62449. The items they suggest for those who wish to donate items instead of a monetary donation are as follows:

Personal Items

Deodorant-Boys & Girls
Conditioner
Shampoo
Body Wash
Toothpaste
Feminine maxi pads
Liquid hand soap & refills



Canned & Bottled Items

Rotel Tomatoes & diced tomatoes
Creamy & Crunchy peanut butter
(Jif or Skippy)
Pork & Beans
Tomato Juice & Sauce
Bottled Water
Mushrooms
Apple sauce
Cream of Chicken Soup
Oil-Vegetable & Olive



Paper Goods

Paper Towels & Napkins
Paper cups, plates & plastic tableware
Toilet Paper
Kleenex
Trash Bags (13 & 30 Gallon size)
Zip-Lock Qt. & Gal. bags
Sandwich bags
Styrofoam bowls
Heavy duty aluminum foil
Plastic Wrap



Dry Items

Swerve, Stevia
Gluten-free, dairy-free, and nut-free products
Jasmine rice
Flour
Taco Seasoning
Brown & Powdered Sugua
Lemon-pepper seasoning
Christmas Sprinkles



Meat & Cheese

Pepperoni
Velveeta—light & regular
Shredded cheese (Mozzarella, Mexican, & Cheddar)
Beef—especially hamburger
Chicken



Household Items

Slow Cooker Liners
Light Bulbs



Cleansing Supplies

Bleach & Laundry Detergent
Fabric softener & Dusting Spray
Pine-Sol & Windex
Finish dishwasher pods
Lemi "Shine dishwasher powder
Resolve carpet cleaner
Scrubbing Bubbles, Clorox wipes
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Murphy's Oil Soap & Dish Soap

