



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*The Way, The Truth & The Life*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Sunday, July 25th** Children's Church will meet after communion with Gospel Project curriculum

**Tuesday, July 27th** Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesdays Online Prayer Time** Starts @ noon on the First Christian Church Effingham Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham> and You Tube [First Christian Church of Effingham - YouTube](#)

**Wednesday, July 28th** W.O.W. dismissed for this week

**Sunday, August 1st** Please, bring Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Cereal or your choice to Beebe Hall for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

**Janitor Opening** As of mid August



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

We are having VBS this week. VBS and soccer always throw my schedule off. For instance, this column is being written at the last possible moment. I have been working on VBS lessons. So, I have to ask the question, "Is VBS worth the effort?" I have been doing VBS for over 45 years and I have to draw the conclusion that yes, it is worth the effort. Let me share a little poem with you to help encourage you to stay the course as far as your involvement in VBS or any church program for that matter.

### **Ode to a VBS Worker**

My dishes went unwashed today, I didn't touch a bed;  
The kids and Dad just had to go a little underfed.  
But there's a real good reason for this overwhelming mess,  
And that's because it's time again for my church's VBS.  
My dishes and my beds, you know, will always wait for me.  
But those little children there at church won't wait that patiently.

For they are growing up right now before our very eyes,  
And I must do my part to see their souls' needs supplied.  
I'm tired and weary now, it's true, and just a bit undone;  
But, thank you God, for your small friends – I love them everyone.

Lord, give me strength and patience and a heart that's full of cheer,  
That you might find me once again in VBS next year.

The poem may seem a little dated, but I hope you get the point. I want to encourage you to continue to faithfully serve the Lord. Don't give up! Keep on "Keeping on."

I hope to see each of you this coming Sunday morning, I will be preaching on Philippians 4:19. Let's all do our best to be together next Sunday!

C U N Church,  
David



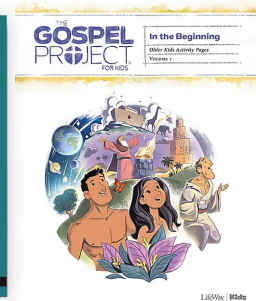
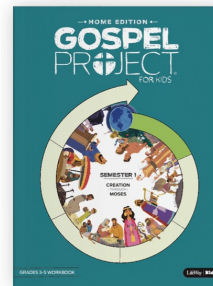
<i>Serving In July</i> <b>Communion Table :</b> July 25th—Jon Zerkel; August 1st—Dennis Bushue	
<b>7/11/2021 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$4,561.25</b> <b>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Giving</b>	<b>7/18/2021 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$3,146.04</b> <b>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Giving</b>
Attendance: 62 Property Ministry (Building) \$40.00	Attendance: 55 Property Ministry (Building):\$40.00 Wedding Deposit:\$450.00
<b>Faith Promise:</b> \$296.00 Soccer Concession Stand:\$273.25	<b>Faith Promise \$331.00</b> Countrymark Refining:\$28.22

## Children's Church

### Sunday, July 25th

Children's church will meet in Beebe Hall directly after communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Children 5th grade and under are invited to attend. Gospel Project curriculum will be used for these classes.

There is also a home edition parents can buy.



## Young @ Heart

### Tuesday, July 27th

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



## W.O.W.

### Wednesday, July 28th

W.O.W. will not meet this week.



## Prayer List



**Cancer:** Journey Campton (tumors removed), Rosie Parkhurst (lung cancer), Diane Slone (cancer drug IV), Scott Young (chemo)

**Special Needs:** Ken Thomason (Lung problems), Gary Elliot (Home, still health issues), Elaine Griffin (back & hip pain), Jamie Thomason (Pneumonia), David Westphal (Health Issues), Bernie Sabens (hip replacement), Elsie Rueter (health issues), Brenda Lee (hospice), David Spain (COPD and in ICU), Kelvin Williams (falling), Deb Meyers (Covid 19), Ruth Lowrance (procedure for brain bleed), Hanna Bultan (Noons Syndrome), Lisa Lipcamon (broken leg), Elsie Palmer (surgery)

**Missions:** Faith Promise 2020/2021, Voice of the Martyrs, IDES, Bible Runners

**Pray For These Families:** John Patralski Family, Allen & Rachelle Hinkle Family, Ralph Raber Family, Steve Pederson Family

**NEW: Prayer Bulletin Board:** Anyone can add anonymous prayers to the board. Note paper & pen available.

## Tuesday, Prayer Time

### Every Tuesday @ Noon

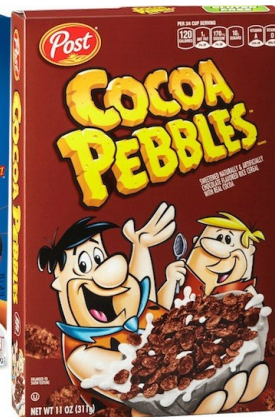
Join us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham> to share in the prayer time with Pastor David & Pastor Martin. The prayer time can be viewed at your convenience because it is streamed and saved.



## Food Pantry Items

### Sunday, August 1st

Please bring Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Cereal or your choice for the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry.



# AUGUST



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Young @ Heart meets at 9:00 a.m.	4 W.O.W. meets @ 6:00 p.m.	5	6	7
8	9	10 Young @ Heart meets at 9:00 a.m.	11 W.O.W. meets @ 6:00 p.m.	12	13	14
15 End of Summer church Picnic 5:00 p.m. Lake Sara @ the point	16	17 Young @ Heart meets at 9:00 a.m.	18 W.O.W. meets @ 6:00 p.m.	19	20	21
22	23	24 Young @ Heart meets at 9:00 a.m.	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Young @ Heart meets at 9:00 a.m.	“And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.” Mark 6:6 (KJV)			

# *August Birthdays & Anniversaries*



<i>4-Justine Reyes</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>24-Greg &amp; Angie Spillman</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>7-Delaine &amp; Sandi Donaldson</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>25-Bill &amp; Daisy Fry</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>7-Martin &amp; Justine Reyes</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>25-Martin &amp; Astrid Zubiate</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>9-Brad Arney</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>25-George Shouse</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>10-Adam Wolke</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>27-George &amp; Marcie Shouse</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>10-Paige Wolke</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>29-Zachariah Reyes</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>16 Gary &amp; Darlene Calvert</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>31-RaeAnn Smith</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>22-Don &amp; Bev Thoele</i>	<i>WA</i>		



## *Janitor*

### **Beginning Mid August**

Callista Denoyer, our present janitor, will be going to school full time, and she will not be able to continue in this job.

Therefore, if you are interested in applying for this job, please, send a letter of application to First Christian Church, 901 N. Henrietta St. Effingham, IL







# *Bible Runners V.B.S. Mission*

## BIBLE DRIVE

*Gathering Bibles for Kenya!*

We are filling a shipping container full of Bibles & Christian literature to send to believers. We need over 10,000 Bibles and other books by the end of August 2021!



## Acceptable Materials & Literature

**Bibles** - all Bibles, New Testaments & Bible portions (new or used)

**Books, Paperbacks & Tracts** - all Christian books, paperbacks & tracts

**Magazines** - the following are examples of what we can accept:

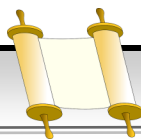
Discipleship Journal, Decision, Bible Study Magazine, Herald of His Coming, Christian Leader, Biblical Illustrator, Pulpit Helps & Bread for Children (we cannot accept Guideposts)

**Misc.** - All daily devotionals, reference books & commentaries

**Sunday School Supplies** - All adult & children Sunday school materials from reputable publishers, we prefer you have a leaders guide & at least 8 student manuals. Please no handiwork, crafts or busy papers.

**Jess & Owen Sweitzer are Bible Runners** who bring Bibles and Sunday School Materials to Kenya where Bibles are not affordable in their economy.

Kids at Vacation Bible School are bringing contributions and you can too. They will take extra bibles that have been gently used or other items listed above.



## *Book Of The Month*

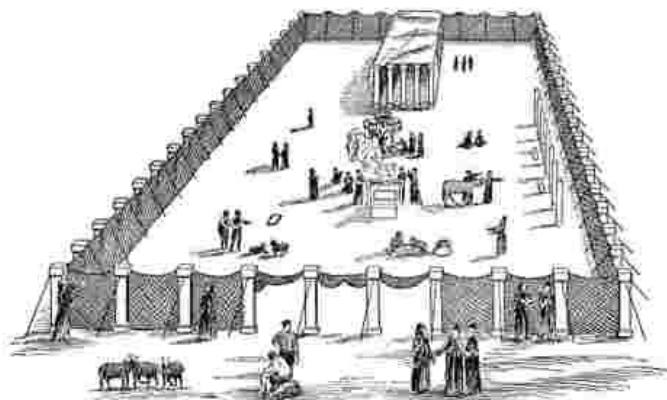


### **Bible Reading**

*Study Guide for Leviticus is on the foyer table*

#### **Goals:**

Greater knowledge of the Bible  
Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



## *Oil Belt Christian Service Camp*

### **75 Year Anniversary**

Join with us the celebrate Oil Belt Christian Service Camp's 75th year!

Below are a few of the activities and plans we have.

Oil Belt Recipe & History Book is currently being created. To purchase yours, more information is forthcoming.

Attend Family Camp 2021 for a special service on Sunday, September 5, 2021.

- Mail / Email your pictures, videos and stories to the camp office!
- Stay Tuned! We have more planned!



## *Family Life Center*

### **Grand Total**

After all the bottles and checks were added together, The total donation to Family Life Center from First Christian Church is \$827.52

Thank you for all your donations to the baby bottle project!



## *Faith Promise 2020*

### **Promises Made**

\$36,117.00 for 2020/2021

**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—\$30,825.00**



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So Good**

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**Sunday Times**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. Fellowship Time  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Tuesday Morning**

9:00 a.m. Young @ Heart Coffee & Prayer Time

**Wednesday Evening**

6:00 p.m. Bible Study & Worship Time

