



First Christian Church of Effingham

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In God's hands

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, November 7th Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items Salt, Pepper, Spices, Cereal or your choice due

Tuesday, November 9th 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqJ8K8K8K8K8K8K8K8K8K8K)

Wednesday, November 10th W.O.W. will meet at 5:30 p.m. for all ages

Saturday, November 20th Men's Gathering meets @ 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship

Saturday, November 20th Children's Event meets @ 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Thanksgiving Party

Wednesday, November 24th No W.O.W. due to Thanksgiving holiday

Saturday, December 4th Women's Tea & Conversation will meet for the November and December gathering.

Sunday, December 7th Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items are due in the Fellowship Hall.

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

In the stores all of the Halloween decorations and merchandise are disappearing and are being replaced by the merchandise and decorations for the next big holiday –Christmas. Wait a minute! I thought Thanksgiving came in there somewhere. Thanksgiving is the forgotten holiday. That is unfortunate because Thanksgiving is truly a Christian holiday. We pause to acknowledge the blessings we have received and to give thanks to our God for His mercy and grace. So in order to disrupt this practice of overlooking Thanksgiving, I want to begin reminding you to give praise to God throughout this month of November.

Count Your Blessings

I am thankful. . .

For the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes, because that means she is at home and not on the street.

For the taxes that I pay, because it means that I am employed.

For the mess to clean after a party, because it means, that I have been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means, I have enough to eat.

For the shadow that watches me work, because I am out in the sunshine.

For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining I hear about the government, because it means, that we have freedom of speech.

For my huge heating bill, because it means I am warm.

For the lady behind me in church who sings off key, because it means, that I can hear.

For the pile of laundry because it means I have clothes to wear.

For the weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day, because it means I have been productive.

For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means that I am alive.

And finally, I am thankful for Jesus who taught us that we have a loving Heavenly Father, who is mindful of our every need, and who will see us through every dark hour.

“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thess. 5:18

C U N Church,
David



| <i>Serving In November</i> <i>Communion Table : November 7th —Dennis Bushue; November 14th—Troy Bloemker</i> | |
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| 10/24/2021 Attendance & Giving Total: \$4,045.00 <i>includes Faith Promise & Online Giving</i> | 10/31/2021 Attendance & Giving Total: \$3,223.00 <i>includes Faith Promise & Online Giving</i> |
| Attendance: 63 Property Ministry (Building) \$40.00 | Attendance: 74 Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00 Quilt Guild: \$95.00 |
| Faith Promise 2020/2021: \$120.00 Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$2,000.00 | Faith Promise 2020/2021: \$691.00 Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$150.00 |

Calvary Baptist Food Pantry



**Food
Collection**

Sunday, November 7th

Bring to the Fellowship Hall One or more of the following items to donate to the food pantry.

Salt, Pepper, Spices,
Cereal or your choice.



Young @ Heart

Tuesday, November 9th

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



Prayer List



Cancer: John Lee (Cancer & Dialysis), Mary Beck (chemo)

Special Needs: Mike Cutright (Covid 19), Tom Newman (heart valve surgery), Sharon Caylor (Covid 19), Jerry & Cindy (Jerry/Surgery Soon), Karen Hakman (open heart surgery/11/9), Bobbie Gannon (Covid 19), Lynn Cazier (heart issues)

Missions: Faith Promise 2021/2022, Project Bible Runners, St. Louis Christian College

Pray For These Families: Dorothy Locke Family, Lester Fulk Family, Earl Mueller Family

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

WOW!

Wednesday, November 10th

There is something for everyone at W.O.W. so plan on being there!.

We will serve a light meal at **5:30 p.m.** The menu will be as follows for each month:

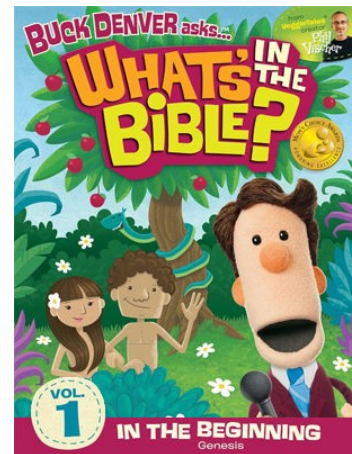
1st Wednesday—Pizza

2nd Wednesday—Grilled cheese & Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches

3rd Wednesday—Soup & Sandwiches

4th Wednesday—Hot Dogs & Chips

These meals will make it easier for those who are just getting off of work to be able to come to our worship and Bible classes.



Children's Church

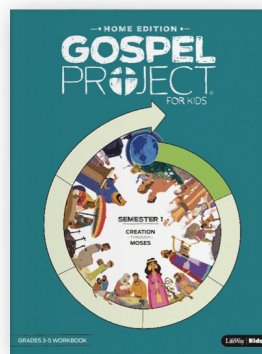
Sunday, November 14th

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.





Men's Gathering

Saturday, November 20th

All men and boys are invited to have breakfast and fellowship together @ 8:00 a.m.



Children's Event

Saturday, November 20th

All children 5th grade and under are invited to the Thanksgiving Event from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Operation Christmas Child

November 15-22, 2021

Elaine Griffin will be doing the 30 boxes for the kids to fill again this year. She will **need donations to help pay the shipping for the 30 boxes** after they are filled. If you would like to help with the postage, please, write your check to First Christian Church with a note in the memo for OCC postage. If it is a monetary donation, write on the envelope that it is for OCC postage. In November, a check will be written from First Christian Church to Samaritan's Purse for the postage.

There are boxes and supplies in the foyer for anyone who wishes to pack a shoebox. We have a goal of 100 Shoeboxes for 2021!



Salvation Army

Bell Ringing—Sign Up Sheet In The Foyer

Friday, November 26th From 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 27th From 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 3rd From 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 4th From 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 10th From 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 11th From 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 18th From 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 19th From 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 24th From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Women's Gathering

Saturday, December 4th

All women and girls are welcome to come to tea and conversation @ 10:00 a.m. This month we will share Thankful memories.

This will be our November and December meeting.

Tuesday, December 14th This will be the **Women's Christmas Party**. Secret Sisters will be revealed. Please, come and fellowship with us. A **light supper** will be held @ **6:00 p.m.** There will be an ornament **gift exchange**. We suggest \$15.00 limit on the gift.

To reveal who your Secret Sister is, bring a Christmas Card and sign your name; then, give it to your secret sister.



Tea & Conversation

Come and
Visit, share
In prayer & talk
about Thankful
Memories this month

All ladies and girls!
Come Saturday, December
4th @ 10:00 a.m.



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SERVICE REQUESTED**



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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

