



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Tuesday, February 22nd** Young @  
Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

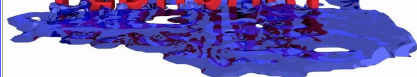
**Tuesdays Online Prayer Time** Starts  
@ noon on the First Christian Church  
Effingham Facebook [https://  
www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham](https://www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham)  
and You Tube [First Christian Church  
of Effingham - YouTube](#)

**Wednesday, February 23rd** W.O.W.  
Will meet @ 5:30 p.m. for light sup-  
per. Then, Bible studies will follow  
for all ages

**Saturday February 26th** Tea &  
Conversation 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, March 6th** Calvary Baptist  
Food Pantry items of Peanut Butter,  
Jelly, Cereal or your choice are due  
in the Fellowship Hall

## FEBRUARY



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

What a great day yesterday was for First Christian Church and God's Kingdom! It was wonderful to witness Cory Rahn's baptism into Christ and to welcome Cory and Lindsey into our church family. Their daughter, Lauren, is already a member of our congregation. They have two other children, Blake and Natalie. If you have not met them yet, make it a point to extend your welcome to this family this coming Sunday. It is fantastic to see so many young people in our services. Continue to pray that God would continue to send more our way and that we would be able to care for their spiritual needs.

Once again on Sunday, I was reminded and humbled that God would choose to use someone like me to preach and teach His Word. Jon Zerkel in his Communion meditation mentioned something I had written years ago. The article to which Jon referred dealt with John 3:16. When God's Word is shared, He will use it to accomplish His purpose regardless of the ability or lack of ability of the one sharing it. The Scriptures attest to this truth. Isaiah 55:11 says, "so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." We all need to be reminded that God can and will use our efforts to serve Him to bring glory to His name. You may not see the results of your efforts in this lifetime, but remain faithful, stay the course, don't give up, keep on keeping on! God will use your efforts to help others come closer to Him.

This coming Sunday, I will be continuing in the series of messages I have been sharing about getting back to the basics. I will be preaching about the church, encouraging you to love the church even as Jesus loves her. I hope to be able to greet each of you and look forward to worshipping together.

C U N Church,  
David



<i><b>Serving In February</b></i> <i><b>Communion Table : February 20th —Dennis Bushue ; February 27th—Troy Bloemker</b></i>	
<b>2/6/2022 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$3,617.00</b> <b>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Giving</b>	<b>2/13/2021 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$3,246.41</b> <b>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Giving</b>
Attendance: Sunday-74 Property Ministry (Building) \$40.00	Attendance: Sunday: 73 Sunday School: 14 Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00 Oil Belt Donation: \$40.00
<b>Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$1,270.00</b>	<b>Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$416.00</b> Wednesday Offering: \$50.00 CD Interest:\$110.41

## ***Men's Gathering***

### **Saturday, February 19th**

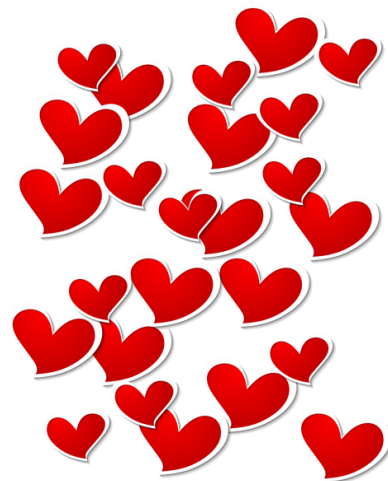
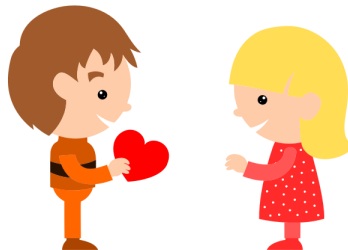
All men and boys are invited to have breakfast and fellowship together @ 8:00 a.m.



## ***Children's Event***

### **Saturday, February 19th**

Children 5th grade and under are invited to the Valentine themed party from 10:00 a.m. to noon



## Prayer List



**Cancer:** John Lee (Cancer & Dialysis), Jerry & Cindy (Jerry/Surgery), Mark Gabel (Chemo), Hazel Kingery (Chemo), Marietta Greenly (Cancer Treatments)

**Special Needs:** Pat McWhorter (Covid & pneumonia), Linda Richey (aneurysm), Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Cheryl Bloemker (surgery), Daisy Fry (health issues), David Westphal (health issues)

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

**Pray For These Families:** Diane Slone Family, Daniel Mueller Family, Jeff Anderson Family

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

## Young @ Heart

### Tuesday, February 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.



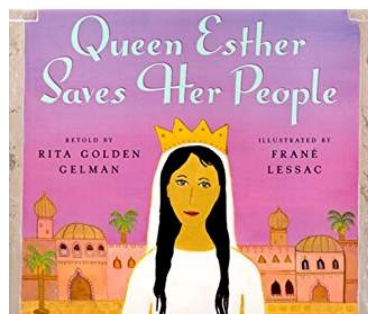
## WOW!

### Wednesday, February 23rd

W.O.W. Meets @ 5:30 p.m. with a light supper. Then, Bible study begins @ 6:00 p.m. for Youth & Young Adults & Children. The **Youth & Young Adults** are studying the basics of Christianity.

The **Children** are viewing the *What's In the Bible with Buck Denver* video series.

The **Adult** Bible Study begins @ 6:30 p.m. They are studying the Bible book of Romans





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	2 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	3	4	5
6 Food Pantry Items Peanut butter, Jelly Cereal or your choice	7	8 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	9 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	10	11	12
13	14	15 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	16 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	17 	18	19 Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Children's Event 10:00 a.m.
20 	21	22 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	23 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	24	25	26 Women's Tea & Conversation 10:00 a.m.
27 Pot Luck Dinner For Pastor David & Irma	28	29 Young @ Heart 9:00 a.m.	30 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	31		



## *Birthday & Anniversaries*

2-Elsie Palmer	BD	26-Sonja Davis	BD
2-Tracey Scoggins	BD	26-Velda Cunningham	BD
3-Bob & Judy Gregory	WD	31-Bob Gregory	BD
8-Jane Ann Zerkel	BD		
11-Alexandria Denoyer	BD		
23-Judy Tapp	BD		
24-Greg Spillman	BD		



OIL BELT CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP

# *Ladies' Day 2022*

**SATURDAY • MARCH 19 • 9AM-2PM**



Featured Speaker  
*Kim Butts*

*"Prayer  
and the  
Presence  
of God"*





Music Worship  
*Dee Ann  
Schnautz*

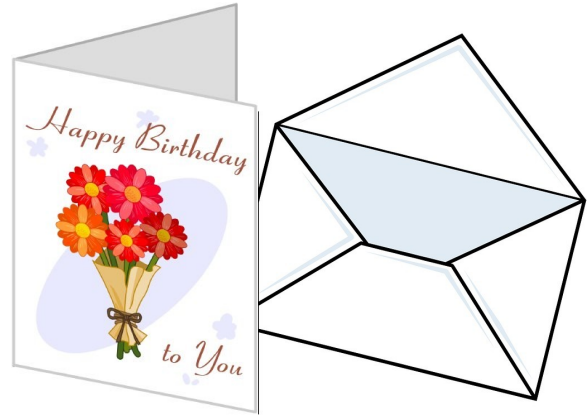


## Card Shower

### **February 24th**

Daisy Fry will be 85 on the 24th of February.  
Please, send her a card to encourage her  
and let her know we are thinking of her.

Daisy Fry  
P.O. Box #167  
Stewardson, IL 62463-0167



## Children's Church

### **Sunday, February 27th**

Children's Church will meet during worship service. The lesson is God Reminded His People of His covenant from Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25; 8:1-11:1; 26-28



## Faith Promise

### **2021/2022 Giving**

**Promises:** \$42,662.00

**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

**Giving so Far:** \$15,715.00



## *Women's/ Girl's Gathering*



**Saturday, February 26th**

All women and girls are welcome to come to tea and conversation @ 10:00 a.m. This month bring a vacuum cleaner or hand-vacuum to do light vacuuming of chairs.



### **Tea & Conversation**

All ladies and girls!  
Come Saturday, February  
26th @ 10:00 a.m.

Come and  
Visit, share  
In prayer & enjoy a  
snack

## *Calvary Baptist Food Pantry*

**Sunday, March 6th**

Bring to the Fellowship Hall  
One or more of the following items to donate to the  
food pantry.  
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal or your choice.



**Food  
Pantry  
Needs**







First Christian Church  
of Effingham

**901 N. Henrietta St.  
Effingham, IL 62401**

**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**

5:30 p.m. Bible Study & Worship Time