



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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*In God's hands*

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Saturday, March 19th** Men's Gathering Breakfast meets @ 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday, March 19th** Children's Event meets @ 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, March 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> and You Tube [First Christian Church of Effingham - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqJ8K8K8K8K8K8K8K8K8K8K)

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

**Saturday, March 26th** Women's and girls Tea & Conversation will meet @ 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, March 27th** All Church Pot Luck for Pastor David & his family

**Sunday, April 3rd** Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items of Tuna, Tuna Helper, Cereal or your choice are due in the Fellowship Hall

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

During the last few weeks, I have been sorting through a lot of "stuff." We all have stuff and I thought you might enjoy the following article.

### **STUFF**

Every Fall I start stirring my stuff. There is closet stuff, drawer stuff, attic stuff, and basement stuff. I separate the good stuff from the bad stuff, then I stuff the bad stuff anywhere the stuff is not too crowded until I decide I will need the bad stuff.

When the Lord calls me home, my children will want the good stuff, but the bad stuff, stuffed wherever there is room among all the other stuff, will be stuffed in bags and taken to the dump where all the other people's stuff has been taken.

Whenever we have company they always bring bags and bags of stuff. When I visit my son, he always moves his stuff so I will have room for my stuff. My daughter-in-law always clears a drawer of her stuff so I will have room for my stuff. Their stuff and my stuff...it would be so much easier to use their stuff and leave my stuff at home with the rest of my stuff.

This Fall I had an extra closet built so I would have a place for all the stuff too good to throw away and too bad to keep with my good stuff. You may not have this problem, but I seem to spend a lot of time with stuff...food stuff, cleaning stuff, medicine stuff, clothes stuff, and outside stuff. Whatever would life be like if we didn't have all this stuff?

Now there is all that stuff we use to make us smell better than we do. There is the stuff to make our hair look good. Stuff to make us look younger. Stuff to make us look healthier. Stuff to hold us in and stuff to fill us out. There is stuff to read, stuff to play with, stuff to entertain us, and stuff to eat. We stuff ourselves with the food stuff.

Well our lives are filled with stuff...good stuff, bad stuff, little stuff, big stuff, useful stuff, junky stuff, and everyone's stuff. Now when we leave all our stuff and go to heaven, whatever happens to our stuff won't matter. We will still have the good stuff God has prepared for us in heaven! -- copied

I hope to see all of you this coming Sunday morning.

C U N Church,  
David





<b>Serving In March</b> <b>Communion Table :</b> March 20th —Jon Zerkel ; March 27th—Dennis Bushue	
<b>3/6/2022 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$3,314.00</b> <b>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Giving</b>	<b>3/13/2021 Attendance &amp; Giving</b> <b>Total: \$3,294.00</b> <b>includes Faith Promise &amp; Online Giving</b>
Attendance: Sunday-66 Sunday School:15 Property Ministry (Building) \$40.00	Attendance: Sunday: 74 Sunday School:9 Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00
<b>Faith Promise 2021/2022:</b> \$1,221.00 Oil Belt Men's Night Reimbursement:\$20.00	<b>Faith Promise 2021/2022:</b> \$485.00



Children 5th grade and under



# Prayer List



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

**Special Needs:** Pat McWhorter (CHF), Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Daisy Fry (health issues), Bonnie Thomas (Rehab @ Lakeland), Jeff Hardiek (ill), Anthony Jamison (Battling Meth/Drug Use), Samson Slifer (back to school 1/2 days), Owen Slifer (rehab for back surgery), Cathy Weiffenbach (Carpal tunnel Surgery), John Lee (Dialysis), Edith Walton (pain), Lisa Fudge (Health Issues), Preston (Health Issues), Justus Donaldson (Surgery), Sharon Shamhart (MRI), Barb Wince (surgery)

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

**Pray For These Families:** David Westphal Family, John James Family, John Holland Family, Paul Walk Family, David Tieffel Family, Rowena Wagy Family

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



## Young @ Heart

### 9:00 A.M.



Tuesday, March 22nd

## Do You Have A Crock Pot Taking Up Room In Your Cabinets?

W.O.W. meals will need Crock Pots

If you have a crock pot you are looking to get rid of,  
please let us know  
Two to Three would help suppers on Wednesdays be  
prepared more easily



## WEDNESDAY







**Light Supper**

**5:30 P.M.  
TO  
7:30 P.M.**

**Bible Study**





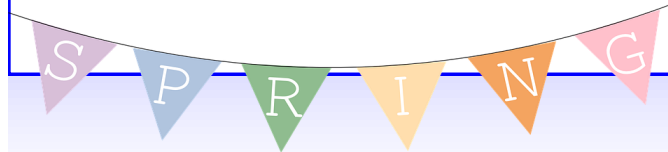
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>“Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,”</p> <p>1 Corinthians 15:1-3</p>					1	2
<b>3 Food Pantry</b> Items due: Tuna, tuna helper, cereal or your choice	4	<b>5 Young @ Heart</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>6 W.O.W.</b> meets @ 5:30 p.m.	7	8	<b>9 Children's Easter Egg Hunt</b> 10:00 a.m. 
<b>10</b> 	11	<b>12 Young @ Heart</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>13 W.O.W.</b> meets @ 5:30 p.m.	14	<b>15 Prayer Chain</b> 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 	16
<b>17 Easter Sunrise Service</b> 	18	<b>19 Young @ Heart</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>20 W.O.W.</b> meets @ 5:30 p.m.	21	22	<b>23 Men's Breakfast</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>Women's Tea &amp; Conversation</b> meets @ 10:00 a.m.
24	25	<b>26 Young @ Heart</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>27 W.O.W.</b> meets @ 5:30 p.m.	28	29	30



## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

April, 2022

5 Gabriel Reyes	BD
6 Linda Van Alst	BD
9 Klent Scoggins	BD
13 Lane Croslow	BD
19 Gen Byers	BD
21 Heather Wolke	BD
22 April Moeller	BD
25 Dallas Kingery	BD
25 David Reyes	BD
27 Kevin Jamison	BD
29 Angela Vonderheide	BD



## **Church Family Pot Luck**

Sunday, March 27th

This is a celebration for David and Irma and expressing our appreciation for their partnering with our church family for the last 14 years. Pastor David is retiring from full ministry.

*Sign Up Sheet Is In The Foyer*





# *Oil Belt Christian Service Camp*



**Camp  
Registration will  
open on March  
7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10 am!  
The first 5  
registered will  
receive a free T-  
shirt!**

First Christian Church Will Pay for One  
Week of Camp

[Oil Belt Christian Service Camp | Register](#)

Sign up online

*Any Questions: Call or Text*

*Pastor Martin 217.317.3800*

## **60th Anniversary Thank You!**



Thank so much to all who sent  
cards and helped J.T. and I  
celebrate our anniversary. We  
truly have been blessed by God  
and all of you.

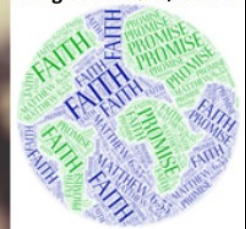
J.T. & Cheryl Bloemker

## **Faith Promise**

**2021/2022** Take God At His Word  
**Giving**

"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: \$18,253.00**





# Women's/ Girl's Gathering



**Saturday, March 26th**

**Tea & Conversation**

All women and girls are welcome to come to tea and conversation @ 10:00 a.m. We will discuss prayer and the nearness of God.



Come and  
Visit, share  
In prayer & enjoy a  
snack

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

For Irma & David McConnell  
Can donate to money tree or give a gift card  
See Claudine Rush for ?'s



**New House Shower**

## Egg & Sausage Casserole

Irma's Egg Casserole  
Cooking Time: 1 hour Preheat Oven: 350 degrees

- 8 Slices of bread
- 1 cup shredded cheese
- 5 eggs beaten
- 1/2 tsp. dried mustard
- 1 lb. sausage (ham or bacon)
- 1 tsp. salt and pepper
- 2 cups milk

Mix eggs, milk, salt and mustard. Set aside. Layer the bread and sausage in a 9x13 pan. Pour the egg mixture over it. Refrigerate over night. In the morning put the cheese on top and bake for 1 hour @ 350 degrees. (You can put the cheese on top when you make it)

## Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

**Sunday, April 3rd**

Cereal Or Your Choice



Tuna Or Tuna Helper

**FOOD  
PANTRY**





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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**

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