



Issue 277 November 8, 2022
In God's hands

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, November 15th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. the church for snack, prayer & fellowship

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, November 16th
W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m. for all
ages. Thanksgiving Supper and fel-
lowship evening

Saturday, November 19th Men's Breakfast will meet @ 8:00 a.m. for prayer, conversation & fellowship

Saturday, November 19th Children's
Event starts @ 11:00 a.m. Giving
Thanks

Saturday, December 3rd Women's Tea and Conversation will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for November & December meetings. Bring your favorite snack food to share.

Sunday, December 4th Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items flour, sugar, cereal or your choice are due in the fellowship hall.

Serving & Giving

Serving In November

Communion Table : November 13rd-Dennis Bushue; November 20th –John Donathan

10/23/2022 Attendance & Giving Total: \$3,047.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving	10/30/2022 Attendance & Giving Total: \$5,457.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving
Attendance: Sunday—67 Sunday School:10 Property Ministries:\$65.00	Attendance:68 Sunday School:15 Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00 Daisy Fry Memorial:\$70.00
Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$306.00 Daisy Fry Memorial:\$20.00	Faith Promise 2021/2022: \$265.00 Quilt Guild donation:\$110.00 Faith Promise 2022/2023:\$2,137.00
11/6/2022 Attendance & Giving Total: \$3,870.00 includes Faith Promise & Online Giving Attendance: Sunday—60 Sunday School—10	
Property Ministries:\$65.00 Faith Promise:\$1,232.00 CD Interest, Crossroads Bank:\$12.53	

Prayer List

Special Needs: Hurricane Ian (Florida & East Coast), Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Pastor Martin, Gary & Darlene Elliott (health issues), Marsha Bloemker (Meniere's disease), Mimi Bushue (heal from back surgery), John Weiffenbach (breathing difficulty), Alice Ahlfield (back issues), Herman Ahlfield (Dementia), Hazel Wattles (fall injuries & Heart issues), Kiel Moeller (broken foot/Covid), Ryker Weiffenbach (flu plus), John Donathan (shoulder surgery 11/29), April Moeller (Covid), Dee Musgrave (esophagus test and surgery), Josh Tapp (sickness), J.P. Smith (car wreck injuries), Pastor Martin (Bronchitis), Marla Chapman (COPD hospital), Bentley Bloemker (Pneumonia), Adaline Bloemker (ear infection & bronchitis)

Missions: Faith Promise 2022/2023, Salvation Army Bellringers, Operation Christmas Child

Pray For These Families: Judy Favor Family



A Thankful Season

*"Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 106:1*

November is here and Thanksgiving is approaching soon. I am so thankful for our church and for what God has been doing through us. It is amazing to see God use us to minister to people and to see many of you stepping up to serve one another and our community.

Last month, we hosted Faith Promise week and listened to the partnerships we have with about a dozen of missions and ministries around the world. We have been receiving Faith Promises and they total \$31,084.00 so far (a little short from our goal of \$42,000.00). I hope that you enjoyed the Potluck at the end of that week, and I am looking forward to our Church Thanksgiving/Christmas Meal coming up on Sunday December 11th after church.

Another awesome time we spent together was the All-Church Campfire. It was a lot of fun and I really enjoyed seeing different generations get together around food and a fire to connect and get to know each other more. I also had a lot of fun bringing back Treat-Town and seeing the big smiles from the kids and families. I am very thankful for all of you who donated and participated in it. I'm also thankful for our Young at Heart group that meets on Tuesdays at 9:00am, who have welcomed me and given me a pass for not being as young as they are.

It was great to see multiple generations work together on cleaning up the outside of the parsonage and I am very thankful for Chris Hutchinson's leadership on that. I am also thankful for the cleaning and organizing job John Donathan has been doing in our church building, and to Jon Zerkel for sharing a great message about friendships last Sunday while I was sick. OH! Also, I am thankful for your prayers and for being part of a church that is always praying.

It is important for us to be thankful to God always because He is good. In His goodness, He has gifted us each other to laugh and cry together, to work and relax together, to correct and encourage each other. It is through our church that God's love is shared, first with one another, and then with the world around us.

I encourage you to connect with other church members and to look for ways to serve our church and/or our community. Maybe sign up to ring bells for Salvation Army or take someone to eat. God continues to work through His church and you have a part in it. We are all in need; we need God, His Gospel, and His church. You have a word of encouragement, a warm meal, a listening ear, or an act of service to share with someone in need.

Thank you,

Pastor Martin Reyes




Young @ Heart

9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, November 15th
For Coffee, Prayer & Fellowship

W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

November 16, 2022
Thanksgiving Dinner
& Fellowship



5:30 P.M. To	7:30 P.M.	Bible Study
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Men's Gathering
Meets @ 8:00 a.m. at the church

**Prayer, conversation and fellowship
with us Saturday, November 19th**





FCC Children's Party

Saturday, November 19th

Meet @ the Church 11:00 a.m.

901 N. Henrietta St., Eff. IL,

All children 5th grade and under

Giving Thanks



Any Questions:

text or call Pastor Martin

(217) 317-3800

Please, Sign Up & Ring Bells

Week Ends From:

Friday, November 25th through Saturday

December 24th





Faith Promise 2022/2023



Promises Made: \$31,084.00

Received: \$3,369.00

Women's Tea & Conversation

3rd & 4th Meeting of the Season

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Please bring your favorite snack
for the holidays
& wear your ugly Christmas Sweater
This will be our November
and December meeting
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Reason for God

TIM KELLER

Description

Conversations on Faith and Life.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

1-David McConnell-BD
 2-Angela Denoyer-BD
 2-Shannon Smith-BD
 6-Sheila Hutcheson-BD
 11-Terry Harper-BD
 11-Gene Roley-BD
 14-Barb Morrison-BD
 14-Stacy Brown-BD
 15-Cheryl Bloemker-BD
 18-Dale & Bonnie Vonderheide-WA
 18-J.P. Smith-BD
 25-Cathy Weiffenbach-BD
 29-Cecil Wright-BD

Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, December 4th

Flour & Sugar



Cereal Or Your Choice





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