



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, February 28th 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> and You Tube [First Christian Church of Effingham - YouTube](#)

Sunday, March 5th Informational Congregational Meeting directly after the worship service

Sunday, March 5th Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items peanut butter, Jelly, Cereal or your choice are due in the fellowship hall.

Thursday, March 9th Summer Planning Meeting starts @ 6:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, March 12th All church Spring Luncheon will meet directly after worship service.

Serving & Giving

Serving In February/March

Communion Table : February 26th –Dennis Bushue; March 5th–John Donathan

2/12/2023 Attendance & Giving

Total: \$3,034.00

includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance: Sunday–65

Sunday School—10

Property Ministries:\$40.00

Benevolent Fund: \$100.00

Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$357.00

2/19/2023 Attendance & Giving

Total: \$3,402.00

includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance:66

Sunday School:11

Property Ministry (Building): \$65.00

Donation for recital :\$100.00

Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$1,012.00

Prayer List

Special Needs: Hurricane Ian (Florida & East Coast), Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Pastor Martin, Gary & Darlene Elliott (health issues), John Donathan (Shoulder surgery) , Dee Musgrave (Esophagus Surgery), Karen Hakman (Pseudo gout), J.P. Smith (back pain), Jefferson Michael (4.11 pounds), Zach Bloemker (shoulder rehab), Bobbie (surgery), Ruth Lowrance (pneumonia), Velma Thomason (bacterial infection), Elaine Hartman (bone fusion surgery), Steve Barnes (heart attack), Sonja Davis (oral surgery), Barb Morrison (retina healing), Mary Jane Harrison (back surgery), Jim Spracklen (heart Cath), Brandon (face bones to heal), Dorinda (broken pelvis), Nelson Duncel (MRI on lungs), Shelly Kowalski (TB), Peggy (health issues)



Missions: Faith Promise 2022/2023, Salvation Army, Asbury University Revival

Pray For These Family: Tracy Kistler Family, Bill Wascher Family, Drake Armstrong Family, Annalee Anderson Family, Chuck Wierciock Family, Cathy Burrell Family, Elsie Rueter Family



Guidelines and Tentative Timeline for the Potential Sale of the Church Parsonage

As you know, the Elders have been prayerfully considering proposing the sale of the parsonage. In our last Elder's Meeting, the majority of the elders voted in favor to begin the process of listing the parsonage for sale.

The Church Constitution set guidelines for the process to be followed in this case. Article 3, Section C, Subsection 3 reads as follows:

3. The Trustees shall act as the legal agents of the Church in all business matters, under direction of the Church Board and subject to the approval of the Church, hold legal title to all church property and handle all business transactions related thereto, have supervision over all endowment and trust funds, and perform such duties as may be assigned to them, and such duties as are required by the laws of the state of Illinois.

In 04/07/2013, the congregation approved our church becoming an elder-lead congregation instead of continuing to be a board-led congregation. Based on the Church Constitution and that congregational vote, these are the guidelines for this process:

The trustees shall act as the legal agents and handle all transactions related to the sale of the parsonage.

The elders will direct the trustees in all transactions related to the sale of the parsonage.

The elders will seek approval from the majority of the congregation in all transactions related to the sale of the parsonage.

"All transactions related to the sale of the parsonage" are defined as the following transactions:

Listing the parsonage for sale.

Accepting an offer for the sale of the parsonage.

Approval of a budget for expenses related to the sale of the parsonage, including but not limited to updating or repairing the property.

Currently, the trustees are John Donathan, Chris Hutchinson, and Larry Thomason; and our elders are Troy Bloemker, Jon Zerkel, Don Millman, John Donathan, and Pastor Martin Reyes.



Based on these guidelines, the following tentative timeline:

- On 02/12/23, the elders voted to begin the process of listing the parsonage for sale and to inform the trustees and congregation of the vote, these guidelines, and tentative timeline.
- On 02/19/23, these guidelines and tentative timeline will be published and a congregational informational meeting will be announced for 03/05/23 following the worship service. This announcement will be repeated weekly until the congregational meeting.
- On 03/05/23, the Elders will read Article 3, Section C, Subsection 3, seek input from the church members, and answer any questions the church members might have. The elders will share in writing a proposed vote on the listing of the parsonage for sale and call for a congregational meeting after our worship service on 03/19/23 to vote on the proposed vote.
- On 03/19/23 after the service, we will have a congregational meeting in which members will vote on the proposed vote to list the parsonage for sale.
- The elders will make regular updates on the process, making sure that no more than two months pass without an update.
- In the case of receiving any offers, the elders will review them and vote on them. If the majority of the elders vote in favor of recommending the offer to the congregation, a congregational informational meeting will be called within 8 days of the vote.
- During the informational meeting, the elders will share the offer, answer any questions the church members might have, and call for a congregational meeting 14 days from the informational meeting. The offer and the congregational meeting will be published and announced until that day.
- At that congregational meeting, the member will vote on accepting the proposed offer for the sale of the parsonage.
- The proceeds of the sale will go to the general fund.
- In case the parsonage does not sell or it needs to be delisted, the elders will take a vote, call for an informational meeting within 8 days, and call for a congregational vote 14 days later on delisting the parsonage.

If you have any questions about these guidelines and/or timeline, please let the elders know, so that we may answer your questions as soon as we can




Young @ Heart

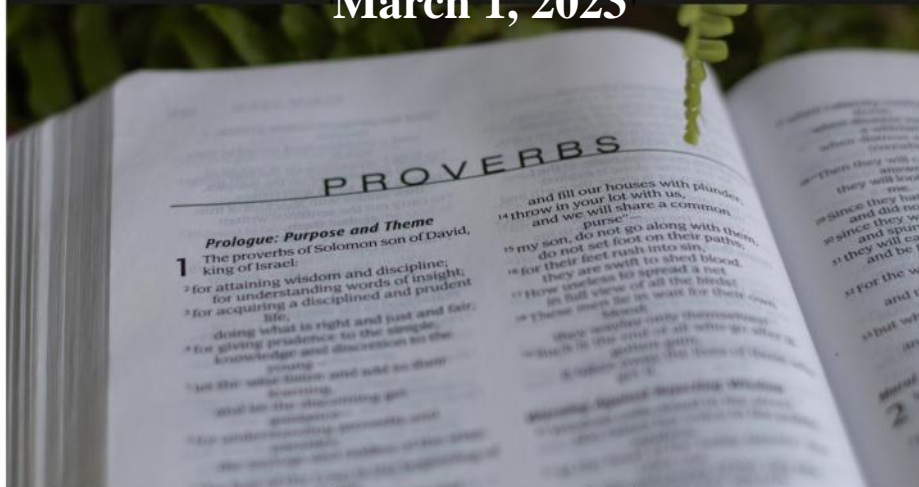
9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, February 28th
For Coffee, Prayer & Fellowship



W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

March 1, 2023



5:30 P.M. To	7:30 P.M.	Bible Study
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Summer Planning Meeting

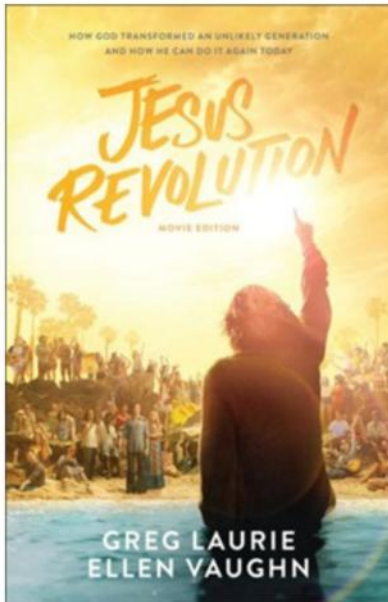
Meet @ the Church
Thursday, March 9th

Faith Promise 2022/2023



Promises Made: \$31,084.00

Received: \$ 17,696.00



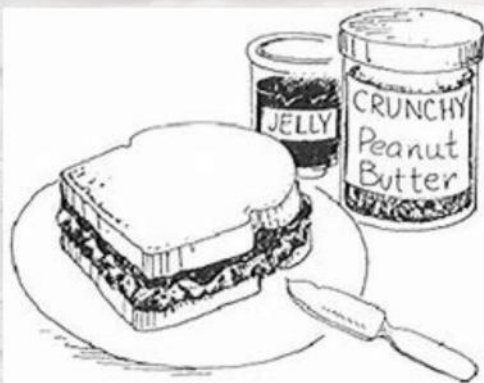
You Are Invited

A group is planning to meet
on March 1st @ 9:30 a.m.
at the church
to car pool together
and attend the 10:00 a.m.
Jesus Revolution Movie @
RMC Village Square Mall

Any Questions Contact Dennis Bushue

Calvary Baptist Food Pantry *Sunday, March 5th*

Peanut Butter & Jelly



Cereal Or Your Choice





March Birthdays and Anniversaries

2-Elsie Palmer- BD

2-Tracey Scoggins- BD

8-Jane Ann Zerkel- BD

11-Alexandria Denoyer- BD

14-Shirley Jamison- BD

23-Judy Tapp BD

26-Sonya Davis- BD



Informational Meeting Sunday, March 5th

Directly After Worship service






All Church Spring Luncheon

Sunday, March 12th
Directly After Worship
Service

This will be a potluck luncheon.

A sign up sheet is in the foyer

SUMMER CAMP 2023 REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 6 AT 10AM!

JESUS IS _____.

OIL BELT CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP 2023



Select the week of camp based on the grade campers are going into in the fall. Walk-in registrations are allowed, but camps fill up quickly, so we highly suggest to register in advance.

REGISTER ONLINE AT OILBELT.COM

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp • 555 Park Road • Flora, IL 62839
618-662-2822 • campoffice@oilbelt.com



The elders have approved the Oil Belt Christian Service Camp tuition scholarship which covers 100% of tuition for one week for each camper and is paid for by First Christian Church. *Print off from Oil Belt's site the registration authorization form and have Pastor Martin sign it.*



GRADES	CAMP NAME	DATE	REG. FEE	DEAN	CAMP STARTS	CAMP ENDS
K-4th	Father/Child Camp	July 14-15	\$70	Dustin Draear	5:30pm	3:30pm
K-Adult	Special Needs Day	May 20	\$30	Danielle Kimbrell	9:30am	3:00pm
1st & 2nd	Sunrise Day Camp 1	June 10	\$30	Kelly Baker	10:30am	5:30pm
1st & 2nd	Sunrise Day Camp 2	July 8	\$30	Christian Michels	10:30am	5:30pm
2nd & 3rd	Footprints 1	June 23-24	\$70	Brittany Bear	5:30pm	3:30pm
2nd & 3rd	Footprints 2	July 21-22	\$70	Malachai Keen	5:30pm	3:30pm
4th & 5th	Discovery	July 5-8	\$150	Dusty Schulz	3:30pm	9:30am
4th & 5th	Pathfinder 1	May 31-June 2	\$125	TBD	3:30pm	5:30pm
4th & 5th	Pathfinder 2	June 26-28	\$125	Caleb Higginbotham	3:30pm	5:30pm
5th & 6th	Encounter 1	June 18-23	\$190	Rob Plummer	3:30pm	3:30pm
5th & 6th	Encounter 2	July 16-21	\$190	Alex Foltz	3:30pm	3:30pm
5th & 6th	Camp Out	June 17-19	\$140	Darren Barbee	9:00am	2:00pm
6th-8th	Athletes Camp	July 9-14	\$210	Tre Schlieff	3:30pm	3:30pm
7th & 8th	Jr. High 1	June 11-17	\$200	Anthony Sweeney	3:30pm	9:30am
7th & 8th	Jr. High Wilderness: Base	June 25-30	\$250	Seth Schnautz	12:30pm	5:30pm
7th & 8th	Jr. High 2	July 23-29	\$200	Lance Boldt	3:30pm	9:30am
7th & 8th	Fishing Camp	June 2-3	\$85	Aaron McCaleb	9:00am	5:30pm
7th-12th	Genesis Week	May 30-June 3	\$200	Tim Davis	9:30am	9:30am
7th-13th	Worship Camp	June 25-30	\$200	Jason Henry	3:30pm	8:30pm
9th	Niners	July 16-21	\$190	Mike Knepper	3:30pm	3:30pm
9th-12th	Senior High	June 4-10	\$200	Bryan Heinrich	3:30pm	9:30am
9th-12th	Sr. High Wilderness: Trek	TBD	\$250	Keaton Eisenmenger	5:30pm	5:30pm
10th-13th	Deeper Life	July 30-August 5	\$200	Dustin Leek	3:30pm	9:30am
18-24yrs	Greater Retreat	May 19-21	\$100	Stephen Dulaney	6:30pm	1:00pm
Adult Special Needs	O.A.S.I.S. Retreat	August 11-12	\$50	Lisa Dill	5:30pm	3:30pm



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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