



# First Christian Church of Effingham

Issue 287 April 4, 2023 In God's hands

Martín Reyes-Lead Minister  
217.317.3800  
pastormartinfcc@gmail.com

Cleone Bloemker-Secretary  
217.342.6797  
fcaffingham@gmail.com  
Website: www.fcaffingham.com

## Mark Your Calendar

**Thursday, April 6th** Mission's meeting begins @ 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 7th** Good Friday Chain of Prayer 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 8th** Annalee Anderson's memorial service will be at 2:00 p.m. here at the church

**Tuesday, April 11th** 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](#)

**Wednesday, April 12th** W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper and Bible Study to follow

**Thursday, April 13th** Summer Planning Meeting begins @ 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 15th** Men's Gathering meets @ 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday, April 22nd** Women's Tea & Conversation meets @ 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## Serving & Giving

### Serving In April

**Communion Table** : April 9th—John Donathan; April 16th—Don Millman

#### 3/26/2023 Attendance & Giving

**Total: \$2,607.50**

**includes Faith Promise & Online Giving**

Attendance: Sunday—72

Sunday School—14

Property Ministries: \$40.00

**Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$157.00**

#### 4/2/2023 Attendance & Giving

**Total: \$6,435.00**

**includes Faith Promise & Online Giving**

Attendance: 79

Sunday School: 12

Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00

Quilt Guild: \$153.00

**Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$1,162.00**

## Prayer List

**Special Needs:** tornado victims in Illinois and Indiana, Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Pastor Martin, Gary & Darlene Elliott (health issues), Kevin & Barb Jamison (House Restoration), Darlene Reynolds (chemo), Jim & Audrey Spracklen (Jim's Surgeries), Sheila Hutcheson (hysterectomy 4/17/2023), Jim Owen (health Issues), Haley & Baby Hank (NicU Carle)



**Missions:** Faith Promise 2022/2023, Randi Marie—New Zealand, I.D.E.S. Ministry opportunity for FCC

**Pray For These Family:** Martha Fearday Family, Donna Perkey Family, Cathy Hartman Family, Peggy Flowers Family, Bonnie Thomas Family, Bob Birch Family, Drew Holloway Family



## Take a Moment

Life can be very busy and stressful. Some of you are running around with the kids and grand-kids, others are busy with work or homework, and others are dealing with illness that take a lot of your time and energy.

During these times, it is perfectly normal, and human, to seek rest and peace. To want to stay home in your pajamas and watch Netflix for a couple of hours, or to take those extra 15-30 minutes of sleep in the weekend, especially on Sundays.

The Bible encourages us of two things: “not giving up meeting together” (Heb. 10:25a) and to “seek to show hospitality.” (Rom. 12:13b).

It is true that Covid made it easy for us to get used to reducing the regular meetings we used to have and to stop showing “hospitality”. We want to encourage you to make an effort to “not give up meeting together” by coming to church regularly and to one of our groups.

I also would like to encourage you to “seek to show hospitality” by inviting some of our church members to eat at your house, or going to a restaurant together. This was a common practice in the first century church, and I think that we have neglected it.

To encourage conversations in our church, we are changing the way we start the church service after Easter. We will have a prelude, a welcome, a time to say hello, a song, and then announcements and prayer as usual.

If you are struggling with hospitality, let us help you take three easy steps:

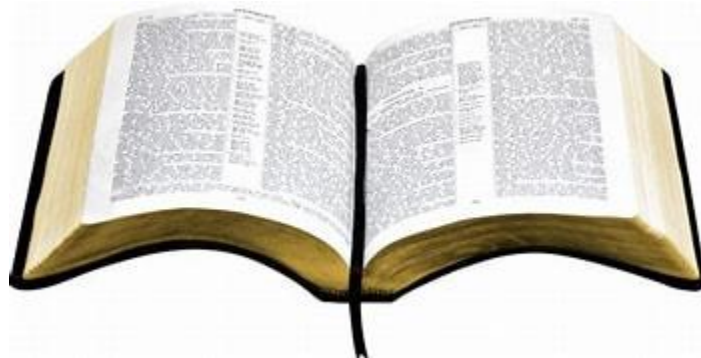
Get to church at 9:40am, go to the fellowship room, and visit with whomever is there (you may also get some snacks and coffee if you want to).

During our church service, take the time to have a brief conversation with 3 people or say hello and learn the name of at least 5 people you don’t know in our congregation.

Stay 15 minutes after church and have a conversation with some of the members of your church family.

And if you want to go the extra mile, plan hosting a meal at your home 2-3 times this summer. Jesus extended hospitality, the disciples encouraged it, the early church practiced it, and now is time for us to make it part of our church life.

At His service and yours,  
Pastor Martin Reyes





# Mission Ministry Meeting

Thursday, April 6th  
@ 6:00 p.m.

## *Chain Of Prayer Good Friday*

April 7, 2022,  
6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.







# Memorial Service

*Annalee Anderson*

*Saturday, April 8th*

*2:00 p.m.*

First Christian Church



## Young @ Heart

### 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, April 11th  
For Coffee, Prayer & Fellowship





# W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

April 12, 2023

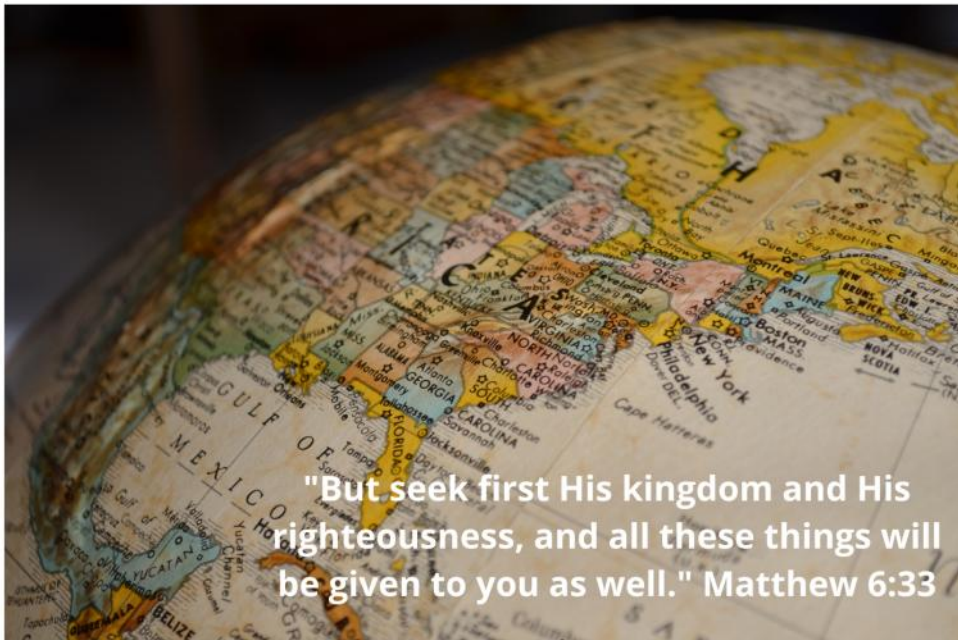


**5:30 P.M.To**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Bible Study**

## Faith Promise 2022/2023



"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33

Promises Made: \$31,084.00

Received: \$ 21,348.00





# Summer Planning Meeting

**Thursday,  
April 13th  
@ 6:00 p.m.**

**Meet @ the Church**



**Saturday, April 15th**

## **Men's Gathering**

**Meets @ 8:00 a.m. at the church**



# Women's Tea & Conversation

Saturday, April 22, 2023

April meeting  
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**The Reason for God**  
**TIM KELLER**  
Description  
Conversations on Faith and Life.



## Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, May 2nd

**Rice & Mac N Cheese**



**Cereal Or Your Choice**







**First Christian church  
901 N. Henrietta  
Effingham, IL 62401  
SERVICE REQUESTED**



**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