



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, May 20th Men's Gathering meets @ 8:00 a.m. for breakfast, fellowship. Last Date for a while

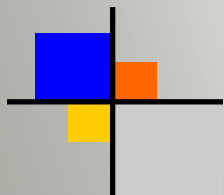
Saturday, May 20th Children's Event with the theme of "Summer Is Here" starts at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 23rd Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. the church for snack, prayer & fellowship Hall

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](#)

Saturday, June 3rd Women's Tea & Conversation will meet @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 4th Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items Canned Meat, Dessert Mixes, Cereal or your choice are due



Serving & Giving

Serving In May

Communion Table : May 21st –Don Millman; May 28th–Troy Bloemker

5/7/2023 Attendance & Giving

Total: \$3,390.47

includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance: Sunday–57

Sunday School–13

Property Ministries:\$65.00

CD Interest—\$12.47

Soccer Fees—\$40.00

Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$127.00

5/14/2023 Attendance & Giving

Total: \$1,847.84

includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance:67

Sunday School:14

Property Ministry (Building): \$40.00

CD Interest: \$19.84

Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$62.00

Prayer List

Special Needs: tornado victims in Illinois and Indiana, Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Church leadership, Kevin & Barb Jamison (House Restoration), Darlene Reynolds (chemo), Jim & Audrey Spracklen (Jim's Surgeries & Audrey's health issues), Jim Owen (health Issues), Haley & Baby Hank (NICU Carle), Lisa Lipcamon (surgery 5/9/2023), Molly (Skin grafting), Alexis Smith (brain bleed), Nathan Jones (rehab for shoulder surgery 4/24/2023) Aunt Pam (hernia surgery), Silas Sasse (respiratory infection), Barb Morrison (eye treatments), Janet Yocum (Colon Cancer)



Missions: Faith Promise 2022/2023, I.D.E.S., Project Bible Runners

Pray For These Family: Elinor Wolford Family, Chris Eskew Family, Vicki Pals family, Linda Shaw Family, Clay Mills Family, Kristen Pryor Family, Betty Hall Family, Annette Loy Maddox Family, Mike Bailey Family, Rosie Kingery Family, Steve Barnes Family, Matthew Black Family

Dear Church,

This past Wednesday, we finished our spring WOW series and we will be taking a break during the summer. However, I always have continued to meet during the summer for a couple of reasons

- 1) I love to regularly meet with other Christians and study the Bible together.
- 2) It helps younger people to stay committed to regularly meeting to study the Bible.

With that said, I am planning to have Summer WOW groups focusing on learning how to study the Bible. Like always, the group I lead focuses on teaching young people, but everyone is welcomed to attend. In order to help young parents participate, we will also have a Summer WOW for Children.

We will meet on Wednesdays at 5:30pm for a small dinner, and start Bible studies at 6:00pm until 7:15pm, and ending with worship music. If you are interested to participate, please let me know, and here is the schedule:

Youth and Young Adults

Date	Lesson	Bible Verse	Teacher
06/07/23	SENIOR HIGH CAMP	NO WOW	NONE
06/14/23	Bible Study Methods	2nd Timothy 3:16-17	Martin
06/21/23	Bible Study Methods	2 John	Martin
06/28/23	Bible Study Methods	2 John	Martin
07/05/23	Fellowship Time	Devotional	MARTIN
07/12/23	Bible Study Methods	3 John	Martin
07/19/23	Bible Study Methods	3 John	Martin
07/26/23	Fellowship Time	Devotional	MARTIN

Children

Date	Lesson	Bible Verse	Teacher
06/07/23	SENIOR HIGH CAMP	NO WOW	NONE
06/14/23	Episode 1: Captain Amazing and the Space Pineapples	Philippians 2:3	
06/21/23	Episode 2: The Storm of Fear and Bunnies	Deuteronomy 31:6	
06/28/23	Episode 3: Algebra Mountain and the Purse of Ears	Hebrews 12:1	
07/05/23	Fellowship Time	Devotional	MARTIN
07/12/23	Episode 4: Truman v. McFibby Britches	Proverbs 19:9	
07/19/23	Episode 5: Numbers: The Musical	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	
07/26/23	Fellowship Time	Devotional	MARTIN

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH FAMILY

To help members of our church family better know each other we will intermittently use this space to tell you more about a member. We will start with someone everyone knows by sight but may not know how she came to be here.

CLEONE BLOEMKER

She has been our church secretary since June, 2012. But she came to First Christian Church in 1973 at the invitation of her sister-in-law, Cheryl Bloemker. Cleone was born in St. Louis, MO., October 15, 1950 to John & Virginia Weiffenbach. Her father was a native of Dieterich and her mother and grandparents. John and Emma Bottom, owned the drugstore in Dieterich. Due to her mother's illness, Cleone and her siblings entered the Illinois Masonic Children's Home in LaGrange, IL when Cleone was 10. Her siblings are John (Cathy) Weiffenbach and her sister is Audrey (Burl) Griffith of Dieterich. She lived at the Home until she graduated high school. Cleone wants people to know the Home is not what generally comes to mind when thinking of a "children's home". The children were not available for adoption. They were taken on a vacation every summer. Also, the children were taken shopping for new clothing every season and if desired they would have been sent to college.

They visited relatives in Dieterich often and that is where she met Rocky Bloemker. She and Rocky were married in August, 1970. Their son, Troy, was born in 1971 and daughter, Tracey (Scoggins) in 1982. Cleone has 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Rocky was an Effingham City Policeman and died of a brain tumor October 29, 2007.

Cleone has a two year degree from Lake Land College in Mattoon and an online degree in Information Technology from Franklin University in Ohio. She worked 31 years at World Color Printing Press Co.

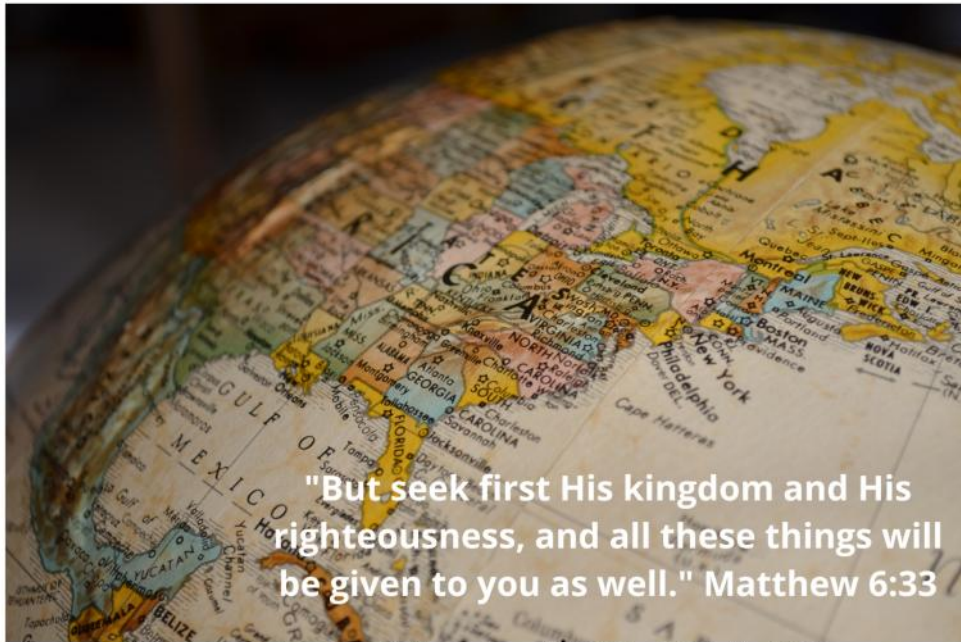
Cleone says she has been so blessed by the Lord. She had Christian parents and Christian based children's home to grow up in to adulthood. Being a part of the First Christian Church family has brought her relationship with the Lord closer each year. When she first came here, she was extremely shy. As the years progressed, she has been able to teach, lead a ladies' group, go on mission trips and be the church secretary. She had no experience in any of these service opportunities before being asked to serve. She says she is still learning and studying the Bible. "I still fall short of the mark, but the Lord renews me every morning. She has been teaching our children for 45 years! First Christian Church is blessed to have Cleone as a member and as our church secretary. She goes above and beyond in both.

If you have questions, suggestions or comments about these columns, please leave them in the church office.





Faith Promise 2022/2023



Promises Made: \$31,084.00

Received: \$24,563.00





FCC Children's Party

Saturday, May 20th
Meet @ the Church 10:00 a.m.

**901 N. Henrietta St., Eff. IL,
 5th Grade and Under**

Summer Is Here

Any Questions:
text or call Pastor Martin
(217) 317-3800



Young @ Heart 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, May 23rd
For Coffee, Prayer & Fellowship





Women's Tea & Conversation

Saturday, June 3, 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, June 4th

Canned Meat & Dessert
Mixes



Cereal Or Your Choice



First Christian Church
of Effingham

SOCCER CAMP

CAMP DAYS:

JUNE 19, 20, 22, & 23

GAME DAY:

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

- PLEASE, BRING A WATER BOTTLE.
- CLEATS AND SHIN GUARDS ARE RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED.
- WE WILL BE SELLING DRINKS AND SNACKS.

Limit of 80 Campers

**We need volunteers to help with drills for campers and for Concession Stand helpers
Please, let Pastor Martin know if you can help with this Soccer Camp.**


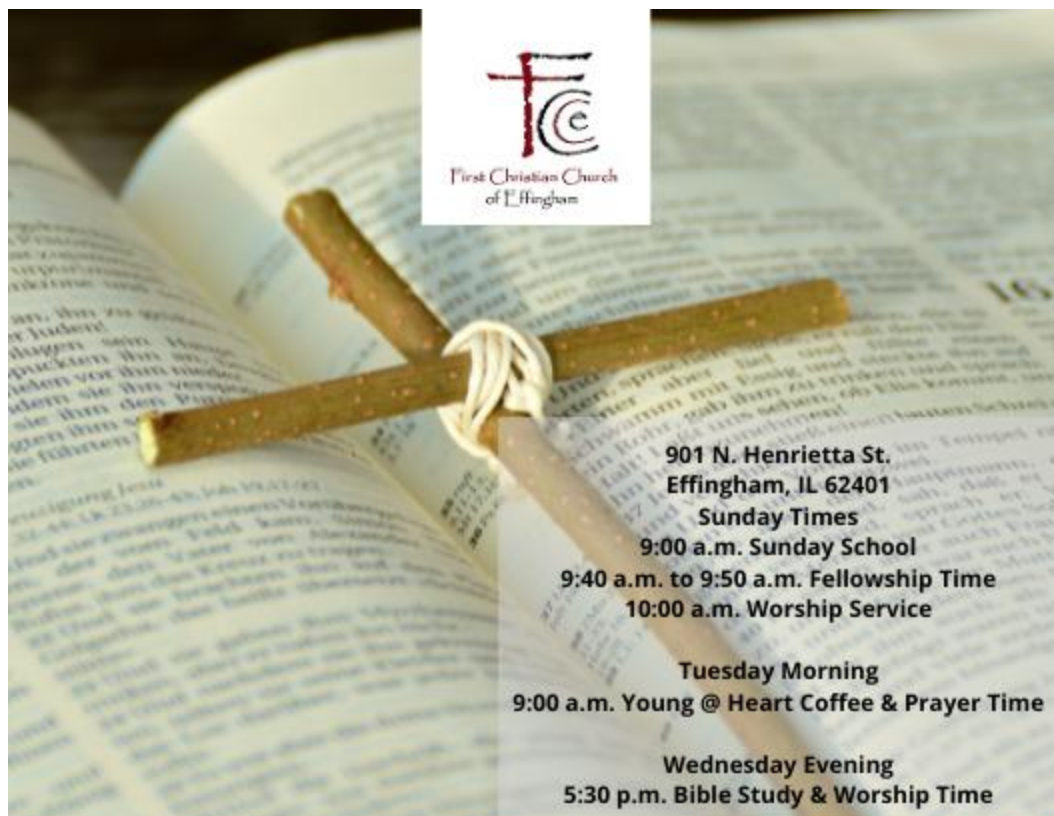
Camp Schedule For Summer , 2023

GRADES	CAMP NAME	DATE	REG. FEE	DEAN	CAMP STARTS	CAMP ENDS
K-4th	Father/Child Camp	July 14-15	\$70	Dustin Dreear	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	Tire Schillef	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 26-30	\$250	Seth Schmautz	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