



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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## Mark Your Calendar

**Saturday, August 19th** Children's  
Event: Back to School Party begins  
@ 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, August 22nd** 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](#)

**Tuesday, August 23rd** W.O.W. Fall  
for all ages starts at 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, September 3rd** Bring the  
Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items of  
canned vegetables, cereal or your  
choice to the fellowship hall.



## Serving & Giving

### Serving In August

**Communion Table** : August 20th—Dennis Bushue; August 27th—John Donathan

#### 8/6/2023 Attendance & Giving

**Total: \$6,705.07**

**includes Faith Promise & Online Giving**

Attendance: Sunday – 57

Sunday School — 16

Property Ministries: \$65.00

Grinnell Mutual Ins.: \$766.07

#### 8/13/2023 Attendance & Giving

**Total: \$1,283.00**

**includes Faith Promise & Online Giving**

Attendance: Sunday — 66

Sunday School — 12

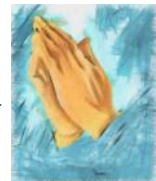
Property Ministry: \$40.00

**Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$1,494.00**

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## Prayer List

**Special Needs:** tornado victims in Illinois and Indiana, Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Church leadership, Nancy Harper (Heart issue), Dennis Bushue (Hand surgery 8/21/2023), Linda Richey (chemo), Lisa Lipcamon (wound on foot), Joni Millman (Knee Surgery 8/31/2023), Joy Fathauer (New medicine), Tommy Gant (3 brain bleeds & other injuries), Mike Depoister (cancer), Eduardo Vasquez (stroke rehab), Dale Sutter (shoulder surgery, 7/26/2023), Tom Young (cancer), Todd Young (red blood cells deficiency), Gene Roley (Health Issues), Evelyn Legg and Velda Legg (Covid), Silas Sasse (hospice) Velda Cunningham (Covid), Leann Spruell (Covid), Darlene Reynolds (eye problems), Sue Schmidt (heart problems), Cathy Blakesly (cancer), Alan Ritter (cancer), Linda McKinney (gastro-intestinal), Adam Stoops (kidney stone surgery 8/3/2023), Judy Tapp (hip replacement), Sue Schmidt (Heart Issues), Shorty Beals (broken arm), Roger Loy (Back Surgery)



**Missions:** Faith Promise 2022/2023, Lincoln Christian University; Christian Campus House EIU

**Pray For These Family:** Jerry Scoggins Family, Harper Finn Family, Glen Higgs Family, Candy Fowler Family



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

To help members of our church family better know each other

### Linda Packer

I was born January 12, 1947, in the old Effingham Hospital. But we lived in Jasper County on the old John Shoemaker place (my great grandfather). My parents are Medford and Dorothy Shoemaker. We moved to Winterrowd, IL, when I was 5 years old and that was home until both my parents died. I have 2 brothers, Dennis (Carolyn) of Buchanan, TN and Alan who is deceased.

I went to a country school in Eberle, Dieterich High School and Illinois commercial College in Champaign, IL.

While in Champaign going to school, I worked as secretary to the wrestling coach at the U of I. After school, I worked at Mercy Hospital and then as Control Clerk in the Bursar's Office to the assistant Bursar at the University of Illinois.

I made a mistake of joining the Mormon church while I was living in Champaign where I met and married Gary Packer on June 3, 1967. We moved to Japan where he served in the Air Force at Yokota AFB. We lived in Japan for 3 years and our first two sons were born there. We moved back to Dieterich, Illinois in the fall of 1970. We had another son and a daughter here.

I think I was 12 when I was baptized in Nadler's Lake and became a member of Winterrowd Christian Church. I was 19 when I joined the LDS Church. The Mormon church was a thorn in our lives because I just couldn't believe what they taught, although I was in it for at least 15 years. I had to fight for excommunication from this cult. The Lord stood by me and our children are all Christians. I have been going to FCC since 1999. I was financial secretary here for about 2 years? And then, I became an assistant financial secretary. My grandma, Pearl Gerth, was a member here.

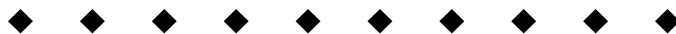
I worked at Speedway and Flying J for about 28 years as cashier, assistant manager, manager and assistant bookkeeper.

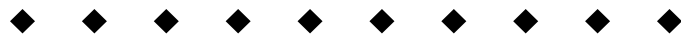
Trent A. Packer (Stephanie) owns T&S Used Auto Sales and Repair in Neoga, IL. They have 5 children.

Brian L. Packer (Christa) is Project Manager at Consolidated Communications in Mattoon, IL. They have 2 children.

Kirk L. Packer (Niki) is Senior Pastor of Jesus Center and Investigator for the Sesser, IL. Police Dept. They have 5 children

Jenny L. Jarrett (Brian) is a homemaker and home school teacher of all 10 children. And that makes 22 grandchildren and 5 greats!





# Faith Promise 2022/2023



Promises Made: \$31,084.00

Received: \$ 31,982.00





**Young @ Heart**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
 Tuesday, August 22nd  
 For Coffee, Prayer & Fellowship



# Youth & Young Adults

*Fall W.O.W. Begins*  
*Wednesday, August 23rd*

**W.O.W. WEDNESDAY**

Bring your favorite snack food to share.  
 Also, any board games or card games to play

**5:30 P.M. To**  
**7:30 P.M.** Bible Study



# September Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2-Astrid Zubiato—BD
- 4-Analise Brown—BD
- 12-Abby Smith—BD
- 13-Emily Griffin—BD
- 16-Sandi Donaldson—BD
- 18-Elaine Griffin—BD
- 20-John Weiffenbach--BD
- 22-J.T. Bloemker—BD
- 22-Sheryl Rincker—BD
- 29-Claudine Rush—BD
- 29-Chris & Sheila Hutcheson—WA



**JESUS IS \_\_\_\_\_**  
**FAMILY CAMP ☪ SEPTEMBER 1-4, 2023**

**SPEAKERS** KENDALL BOPP, SHANE BOPP,  
AND SHANNON BOPP

**WORSHIP** ERIC LYDAY AND  
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH OF MT. VERNON

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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