



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, August 6th Bring the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items of pasta and Spaghetti, cereal or your choice to the fellowship hall.

Sunday, August 6th Snacks for Family Life Center can be brought.

Tuesday, August 8th 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 8th Missions meeting will meet @ 6:00 p.m.

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

WOW begins youth and young adults fall session August 23rd



Serving & Giving

Serving In August

Communion Table : August 6th—Troy Bloemker; August 13th—Jon Zerkel

7/23/2023 Attendance & Giving

Total: \$2,725.59

includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance: Sunday – 61

Sunday School — 12

Summer WOW (07/26) –

Property Ministries: \$65.00

In His Hands V.B.S.—\$169.59

Initial Offering: \$5.00

Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$67.00

7/30/2023 Attendance & Giving

Total: \$3,445.00

includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance: Sunday — 59

Sunday School — 14

Property Ministry: \$40.00

Quilt Guild—\$146.00

Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$600.00

Prayer List

Special Needs: tornado victims in Illinois and Indiana, Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Church leadership, Nancy Harper (Heart issue), Dennis Bushue (Hand surgery 7/31/2023; 8/14/2023), Linda Richey (chemo), Lisa Lipcamon (wound on foot), Joni Millman (knee & leg injury), Joy Fathauer (New medicine), Tommy Gant (3 brain bleeds & other injuries), Mike Depoister (cancer), Glen Higgs (Hospice), 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 (Infections), Terri Printz (testing), Rebecca Neu & Matt Stephens & Summer (Covid)

Missions: Faith Promise 2022/2023, Oblong Children's Christian Home; Project Bible Runners

Pray For These Family: Louis Esker Family, Jerry Scoggins Family, Harper Finn Family



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

To help members of our church family better know each other **Velda Mae Cunningham**

Velda was born March 26, 1929, and grew up on a farm in Southeast Effingham County. At 94, Velda is the eldest member of our church family who attends every Sunday. She is one of nine children born to Lloyd and Olive Shouse. Paul (deceased) and George Shouse are brothers along with Theron (deceased), O.D., Alvin, and Richard. Sisters Iva Eileen (deceased as infant), and Doris Lewis.

Velda became a Christian when she was about 8 years old and joined the Bethsaida Church, a country church still located in rural Dieterich. She graduated from Effingham High School. Velda met Don Cunningham when he came to Effingham from Fairfield, Il. They married on December 26, 1946, and lived in Fairfield and then moved to Effingham. Velda is very proud of their two sons Dan and David. Don was the manager of C & L Auto sales in Effingham. When Don and Velda returned to Effingham from Fairfield they began attending First Christian Church because they knew several people in the church. And it has been a joy to both of them. He went to heaven July 25, 2009.

At First Christian Church Velda has taught several Sunday school and Bible School classes and worked wherever she was needed. Don Cunningham served in almost every capacity including Sunday School teacher, member of the board, etc.

In addition to caring for her family, Velda worked as a waitress, the Effingham Water Department, the Effingham County Treasurer's office—preparing tax bills and collecting tax payments.

The First Christian Church has been blessed having the Cunninghams as part of our family for so many years.



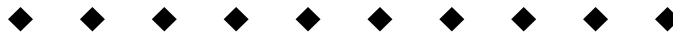
Bring Snacks For Family Life Center Classes

Please, Bring To Church By August 6th

The following is a list of types of snacks that are welcome. (I put brand names for examples. However, generic works great!)

INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED:

- Snack cakes (Similar to Little Debbie's, Hostess, etc.)
- Chips
- Trail Mix
- Fruit Cups (Pears, Peaches, Mandarin Oranges,
- Fruit Cocktail, Mango)
- Crackers (Cheez-It, Party Mix, Goldfish, etc.)
- Wrapped hard candy
- Candy bars (small snack/bite-size – Similar to the ones at Halloween time/Hershey Kisses)
- water bottles, juice boxes



Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, August 6th

Cereal Or Your Choice

Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce





Faith Promise 2022/2023

- ◆ Missions meeting will meet
- ◆ @ 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ on Tuesday, August 8th

"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: \$ 29,836.00

Children's Event

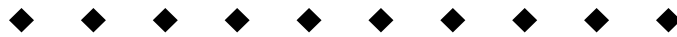
Saturday, August 19th 10:00 a.m.

901 N. Henrietta St. Effingham, IL

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Youth & Young Adults

Fall W.O.W. Begins

Wednesday, August 23rd

W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

5:30 P.M. To

7:30 P.M.

Bible Study





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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