



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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## Mark Your Calendar

**Tuesday, October 10th** 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](#)

**Wednesday, October 11th** W.O.W. for all ages meets at 5:30 p.m. with a light supper and then, Bible Study.

**Sunday, October 15th & Sunday, October 22nd** Faith Promise Rally "Use Your Gifts" with the scripture of 1 Peter 4:10

**Sunday, October 22nd** You're invited to stay for the lunch after worship service. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please, sign up in the foyer and bring a dish to share with the church family

**Tuesday, October 31st** Treat Town will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sign up sheet is in the foyer to decorate a room and pass out candy.

**Sunday, November 5th** Bring the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items of Canned Pumpkin, Pie Fillings, cereal or your choice to the fellowship hall.

## Serving & Giving

### Serving In October

**Communion Table :** October 8th—Don Millman; October 15th—Troy Bloemker

#### 9/24/2023 Attendance & Giving

**Total: \$3,229.00**

*includes Faith Promise & Online Giving*

*Attendance: Sunday —51*

*Sunday School — 17*

*Property Ministries: \$65.00*

**Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$1,017.00**

#### 10/1/2023 Attendance & Giving

**Total: \$6,623.00**

*includes Faith Promise & Online Giving*

*Attendance: Sunday —67*

*Sunday School —14*

*Property Ministry: \$65.00*

*Quilt Guild Donation: \$70.00*

**Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$722.00**

## Prayer List

**Special Needs:** Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Church leadership, Nancy Harper (Heart surgery 9/20/2023), Lisa Lipcamon (sore to heal), Erlene Hall (comfort & peace), Debbie Little (pneumonia), Cheryl Mix (surgeon consult), Greg Duval (health issues), Mark Miller (Peace & Comfort), Justine's cousin (health issues), Jady (heal from car wreck), Tonya Bummerstedt (pancreatic cancer)



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

**Pray For These Family:** Janet Yocum Family, Marcie Meinhart Family, Trenton Kingery Family, Kenneth Bryan Family, Rosie Bryan Family, Walker Bryan Family, Mark Miller Family



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**This is written to help members of our church family better know each other**

### DON MILLMAN

#### Elder / Member Profile

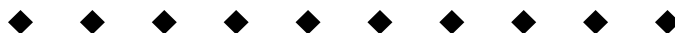
Hello Church family, my name is Don Millman. My wife, Joni, and I started attending FCC Effingham in September of 2021. We are members and are both very involved in church activities, Joni teaching in the children’s church and I as an Elder and teacher at Worship on Wednesday. We chose FCC because of the way we were greeted on our first visit here. We were met with a lot of love, and we felt the Spirit of God was active in the people.

Joni and I met at our workplace, a manufacturing facility, Champion Laboratories in West Salem IL. Our first date was July 4<sup>th</sup> and we were married on November 6, 1981. We have four children, 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. We raised our kids in West Salem, IL and as empty nesters have lived in Fayetteville, Georgia and now in Effingham, IL.

I was born in Riverside California, October 12, 1955, but my family moved to Olney, IL when I was only 15 months old. I was raised in Olney with one brother and one sister. I graduated from East Richland High School in 1973 and immediately went to work in the manufacturing sector. I started college when working at Champion Laboratories and received my Bachelor’s in Industrial Technology from SIU and later received my Master’s in Business Administration from Regis University.

When I was a young boy, I went to the Free Methodist Church in Olney and came to know Christ in their youth program (CYC) but was never baptized. Later in life after having a family and attending a non-denominational Christian church, the Holy Spirit convicted me to become a true follower and gave me a hunger for His word. In May of 2002 I was baptized and immediately the spirit moved me to start teaching and speaking His word. While still standing waist deep in the water I challenged the men in the church to be the faith leaders of their families and I have tried to live up to that from that point on.

We currently have a worship ministry with our granddaughters and one of our daughters where we lead worship as God calls us. We are both also in teaching ministries Joni in youth and I for adults. We are open to God’s calling where he leads us and are standing on God’s faithfulness. We are excited to see how FCC is going to be used for God’s Kingdom and what we can do as part of FCC.





# Youth & Young Adults

W.O.W.

Wednesday, October 11th

**W.O.W. WEDNESDAY**

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

**Bible Study**



# Faith Promise Rally

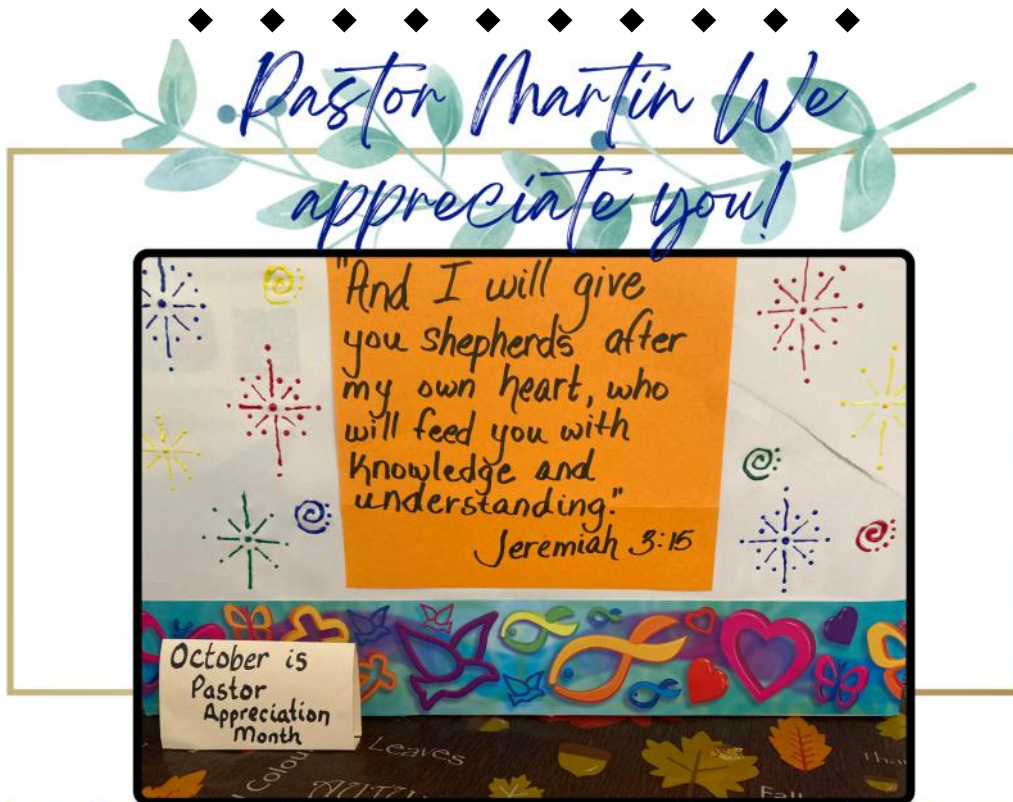
## Use Your Gifts

Sunday, October 15th & Sunday, October 22nd



*"God's gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully."*

**1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)**



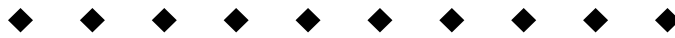
**A box is in the foyer to place cards in to the Pastor.**

# Faith Promise 2022/2023



Promises Made: \$31,084.00

Received: \$ 38,846.00



## Women's Tea & Conversation

First Meeting will meet Saturday, October 28th  
from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Book of 1 Thessalonians

**BEN STUART**  
Description

Living for Christ in a Culture that Doesn't  
 What is God's will for our lives, and why is it important to know? In this eight-session series, Pastor Ben Stuart shows us that Jesus calls us to live our faith openly, letting the world see our allegiance to him. When we are being faithful, pressing against culture, others can't help but notice. As we live confident of our good future in God's kingdom, we show the world where—and in whom—their hope lies.



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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