



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, November 28th 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, November 29th W.O.W. for all ages meets at 5:30 p.m. with a light supper and then, Bible Study.

Saturday, December 2nd Decorating of the church will begin @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 3rd Bring the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items of Flour, Sugar, cereal or your choice to the fellowship hall.

December 9th Women's Tea & Conversation meets @ 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



Serving & Giving

Serving In November/December

Communion Table : November 26—Jon Zerkel; December 3—Dennis Bushue

11/12/2023 Attendance & Giving

Total: 1,257.00

includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance:

Sunday —64 Sunday School — 13

Property Ministries:\$40.00

Operation Christmas Child:\$100.00

CD Interest Crossroads Bank:\$20.17

Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$55.00

11/19/2023 Attendance & Giving

Total: \$3,643.00.00

includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance:

Sunday — 68 Sunday School —11

Property Ministry: \$65.00

Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$2,030.00

Prayer List

Special Needs: Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Israel/Palestine Conflict, Church leadership, Quad Graphics Closing in December, Cheryl Mix (cancer), Lisa Lipcamon (foot to heal), Jennifer Tonn (to heal from surgery 11/6/2023), John Weiffenbach (heal from surgery 11/7/2023), Gary Elliott (eye to heal), Barb Morrison (eye to heal), Sue Johnson (knee fracture), Justin Thomas (bone marrow biopsy), Van Bogan (leg injury), Mildred (oxygen levels low), Judy Tapp (health issues), Betty Crumb (cancer/hospice), Terri Bequette (hospice care)



Missions: Faith Promise 2023/2024, Operation Christmas Child; Salvation Army

Pray For These Family: Mary Westfall Family, Tonya Bummerstedt Family, Robbie Tillford Family, Lloyd Shamhart Family, Leonard Greul Family, Shirley Angel Family, Cade Wolfe Family, Lolita Hutson Family



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

JOHN DONATHAN

My name is John Donathan. Born June 18, 1961, and raised in Belleville, IL. I graduated from Belleville Township High School West in 1979. I joined the United States Army in 1983, Army Reserve in 1987, and retired from military service in 2006. I lived with my grandmother and aunt near Centralia, IL, from 1985-1998. They had a great influence on my life as did my uncle and his wife.

I moved to Effingham from the St. Louis area in 2000 to work at St. Anthony Memorial Hospital radiology department and retired from there in 2022.

I found my way to First Christian Church in 2008 after having tried out several other local churches. I liked the friendliness and small church atmosphere and especially all the “old” people. I got to know some of them quite well for I drove the church van and later my car for pick up and drop off from their homes.

I became a member of Jesus’ family when I accepted that as a sinner I could only be saved by his Grace and Forgiveness. I was baptized August 8, 2008 by Pastor David McConnell at First Christian Church in Effingham.

Since coming to FCC, I have served those in need of a ride, on the garden committee, as deacon and currently as elder.

Bottle Caps

We are still collecting bottle caps. If you have a group you would like to take them to, please let us know.

Otherwise, we will be taking them to Weber Brothers Hardware in Teutopolis for Crowns Fight Cancer.

Floral Decoration

In the fellowship hall are flowers and decorations that can be taken home by anyone who wishes to take them.

Decorate The Church For Christmas

Saturday, December 2nd, starting at 9:00 a.m. anyone who can help decorate, please, come and help. It has been decided to use the colors Blue, White and Silver this year.

Anyone who wants to share a Poinsettia, please, have them at the church by December 2nd or soon after that



Youth & Young Adults

W.O.W.

Wednesday, November 29th

W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

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

Bible Study





Faith Promise--Use Your Gifts

2023/2024 Promised: \$15,720.00

Received: \$2,665.00



"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)



Salvation Army

Red Kettle Christmas Event




Signup Sheet is in the foyer
Every Friday and Saturday until Christmas Eve
North Door At Walmart



Women's Tea & Conversation

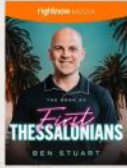
We will meet Saturday, December 9th
from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



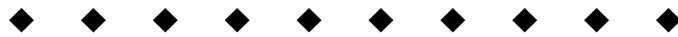
The Book of 1 Thessalonians

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.



The Date for The Tea & conversation was changed to December 9th



Calvary Baptist Food Pantry Sunday, December 3rd

Cereal Or Your Choice

Flour Or Sugar





December

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2—Kay Wyckoff	BD	
7—Kiel Moeller	BD	✦ ✦
14—Toby Wolke	BD	
16—Chris & Angie Denoyer	WA	
16—Marcie Shouse	BD	
16—Kacey Scoggins	BD	✦ ✦
17—Mimi Bushue	BD	✦ ✦
19—John & Cathy Weiffenbach	WA	✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦



Men's Night

Friday, February 2, 2024

Mark Moore speaking on *Fishers of Men*





DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Decorate the Church Starting @ 9:00 a.m.
3 Calvary Baptist Food Pantry items due	4	5 Young @ Heart Meets @ 9:00 a.m.	6 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	7	8	9 Women's Tea & Conversation @ 10:00 a.m.
10	11	12 Young @ Heart Meets @ 9:00 a.m.	13 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	14	15	16 Children's Christmas Program Practice @ 10:00 a.m.
17 Children's Christmas program & pot luck lunch after worship service	18	19 Young @ Heart Meets @ 9:00 a.m.	20 No W.O.W.	21	22	23
24 Candle light Service @ 5:00 p.m.	25 <i>MERRY CHRISTMAS</i>	26 Young @ Heart Meets @ 9:00 a.m.	27 No W.O.W.	28	29	30
31 <i>Happy New Year!</i>						

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901 N. Henrietta
Effingham, IL 62401
SERVICE REQUESTED**

A background image of an open book with a wooden cross resting on it, tied with a white cord. The cross is made of two wooden beams, and the white cord is tied in a knot around the intersection. The book's pages are filled with text, and the lighting is soft, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.

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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