



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, November 14th 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 15th W.O.W. for all ages meets at 5:30 p.m. with a light supper and then, Bible Study.

Saturday November 19th Children's event meets at the movie theater for "Trolls 3"

Wednesday, November 22nd W.O.W. will not meet due to Thanksgiving holiday

December 2nd Women's Tea & Conversation meets @ 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

Serving & Giving

Serving In November

Communion Table : November 12-Don Millman

10/22/2023 Attendance & Giving

Total: \$2,177.00

includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance:

Sunday -60 Sunday School - 10

Property Ministries: \$65.00

Operation Christmas Child: \$150.00

10/29/2023 Attendance & Giving

Total: \$3,465.00

includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance:

Sunday - 60 Sunday School - 10

Property Ministry: \$40.00

Quilt Guild Donation: \$110.00

Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$48.00

Faith Promise 2022/2023: \$1,349.00

11/5/2023 Attendance & Giving

Total: \$4,222.93

Includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance:

Sunday : 69 Sunday School: 15

CD Interest from Crossroads Bank: \$174.93

Operation Christmas Child: \$100.00

Property Ministry: \$65.00

Faith Promise: 2023/2024: \$580.00

Prayer List

Special Needs: Ukraine & Russia Standoff, Israel/Palestine Conflict, Church leadership, Quad Graphics Closing in December, Cheryl Mix (surgeon consult), Chris Hutcheson (lung congestion), Sheila Hutcheson (throat to heal), Lisa Lipcamon (foot to heal), Nichole Galindo (biopsies to be benign), 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), David Reyes (cough to end), Sue Johnson (knee fracture)

Missions: Faith Promise 2023/2024, Operation Christmas Child

Pray For These Family: Marcie Meinhart Family, Erlene Hall Family, Robert Caruthers Family, Mary Westfall Family, Tonya Bummerstedt Family, Robbie Tillford Family, Lloyd Shamhart Family, Leonard Greul Family





OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

LeAnn (Thread) Spruell

I was born June 23, 1934, to parents, Wesley and Frieda Thread. We lived on a farm near Albion, IL.

I went to a First Christian Church, where my parents were members. I was baptized there when I was 12 years old.

I attended a one room country school. A boy and I were the only ones in our class. There were 14 students in the school. I “walked uphill both going to school and coming home” and it was a l-o-n-g way. I went to Albion Consolidated High School and graduated in the Class of 1952. After graduation, I worked as a telephone operator and trainer.

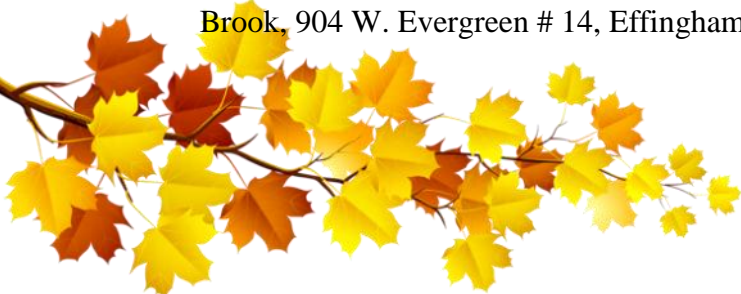
I married my high school sweetheart, Elbert Spruell, in 1953, and we have two children, Teresa (1957) and Clint (1961).

Elbert worked for Standard Oil Company (later name changed to Amoco). In 1964, Elbert was promoted to a District Manager, and we moved to Effingham. We went to church here that first Sunday and became members. Elbert was a deacon, and I was on the Decorating and Flower Committee.

Elbert retired from Amoco after 35 years and passed away in 2010.

Teresa and Clint both graduated from EIU. Teresa married Gary Stanfield. Teresa is a retired English/French teacher, and Gary owns Riviera Records and Video Production. Clint married Kay Kabbes. Clint is a Quality Control Engineer at EVAPCO. Clint and Kay own Burkland's Flower Shop. I have 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

I enjoy reading, crafts and watching the St. Louis Cardinals. I now live at the Villas of Holly Brook, 904 W. Evergreen # 14, Effingham, IL 62401.





Youth & Young Adults

W.O.W.

Wednesday, November 15th

W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

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

Bible Study



Faith Promise--Use Your Gifts

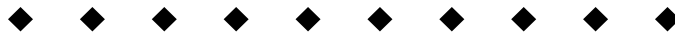
2023/2024 Promised: \$15,720.00

Received: \$580.00



"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)



Faith Promise 2022/2023



Promises Made: \$31,084.00

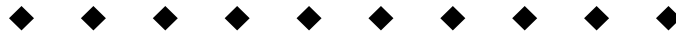
Total Received: \$ 41,074.00



FCC Children & Youth Meet @ The Movies

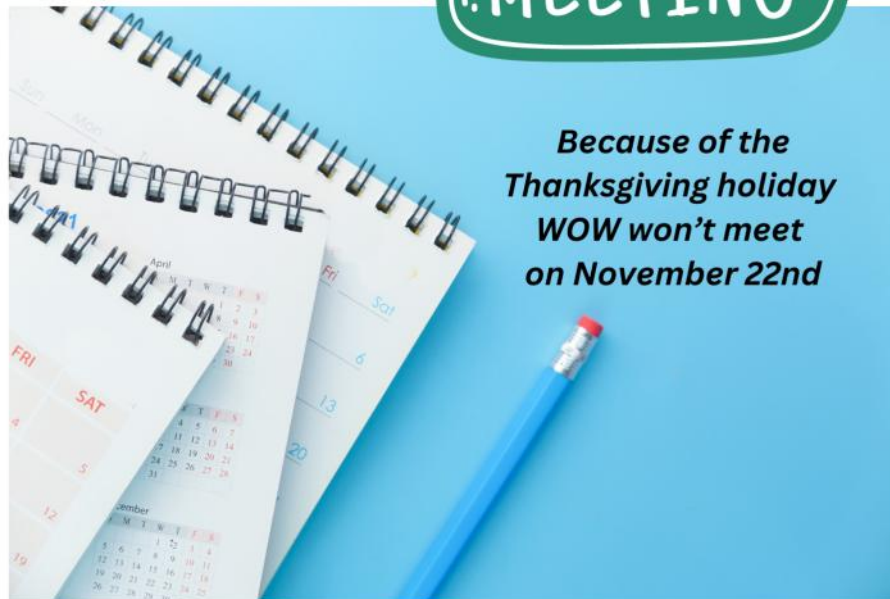


Meet @ the movies Around 5:00 p.m.
Friday, November 17, 2023



W.O.W.

MEETING



**Because of the
Thanksgiving holiday
WOW won't meet
on November 22nd**



Operation Christmas Child



November 13-20

Shoeboxes and Labels in the foyer



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

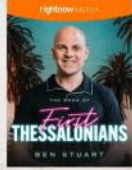
We will meet Saturday, December 2nd
from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



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.



Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays our Nov./Dec. meeting is Dec. 2nd



Calvary Baptist

Food Pantry

Sunday, December 3rd

Cereal Or Your Choice

Flour Or Sugar



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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