



First Christian Church of Effingham

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, December 24th
Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Service @ 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 26th 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](#)

Wednesdays December 27th No
W.O.W. is scheduled

Sunday, January 7th Calvary Baptist
Food Pantry items of soup, crackers,
cereal or your choice are due in the
Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, January 10th W.O.W.
will begin to meet again with a 5:30
p.m. light supper and Bible Study to
follow



Serving & Giving

Serving In /December

Communion Table : December 24—John Weiffenbach; December 31—Jon Zerkel

12/10/2023 Attendance & Giving

Total: 2,248.00

includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

12/17/2023 Attendance & Giving

Total: \$1,279.00

includes Faith Promise & Online Giving

Attendance:

Sunday —57 Sunday School — 10

Property Ministries:\$40.00

Attendance:

Sunday — 86 Sunday School —9

Property Ministry: \$40.00

Faith Promise 2023/2024: \$155.00

Faith Promise 2023/2024: \$140.00

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), Barb Morrison (eye to heal), Sue
Johnson (knee fracture), Justin Thomas (bone marrow
biopsy), Van Bogan (leg injury), Mildred (oxygen levels
low), Lisa Davis (health issues), Sue Williams (health
Issues), Angie Crum (Leg amputated), Jake Weiffenbach
(heal from ankle surgery), Jameson (new born not
breathing on his own),



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

Pray For These Family: Shirley Angel Family, Cade Wolfe Family, Lolita
Hutson Family, Terri Bequette Family, Orville (Scoop) Merry Family,
Betty Crum Family



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

CLAUDINE RUSH

I was born at 4 p.m. Friday, September 29, 1933. I was born at home about 2 miles north of Mason near the banks of Fulfer Creek. My parents were Claude and Marie Eveland McManaway. I had one younger brother who died in a truck accident in 1968.

My parents had moved by the fall of 1939 when I started school just before my 5th birthday. I attended West Union grade school and graduated from LaGrove high school in Farina in 1950. Two months later Kenneth Rush and I married. We were married 65 years when he died Jan 22, 2016.

My parents' education was minimal. Writing this article, I was surprised to learn that in Illinois, school was mandatory in 1883. My father's parents ignored this. I was told if the children didn't want to go to school, they did not. Some of them did not go to school; most of them did attend West Union Grade School. My father was literate and my mother quit (unwillingly) after seventh grade. I have been very fortunate for the wonderful people in my life from whom I've learned so much. Of course, it's taken me 90 years to learn what I wish I had known when I was 25.

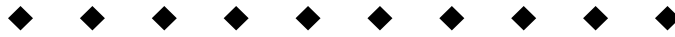
I've had some interesting jobs. When Kenneth was in the Army I worked as a car hop at a drive-in laundry in Augusta, GA. A friend and I went several times to the "bomb plant" (Savannah River Project) to apply for a job. **In 1950s America was probably a safer place since we were never encouraged** I did work for the Army at Camp Gordon at Augusta, GA. After Kenneth left for Korea, I picked peaches for a while. Then I started working at the radio station WCRA in Effingham. Later, I worked 10 years at WJBD in Salem. My final 20 plus years were at World Color in Effingham.

When I was a kid my mother, brother and I attended rural Wabash church near our home. Later I went with a neighbor to Mason Christian Church where I was baptized when I was about 12. I was a member of our church in the 1950s because we lived next door to the church parsonage on South Pembroke. Pastor Earl and Gladys Leffelman lived there at the time.

Because of moves, I've attended Mason, Dieterich and Edgewood Christian church. I returned to our church about 1980. I've helped with various things here and other churches I've attended. One year, during Bible School, I was the baby sitter for a little boy who was asleep when he arrived. I held him as he continued to sleep until Bible School was over. He is now grown with children of his own. Wonderful memories.

Now, I help with setting up coffee for Sunday morning, church dinners and whatever my advanced age permits. For fun I read a lot, do genealogy and I'm totally addicted to thrift stores. I am blessed by and give thanks for the church family I have here.







Faith Promise--Use Your Gifts

2023/2024 Promised: \$15,720.00

Received: \$3,195.00



"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)



Calvary Baptist

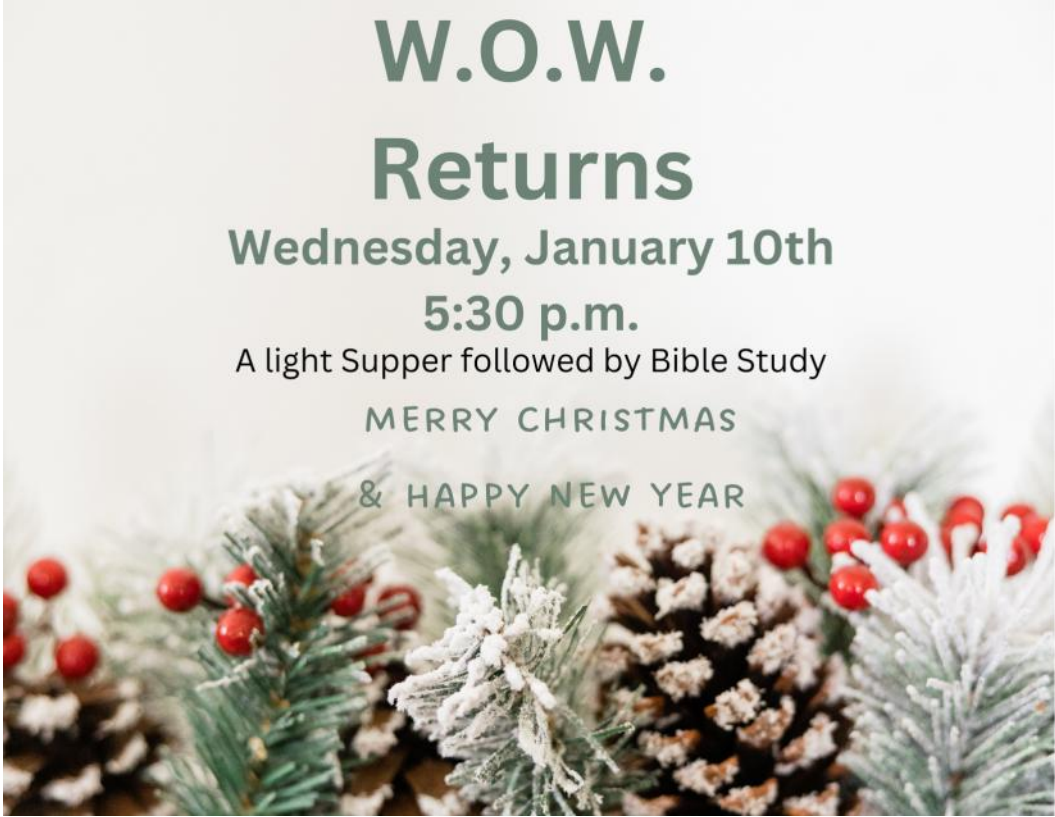
Food Pantry

Sunday, January 7th

Soup & Crackers

Cereal Or Your Choice





W.O.W.

Returns

Wednesday, January 10th

5:30 p.m.

A light Supper followed by Bible Study

MERRY CHRISTMAS

& HAPPY NEW YEAR



Men's Night

Friday, February 2, 2024

Mark Moore speaking on *Fishers of Men*



Jesus

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SERVICE REQUESTED



901 N. Henrietta St.
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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