

# Tuscola Christian

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## What's happening this month:

- 2 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 4 - Elders's Meeting 6:30
- 5 - TAMA 11:45 am
- 8 - Building in Use 12:00 - 9:00 pm
- 9 - OCC Packing Party 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- 13 - Building in Use 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- 15 - Blessing Bash 10:00 am
- 16 - Pray over OCC Boxes
- 23 - Hanging of the Greens
- Community Thanksgiving Service 6:00 pm
- 27 - Office Closed for Holiday
- 28 - Office Closed for Holiday
- 30 - Nursing Home Service 4:00 pm



## Community Thanksgiving Service

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD AT 6:00 PM**  
**at Eagle Mountain Assembly of God**  
**401 E. Sale St., Tuscola**

**Speaker:**  
**Father Michael Trummer from**  
**Forty Martyrs Catholic Church**



**Refreshments immediately following**



Sponsored by: Tuscola Area Ministerial Alliance



## **Meet Our Members: David & Peggy Dundas**



- \* **Where you live:** 1023 South Eastview Dr. Tuscola
- \* **How you came to Jesus:** Friend (David), David (Peggy)
- \* **How long have you been a member?** 22 years (David)
- \* **Ways you serve our church:** Help as needed
- \* **Ministries you're involved in:** Douglas County Jail Ministry (David)
- \* **How has God blessed you lately?** God Blesses us daily by opening our eyes.
- \* **What you do for a living:** Retired
- \* **Hobbies or special interests:** God and Family, Golf, (David), Reading and diamond art (Peggy )
- \* **How your church family can pray for you:** For good health for the rest of our lives.
  
- \* **Favorite Quote:**  
"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil – it has no point."

## **Tony's Tidings:**

Max Lucado said, *"A grateful heart sees each day as a gift. Thankfulness is an attitude that transforms ordinary days into thanksgiving, turns routine jobs into joy, and changes ordinary opportunities into blessings."* This time of year, provides a wonderful opportunity for us to do a gratitude audit. I wonder, what are we profoundly grateful for? Early one morning I began formulating my list. My loving family, a warm house, a reliable car, good health, and our wonderful church family. The Apostle Paul writing in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

I am thankful for the wonderful support for Operation Christmas Child. We are over two-thirds of the way to our goal of \$3,500 to pay for the shipping of our Christmas Shoeboxes. We have two weeks left to reach our goals and get ready for our packing party on November 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm. If you have not already contributed, please help us reach our goal and make sure we can send our Operation Christmas boxes to Children all over the world! Our gifts are more than toys, hats, gloves, school & art supplies. It is also helping to spread the Good News of Jesus to Children. We will be praying over the Operation Christmas Boxes on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at both the 8:00 am service and 10:30 am service.

Finally, I hope you will make plans to attend the Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by TAMA. Eagle Mountain Assembly of God will be hosting, and Father Michael Trummer will be the speaker on 11/23 at 6:00 pm. This service is also the one time a year that we collect an offering for TAMA to help with benevolent and community needs here in Tuscola.

I am honored to serve with you here at FCC!

Tony



# **Announcements:**

## **Youth Groups:**

High School - Sundays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the shed.

College Age - Tuesdays from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Elementary - Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the kid's wing. (Starting 11/12)

Junior High - Fridays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm in the shed.

(See Tim Summerville for more details.)

## **Men's Breakfast:**

Saturday, November 8th at 8:00 am at the church. All men are invited to enjoy a pancake & bacon breakfast along with an encouragement from Tony.

## **Operation Christmas Child Packing Party:**

Join us on Sunday, November 9th as we pack all our boxes to bless children all over the world!

We will meet in the foyer from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.



## **GriefShare - Surviving the Holidays:**

Tuesday, November 11th from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Please contact [tony@fcctuscola.com](mailto:tony@fcctuscola.com) or call the church to sign up.

## **Blessing Bash:**

Flourish Women's Ministry invites all ladies to join us on Saturday, November 15 at 10:00 a.m. for our Blessing Bash. This will be an opportunity to be a blessing to others. Check out the donation cards on the office windows. Consider donating items for the food blessing bags to help others in our community. Join us as we prepare and pray over these baskets. Take this service opportunity to be a blessing to others.

## **Pray over OCC boxes:**

Sunday, November 16th at both services we will praying over all the Christmas boxes before they get sent out.

## **Hanging of the Greens:**

Sunday, November 23rd from 12:00 - 4:00 pm. Come help us decorate the church for the Christmas season!

## **Community Thanksgiving Service:**

Sunday, November 23rd at 6:00 pm. everyone is invited to at Eagle Mountain Assembly of God. Father Michael Trummer speaking.

## **Thanksgiving Holiday:**

The office will be closed for the holidays Thursday, November 27th as well as Friday, November 28th.

## **Nursing Home Service:**

We will lead the worship service for the residents at Haven of Tuscola on Sunday, November 30th at 4:00 pm. Please come & join us for a time of worship & devotion!

## **Online Services:**

**\*\*Live streaming of both services is available on Facebook & then uploaded to YouTube later.  
Please see Brian Patterson with any questions you may have.**





# Men's BREAKFAST



**Saturday, November 8th  
8:00 at the church**

Join us for pancakes, bacon & an encouraging word from Tony!

Sign up on office door or call (217) 253-2394



**Sunday, November 9th  
1:00 - 3:00 pm**

**Come help us pack Operation Christmas Child boxes!!!**

**We will pack them in the foyer then move them to the stage.**

**\*\*Water & snacks provided.**

GriefShare



## Surviving the Holidays

**First Christian Church Tuscola  
100 E. Church Street  
Tuesday, November 11th  
from 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

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GriefShare's "Surviving the Holidays" is a special seminar designed to provide support and guidance for people grieving during the holiday season. The event features a video with practical tips and real-life stories, followed by a safe, small-group discussion where attendees can share their experiences and connect with others who understand their pain. Participants also receive a Holiday Survival Guide with exercises and advice for navigating the challenges of the season.



**Sunday**

**NOVEMBER 30**

**4:00 PM**

**Haven of Tuscola**

**Join us for a time of Worship  
& encouragement with the  
residents!**

## Serving for Month of November

### Communion Meditation

#### 1st Service & 2nd Service

November 2	Craig Romine
November 9	Roger Surtees
November 16	Judy Harriss
November 23	Brian Patterson
November 30	Tony Crouch

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Online</u>
October 5	139	334
October 12	156	335
October 19	135	402
October 26	148	346

#### Elders:

Chris Brown, Tony Crouch,  
Kevin Kauffman & Craig Romine

#### Trustee:

Jeff Martin

#### Deacon/Deaconess:

Mike & Lacreia Otto (Benevolence)  
Randy Long (Building & Grounds)  
Tony Crouch (Caring)  
Timothy Summerville (Youth & Family)  
Alta Long (Finance)  
Tony Crouch & Chris Brown (Men)  
Craig Romine (Missions)  
(Small Groups)  
Marla Crouch (Women)  
Brian Patterson (Worship)

#### Missions we support:

Abel Sairattanyu family (Thailand)  
Jack Swanson family (Chile)  
Little Galilee Christian Camp  
Roseland Good News Daycare (Ms. Pearl)  
Operation Christmas Child

## Prayer Requests

Steve Ingram  
Susan Adkisson  
Baby Henry  
Cheryl Cooley  
Dale Reeder  
Ed Fiscus  
Lynnita Brown  
Alexis Koester  
Lilly Smith  
Ed Carter  
Steve Clarkson  
Steve Suding  
Sandy Weltman  
Judy Martin  
Toby Livingston  
Melissa Lawless  
Ronnie & Linda Schultz  
Brad Hornaday  
Amy McDonald - Bob Utterback's daughter  
Michelle Everhart  
Moenck family  
Chris Brown  
Rita Herbert  
David Kennedy - Friend of Ronnie Schultz  
Jeremy Byrne  
Jim & Deb Beeson  
Rob Smock - Friend of Brian & Keri Dean  
Evan Huff - Nephew of Keri Dean  
Wayne Livingston Jr. - Jodi Livingston's Nephew  
Rachel Romine (Gallardo) - Beth & Craig Romine's daughter

***\*\*If you have an update or a request to add, please fill out a Connection Card or contact the church office: (217) 253-2394 or [office@fctuscola.com](mailto:office@fctuscola.com)***



October	10/5	10/12	10/19	10/26
<b>General Fund</b> (Missions is 10%) (Benevolence is 5%) (Local Partners is 5%)	10,603.00	\$20,754.30	\$5,077.93	\$7,200.76
Other Giving	23.00	888.25	537.00	1,120.00
Memorial Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,626.00</b>	<b>\$21,642.55</b>	<b>\$5,614.93</b>	<b>\$8,320.76</b>



# Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his  
love endures forever. Psalm 107:1



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## **Sunday Worship Service**

**8:00 am and 10:30 am**

## **Sunday School Classes**

**9:15 am Adults**

## **Children's Church**

**10:30 am**

## **Office Hours:**

**Mon - Thurs 8:00 am - 4:30 pm**

**Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

## **Ministers:**

**Tony Crouch - Senior Minister**

**Brian Patterson - Worship Minister**

**Timothy Summerville - Youth & Family**