

The Pittsfield Christian



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The Elders have met and decided to extend our online only Sunday Worship Service Schedule to August 2nd and 9th. At 8:00 the service will be live streamed on Facebook and Youtube with viewing available at Crossroads Center. At 10:30 the service will be replayed with viewing at Crossroads Center. Youth Sunday School classes will be on hold August 2nd and 9th. Thank you very much for your patience while we continue to monitor the situation in an effort to keep everyone healthy and safe.

**Hymn Sing
Sunday, August 2
6-7pm
On YouTube, Facebook.
Plan to watch & listen to Becky &
Charlotte play your favorites!**



Contact Pastor Michael if you would be interested in a virtual adult Bible Study via the Zoom app.

Church Board will meet Tues, **Aug 11**, 6pm.

**Blood Drive
Monday, October 19**
Mark your calendar and watch for more info.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for my sister, Kay Matthews, and my granddaughter, Ashley Ratliff. Ashley is much better and Kay has finished her chemo and so far her tests are looking good. It is comforting to know that we have a church family that cares and prays with us. -Jean Sanderson.

What a blessing all of our church family has been to us! We want to thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, and food, while I was recovering. May all of you be blessed by the Lord with the same warmth and joy you have given. Thank you so much, Larry & Sandy Wigington.

Thank you again for your donation to our Pikeland Snack Pack Program. Please know how much you've helped our Pikeland students and families. Sincerely, The Board Members of The Pikeland Snack Pack.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: 1 Gary Pursley, Renna Walters, Audriana Roig; 2 Justin & Amber Poor; 3 Becky Fitzmaurice; 4 Charlie & Jessica Hull; 6 Tereasa Apps, Sue Evans, Lindsey Hull; 7 Danielle Hayes; 8 Bill Ferguson, Denny & Beryl Richards, Brennan Tomhave; 9 Noah Mendenhall, Cameron Sweeting, Rachel Boatright; 10 Faith Saxe, Stan & Jill Moss; 11 Wayne Baughman; 12 Don Chamberlain; 13 Michael & Renita Ten Eyck; 14 Reggie Pennock, Brandi Pennock, Bobby Smith; 15 Carolyn L. Casteel, Terry & Judy Sweeting, Larry Wigington, Kathy Wainman; 16 Emma Saxe, Alysia Cooley, Jordyn Schoenherr; 17 John & Cheryl Birch, Madelyn Saxe; 18 Gary & Rhodora Pursley, Anna Gengler; 19 Butch & Jacque Walston, Sarah McNulty; 20 Chris Apps; 21 Ron & Joan Halsey, Sophia Freesen; 22 Terry & Bryn Fine; 23 Nancy Collard, Sarah Sweeting, Judy Ferguson, Judy Kallal, Roger & Rokettia Brokaw; 24 Steve Lehr; 25 Kelly Rhodes; 29 Ciera Anderson; 31 Caroline Smith, Oliver Shade.

Elder Corner (Written in June)

Our reopening has been good, but the outdoor worship was fantastic. It was wonderful to see so many of our church family worshipping together. I do believe Zack was correct when he said that our reopening would be a taste of what it will be like when we all get to heaven. The live stream was well done even from the start and improved each time, I know we all appreciated the hard work that the crew put in each week so that we could stay home and still be connected. However, it wasn't the same as being there. At first both services were live and you had to be ready when it came on. Ok, show of hands, how many of you were late to church even when it was in your own home? I confess, I was a least once. Then it was recorded and we could watch it anytime we wanted, at that point it seemed like I became more of a consumer than a worshipper. It definitely was nice to just crawl out of bed hit the remote and "go to church" and as soon as it was over I was on to whatever I had up for the day. I'm afraid many of us may have a little difficulty giving that up. Now before I proceed let me say that this disease is still out there so everyone needs to be wise and use commonsense in rejoining our corporate worship. If you have health issues the live stream is an important resource for you, please use it.

The writer of Hebrews addresses the issue of the importance of meeting together in Heb. 10:23-25.

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

It is easier for us to lose our focus on Jesus when we are out on our own and not connected with fellow believers. It is to our advantage to be in contact with those who share our faith. We all have times when we need encouragement in our walk with Jesus. We need someone who will remind us to love one another, do good works, and remind us of the hope we have in Jesus.

Now as great as Michael's sermons are (and they are an important part of what the writer is talking about), we each have a responsibility to participate in this (in the encouraging and reminding and in being encouraged and reminded). As we come together to worship, we need to be interacting with one another and listening to each other so that we are aware of the needs that are there. Then we will have more ability to encourage and remind each other.

Now this doesn't have to be limited to nor should it be limited to only in our corporate worship time. That is why we encourage everyone to become a member of a small group or Sunday school class. They are important tools. It is often easier to make those connections in a smaller group. Let me encourage you to make those connections. It is important for your healthy spiritual life and the health of the church. Because without U the CH_RCH just isn't the same. So when the time comes that you believe it is safe to be out and around, get out of your pajamas and join us as we celebrate the life we have in Jesus.

I love you all. May God bless you richly.

Roger Brokaw

Elder

Excerpts from July 14, 2020 Church Board Meeting

Call to order at 6:02 pm by Vice Moderator Bobby Smith. Elder devotion and opening prayer by Ruth Bennett. Minutes from last meeting correction: "Brad has started discussions with Bunge regarding the donation of 2019 crop contributed to FCC by anonymous donor." Approved by Bob, seconded by Bethany. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Unrestricted Operating Checking = \$149,071.79. Total General and Trustee Checking/Savings = \$737,364.93. Budgeted Receipts = \$233,080.30 (\$13,771.70 under budget). Budgeted Disbursements = \$187,493.40 (\$56,792.60 under budget). Net Non-budget Receipts / Disbursements = \$20,205.88. Total funds available for Construction / Renovation = \$401,674.10. Motion to accept Treasurers' Report was made by Kathy, seconded by Ruth. Motion carried.

Trustees: The 2,750 bushels of corn was sold at Bunge for net \$8,325.71 designated towards Construction / Renovation. The Trustees approved up to \$10,000 of Withus funds to pay for the new air conditioner in sanctuary. Brad will start checking CD rates regarding 3 that come due in August.

Crossroads: The tile floors look good.

Children First: Pastor Michael met with the Children First Board on July 13. The Children First Board decided to try and open the daycare but preschool will not be offered. Parents will be notified by July 22. Children First will close June 1, 2021.

Balsman Property: The closing date for the sale of the farm will be the last week of July.

Building Team: Discussions are on hold due to Covid-19 concerns.

Balsman Logs – Received \$354.43 as first installment for restitution.

Michael recommended further suspending the Safety Policy for the nursery until the August Board Meeting due to our phasing back in person worship services. N.D. made a motion to approve Michael's recommendation. Larry seconded; motion carried.

BK Electric is installing the new air conditioner in the sanctuary and repairs will be needed on another unit.

One of the freezers quit and we lost thawed food. B&R has since fixed the unit.

The fire alarm went off Sunday evening, July 12, at Crossroads. Getz has cleaned all sensors and duct work.

Elders feel we should extend our hold on in person worship attendance in the sanctuary through July 26 due to increased covid cases in the county. We will offer streaming in the gym and fellowship hall while Sunday School / small group studies continue at 9:15.

Michael expressed interest in placing an overlay on the overflow room ceiling windows that looks like stained glass depicting 8 Bible stories with a dimmable LED light placed in the attic for approximately \$1,300. A sample was distributed, and the board approved by general consensus.

There was an update on the admin building. We are waiting word from other party.

Ruth made a motion to adjourn. Bethany seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 6:47pm. Next meeting set for Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Pastor Michael closed in prayer.

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 Bob Clark, Audio/Video

Office Hours: M 8:00am–4:00pm; T, W, TH 8-12
Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Prayer Concerns: Tereasa Apps, Chip Barber, Tom Barger, Dora Lee Claus, Cindy Conner, Tonya Douglas, Joyce Harrison, Stacey Helms, Wanda Mendenhall,
 Bobby Bates Allen (Barbara Fosco's brother)
 Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew)
 Mark Reeves (Ashli Freesmeyer's father)
 Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew)
 Linda Sipes (Larry Howard's sister)
 Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)
 Calvin Thiele (Cindy Conner's father)

In addition to the Prayer Concern list above, we also have available the Prayer Chain which is a phone tree of individuals called to spread the word of prayers for someone in need. Contact the office if you would like to be added to the list of callers or are on the list and need removed.

Serving schedules for communion preparation, scripture reading and nursery assistant will be reactivated if/when the need arises.

Stewardship (Offering Only) 7/13-7/19 7/20-7/26

Operational	\$6,448.71	\$4,633.37
Property Improvement	3.00	103.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Children First	40.00	20.00
Unmet Needs	3.00	6.00
Outreach-General	6.00	133.00
Total	\$6,595.71	\$4,990.37

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$6,448.71 \$4,824.13
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Ways To Watch/Listen

fccpittsfield.org - Ministries, Live Stream or Resources, Sermons.
YouTube - Search First Christian Church of Pittsfield and subscribe.
Facebook - Search First Christian Church of Pittsfield.
WBBA 97.5, Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Sermon only.

Ways to Give

- Mail: PO Box 306, Pittsfield, IL 62363
 - Online: Website fccpittsfield.org then Resources
 - At the Office: 201 N. Mississippi Street
- We still have expenses even with adjusted operations. Thank you for your continued prayers and support during this unprecedented time. New black metal offering boxes are secured on the sanctuary mantels, gym and fellowship hall for your convenience.

Bulletin announcements are posted to our website each week. Go to Resources, Bulletin Announcements.

Wishes & Wants

Free: Hand crank hospital bed. Mattress NOT included. Jenny Tate 217.248.1238.

Lectionary

8/2: Gen 32:22-31; Isa 55:1-5; Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21
 8/3: Ps 17:1-15; Gen 31:22-42; Rom 1:8-15
 8/4: Ps 17:1-15; Gen 32:3-21; Acts 2:37-47
 8/5: Ps 17:1-15; Isa 43:1-7; Matt 15:32-39
 8/6: Ps 105:1-22; Gen 35:22-29; Acts 17:10-15
 8/7: Ps 105:1-22; Gen 36:1-8; Acts 18:24-28
 8/8: Ps 105:1-22; Gen 37:5-11; Matt 16:1-4
 8/9: Gen 37:1-28; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Rom 10:5-15; Matt 14:22-33
 8/10: Ps 28; Gen 37:29-36; 2 Peter 2:4-10
 8/11: Ps 28; Gen 39:1-23; Rom 9:14-29
 8/12: Ps 28; Gen 40:1-23; Matt 8:23-27
 8/13: Ps 133; Gen 41:14-36; Revelation 15:1-4
 8/14: Ps 133; Gen 41:37-57; Acts 14:19-28
 8/15: Ps 133; Gen 42:1-28; Matt 14:34-36