

# The Pittsfield Christian



First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

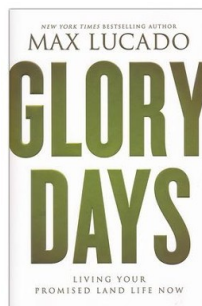
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We have resumed 8:00 and 10:30 service with 9:15 Sunday School while continuing to monitor IDPH guidelines and hospital resources available in our area. Adjustments will be made to the Sunday schedule as the situation warrants and will be posted on our website, Facebook and emails. We encourage social distancing and wearing of masks if possible.



The **Thursday Noon Bible Study** has resumed at the Church Long Room. Contact the office if you want to join and need a copy of the book "Glory Days: Living Your Promised Land Life Now" by Max Lucado.



The **Elder Training** will be Sunday, Jan 17.

**IF:Gathering** exists to equip women with gospel-centered resources, events, and community so they may learn more about who God is and Disciple other women right where they are. For more information, contact Rokettia Brokaw. IF:Gathering 2021 will be **March 5-6**.

Looking Ahead:  
Thursday, **March 11**  
1-6pm  
CWF will host an American Red Cross  
**Blood Drive**

Cards of encouragement would be appreciated for Brian Douglas while he receives physical therapy. His mailing address is:  
Brian Douglas  
Shirley Ryan's Ability Lab  
Room 2235  
355 E. Erie St.  
Chicago, IL 60611

The church offices are currently located at the Crossroads Center. Enter through the gym doors. Rebecca is in the gym lobby office. Michael is also in the lobby in the baby changing room.

We regret to inform you that our youth group will not hold their annual Valentine Dinner fundraiser in February due to continued IDPH restrictions and our need to start planning now.

*Thank you so much for the Christmas basket. I am enjoying it. - Adopt a Family recipient.*

*Thank you so much for the food basket and gift card to County Market. It was greatly appreciated. -Adopt a Family recipient.*

*Thank you so much for your support last year. We were able to help many people because of you. We really appreciate that you have trusted in us, and with God's help, we try to use your money wisely. Also, it's more than kind for you to allow us to use your gathering space for our meetings. Thank you so very much and may God bless you always. -Pike County Unmet Needs.*

*Dear Ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry,  
Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl you made for my mother, Ethel Roberts. Especially at this time with no visiting allowed at nursing homes, your thoughtfulness and reminder that others care warmed not only my mother's heart but my own as well! Blessings on you all. -Jean Sleight.*

## Thank You

Where do I begin? Thank you just isn't enough for all the feelings and emotions I have! I have been blessed to have grown up in this church, to have been mentored by so many Christian role models throughout the years, and to have been chosen to lead and mentor others. I have so many people I want to thank, I really don't know where to begin but I will try. I worked as a staff person under 5 lead ministers and several interim ministers. They all played a significant role in my life and I learned so much. I do need to highlight a few.

Thank you, Roger Jenks, for choosing me to lead the Vesper Choir and convincing me to take the job when I did not feel qualified or worthy. More important, thank you for mentoring me through a difficult time in my life and for not letting me give up! Thank you for trusting me with something I know you loved very much!

Thank you, Dan Krumrei, for choosing me to oversee the entire music ministry in our church and allowing me to grow the ministry I cared so much about! From the time I could talk, I was singing and making music. You allowed me the opportunity to bring that out in others and to equip others to lead, to participate, and to truly worship God through the gift of music. Also, thank you for being my friend and a wise counsel through the years!

Michael Ten Eyck thank you so much for coming to Pittsfield and bringing your passion for God, your scriptural knowledge, your musical gifts, and your desire to serve! I always thought if we could get a long term pastor, we could really thrive and we have. What we have accomplished as a church during your time here is amazing - both spiritually and physically. But I want to thank you for what you have meant to me....my pastor, my boss, my friend, and my son....sometimes all at the same time! You are truly special and I love you and I treasure our time working together! Now you just get me as a volunteer, a friend and mother. I can't turn the mother thing off.

Also, I want to thank the entire Ten Eyck family for sharing Michael with all of us and allowing me to sometimes hover. As I said, I don't seem to be able to turn the mother thing off. Renita, you are truly an amazing example of a Christian wife, mother, and woman! You have been and continue to be a blessing to all of us. To Eli, Lainey, and Ellie: I love you all and have so enjoyed watching you grow up physically and in your faith! I will continue to pray for you as you continue this journey into adulthood and into the leadership roles that God is preparing for you.

I want to thank everyone in the congregation for the many cards, letters, flowers, gifts, and kind words and wishes! I am truly overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness! It has been such a privilege to serve all of you! I look forward to the next season of my life with all of you!

I want to thank everyone who participated in my drive by parade! I was so shocked and surprised! I also want to thank everyone who participated in any way in the video that Kayla and Kacie put together. That was so special and I will forever treasure it in my heart! And Kayla, thanks for getting the Barbers into that video. That meant the world to me!

Kayla and Kacie, thank you for organizing the parade and the video even while not feeling well! They were both amazing as both of you are. Thank you for letting me mentor you and mother you. I love you both and I am very proud of the Christian women you are!

Kayla, thank you for answering my call on your life and more importantly, for answering God's call on your life. Someone once told me that I was born to direct. I believe you were born to do so also and so much more! I am proud of you and so grateful to have turned the reigns over to you. You understand worship through music and have a passion that shines. You also have the ability to adapt and grow to the changing seasons in our church and still stay true to the mission! I love you and will always be there for you.

Kacie, I thank God everyday for bringing you into my life. Watching you grow in your faith has truly been one of the biggest blessings of my life. Thank you for understanding my passion for Christian Education and for our children and for capturing it and carrying it out into the world! Thank you for letting me mother and counsel you on various occasions. I know our Orange philosophy is strong in your heart and you will continue to grow the program and mentor others. Thank you for accepting the challenge of working for the church amidst your already very busy schedule. I love you and will always be there for you.

Bec, there isn't enough paper to list everything I want to say to you. You are my co worker, my friend, my confidant, and my daughter. I love you dearly! You do so many things for the church that no one sees but you keep the church running like a well oiled machine and you keep us all informed and you do it with joy and with charm. You make everyone who call FCC feel better for having heard your voice. You are a blessing to the church and to me personally. That will not change. You are very special to me!

To all the Sunday Schoolteachers, Youth leaders, musicians, and Crossroads volunteers who have answered my many calls throughout the past 35 years and served this church through your many gifts, THANK YOU! I love all of you! Many are no longer here but you are forever in my heart until we see each other again.

To all my Orange girls: Don't give up. Covid will end. Things may change in the way things are done but the vision and the mission are still the same! Kids need to know Christ and they need to know him through you! Our families need you to be the link between the kids, the family, and God. "What is the next generation worth? Everything!" Hang in there! I am praying for you, challenging you, and cheering for you to succeed! Love you all!

Our church is in good hands, folks! Feel really good about that! God not only calls us to serve but He calls us to train others to follow us. If we are not doing that, we are not doing our job because everything has a season. I feel good about my next season.

I can't close this book without thanking my precious husband, Bill. I really could not have done all I have done at Crossroads and the Church without him! He has always supported me emotionally and physically. He is always there doing what needs to be done quietly and always in the background but He is there and I don't know what I would have done without his love and support.

To my children and my brother and his family: I love you and look forward to spending more time with you. You are the wind beneath my wings.

I have been blessed to be raised in a Christian family with strong Christian parents who were the best role models. It doesn't get any better than that but they were not content to let me rest in that. From the time I was little I was challenged (and sometimes made) to use my gifts for the glory of God! I am so thankful for everything they taught me and everything they instilled in me. I am thankful for everything they were to so many!

If I could leave you with one thought, it would be this. Listen for God's call on your life (It will look different at different times in your life) and answer it even if you don't feel equipped because I promise you that if He calls you, He will equip you!

Thanks for allowing me to do life with you! I love you all!

Helen

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

**Prayer Concerns:** Donnie Apps, Chip Barber, Dora Lee Claus, Rick Curfman, Brian Douglas, Roger Dunham, Joan Hagerbaumer, Joyce Harrison, Gary Hittner, Wanda Mendenhall, Cindi Schoenherr Megan Allen (Leanna Schlabowske's niece) Dee Bentley (Jane Calaway's sister-in-law) Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew) Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew) Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)

*We express our sympathy to Harold Loyd and family with the passing of his wife, Shirley Loyd.*

**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.  
**90.9 FM** while parked next to the church building.

**Stewardship (Offering Only) 12/28-1/3 1/4-10**

Operational	\$11,354.96	\$15,680.53
Property Improvement	3.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	40.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Unmet Needs	500.00	0.00
Construction/Renovation	1,240.00	120.00
Adopt a Family	80.00	0.00
Outreach-General	<u>83.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>
Total	\$13,355.96	\$15,950.53

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**

Received Last 7 Days \$11,354.96 \$15,680.53  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,175

**Ways to Give**

- Mail: PO Box 306, Pittsfield, IL 62363
  - Online: Website fccpittsfield.org then Resources
  - At the Office: 201 N. Mississippi Street
- Black metal offering boxes are secured on the sanctuary mantels, gym and fellowship hall for your convenience.

We appreciate your continued giving while we navigate through the pandemic. Our offering goes down a bit during the weeks we go to more virtual services. Keep the church in your prayers during these unprecedented times.

**Pastor Michael is leading Coffee Talk on Tuesdays**

at 10:30 on Facebook and YouTube.  
 Tune in for worship, song and announcements.



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

**Wishes & Wants****None At This Time.****Lectionary**

1/17: 1 Sam 3:1-20; Ps 139:1-18; 1 Cor 6:12-20; John 1:43-51  
 1/18: Ps 86; 1 Sam 9:27-10:8; 2 Cor 6:14-7:1  
 1/19: Ps 86; 1 Sam 15:10-31; Acts 5:1-11  
 1/20: Ps 86; Gen 16:1-14; Luke 18:15-17  
 1/21: Ps 62:5-12; Jer 19:1-15; Rev 18:11-20  
 1/22: Ps 62:5-12; Jer 20:7-13; 2 Peter 3:1-7  
 1/23: Ps 62:5-12; Jer 20:14-18; Luke 10:13-16  
 1/24: Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 62:5-12; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20  
 1/25: Ps 46; Gen 12:1-9; 1 Cor 7:17-24  
 1/26: Ps 46; Gen 45:25-46:7; Acts 5:33-42  
 1/27: Ps 46; Prov 8:1-21; Mark 3:13-19  
 1/28: Ps 111; Deut 3:23-29; Rom 9:6-18  
 1/29: Ps 111, Deut 12:28-32; Rev 2:12-17  
 1/30: Ps 111; Deut 13:1-5; Matt 8:28-9:1

	<u>1/3</u>	<u>1/10</u>
<b>Christian Education</b>		
Age 3-PK	4	5
K-2nd	5	5
3rd-4th	8	7
5th-6th	8	12
Jr/Sr High	5	5
Disciples	10	12
Sermon Study	8	11
C.O.F.F.E.E.	11	8
Select to Connect	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	65	71