

# The Pittsfield Christian



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Next Tuesday, Feb 16, the sanctuary will be open from 12-1:00 for devotional service and prayer time. Each weekday thereafter, Monday through Friday, through Holy Week, the sanctuary will be open for a time of prayer and reflection during noon hour. Church family is welcome to participate by "some sort of fasting" during this time whether it be sweets, a meal, tv, social media, etc. Let the desire for those things be a prompt to pray. Remember not to get overly focused on the item you are doing without rather than focusing on drawing close to the Lord and giving adequate time to listen, reflect, repent, give thanks and worship. This should be a time of humility, repentance, and intercession. As scripture tells us, let us rend our hearts and not our garments. Contact Pastor Michael if you have any questions.



**Worship Team News:** During our preparation for Holy Week, we would like to invite any of our worship team members that would wish to lead worship at the sanctuary during any weekday for any period of time between 12 and 1pm. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a time slot, please contact Kayla: 217-370-2166.

**Choir News:** We will be putting together a few virtual choir numbers including all ages. If you are interested in participating, we will meet in person (masked and social distanced) at the sanctuary AND on Zoom from 7-7:30 on Wednesdays. For a link to Zoom, music or more information, contact Kayla - 217-370-2166.

**RESCHEDULED: 6th Grade through High School** will take the bus to Jacksonville on Thursday, **Feb 11**, to watch the movie "Heaven Is For Real". Contact Kacie or any youth group leader if you have questions. Plans are to leave from Crossroads at 5:45. Watch for Steeple Point and Facebook posting if we need to cancel again due to the weather.



**We are starting a new Bible Study on Thursday evenings for college students!!**

Students can arrive at Kayla and Spencer's house at 7:30 on **Feb 18** for a snack. The study will begin at 8:00 for those in person and via Zoom for our students away at school. Let Kayla or Libby know if you would like to participate in this 6 week series!



The **Select to Connect** adult Sunday morning Connection Group has resumed meeting at 9:15 in the Crossroads front meeting room. They are studying "The Bible for Grown Ups" by Andy Stanley on RightNow Media. Everyone is welcome to bring a hot cup of coffee and join in!

Thursday, **March 11**  
1-6pm  
CWF will host a  
**Blood Drive**



**Elder Meeting**, Tues, **Feb 23**, 6pm.

The **Volleyball League** will begin in Mon, **March 1**, so start getting your team ready! Contact Matt Sealock for info or to sign up. Cost \$20 per person.



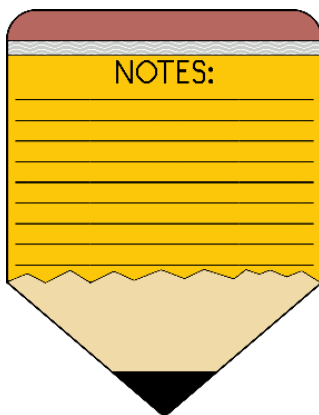
**Circle V** will have their first meeting this year on Thurs, **March 4**, 2:00, at Crossroads. Carol Schwartze will be the group leader and can be contacted for more info.

Thank you everyone who was able to help at the Annex on Feb 6. We will have more workdays in the future that will be posted on Steeple Point and Facebook.

*The snow keeps coming and so does the help with snow removal! Thank you everyone who has scooped, scraped and helped spread ice melt!*

Let Rebecca know if you missed the congregational meeting and she can email you a PDF copy of the 2020 Year End Report.

**Hymn Sing  
March 7  
More Details To Follow**



Thank you everyone who has responded to Kayla's plea for buckets! She has enough now and greatly appreciates your help!

We have put the red attendance pads back in the pew backs to start taking attendance again. Thank you for signing in!

**The Crossroads Center is open to the public for walking Monday through Thursday, 8:00-10:00 a.m.** There is no fee for this service but a donation box is available if you would like to contribute to building costs. Events may alter the schedule and will be posted.

We are needing someone to represent FCC on the Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp Board. Contact Brad Willman for more information.

**World Day of Prayer**  
will be celebrated at the  
**Pittsfield Church of the Nazarene**  
on Fri, **March 5**, 12:00 noon.

**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 info, contact Rokettia Brokaw. IF:Gathering 2021 will be **March 5-6** through RightNow Media.

Since it's cold outside, let's think warm thoughts and mark you calendar for Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp dates!

April 3, 7:00 AM, Camp Clean Up.  
April 18, 11:30-1:30, Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Crossroads.  
May 15, 7:00 AM, Camp Clean Up.  
May 16, Noon, Family Fun Day.  
June 5, Day Camp, K-2nd Grade.  
June 6-11, High School, 9-12th Grade.  
June 13-18, Jr High, 7-8th Grade.  
June 20-24, Jr Week, 5-6th Grade.  
June 25-27, Outdoor Sportsman's Camp, Age 13 and Up.  
June 27-29, Christian Climbers, 3-4th Grade.  
June 30-July 1, First Chance, 1-2nd Grade.  
July 12-16, Wilderness Camp, Age 13 and Up.  
TBD, Mission Trip, Age 13 and Up.  
TBD, Taco Salad Fundraiser.  
TBD, Young Adults, 2021 Grads and Up.  
Sept 10-12, Family Camp.

## Excerpts from Congregational Meeting on February 7, 2021

Call to order at 11:35 AM by Moderator Bobby Smith. A quorum of 35 members was present. Elder Roger Brokaw opened the meeting with prayer.

**Minutes from last Congregational Meeting:** The January 10, 2021 Congregational Meeting minutes were read by Recording Secretary Kathy Curfman. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Barbara Fosco and seconded by Roger Dunham. The motion carried unanimously.

**2020 Year in Review:** Pastor Michael Ten Eyck stressed his appreciation to all for their faithfulness as the year had been most difficult with all the COVID-19 restrictions and the many cancellations caused by the regulations of dealing with the virus. He also thanked Rebecca Rhodes for her hard work in preparing the reports for this meeting.

**Financial Report:** Treasurer Bethany Dunham gave the Financial Report. Weekly average attendance was 283 thru March 8. The remaining of the year faced COVID-19 shut-down with unknown numbers viewing the streamed services each week. Keith Elledge moved for the Financial Report to be accepted with a second from Zack Boren. Motion to approve was unanimous.

### 2021 Ministry Goals:

- Pastor Michael stated that Crossroads Center bookings are finally able to be made and the gym is being used again.
- It will take our church family some time to heal from the pandemic's negative affects both physically and emotionally. However, God will give grace to guide us through the reintegration process.
- The remodel of the 115 W. Jefferson building has begun, and it looks promising to stay under the \$60,000 limit on expenses. Steeple Point notices will be sent out when volunteer help is needed as the process continues.
- A revised plan for a new Education/Administration building will begin, along with replacing the roof of the sanctuary.
- The outside advisor team review that had been cancelled will be rescheduled.

2021 will be a year filled with excitement as there is already a sense of energy being noticed! Michael stated that he appreciated the congregation's faithfulness during a difficult year, and is looking toward better times, and to be assured that God is good regardless.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rokettia Brokaw moved to adjourn and a second was offered by Bethany Dunham. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

**Closing prayer:** Pastor Michael offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Curfman  
Recording Secretary

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**Staff:**

Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor  
 Kayla Boren, Event/Music Coordinator  
 Kacie Lipcaman, Christian Education  
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary  
 Gina Bryant, Custodian  
 Bob Clark, Audio/Video/Maintenance  
 Rodney Gordley, Assistant Event/Student Ministry Coord

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

**Prayer Concerns:** Jaunae Bacon, Chip Barber, Dora Lee Claus, Brian Douglas, Randy Hall, Ron Halsey, Joyce Harrison, Gary Hittner, Wanda Mendenhall, Cindi Schoenherr, Ezra Collver (Craig & Carrie Collver's grandson) Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew) Jeff Maxwell (Joyce Lemons' son-in-law) Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew) Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law) Sally Wilhite (Kathy Wainman's family)

**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.

**Ways to Give**

- Mail: PO Box 306, Pittsfield, IL 62363
  - Online: Website fccpittsfield.org then Resources
  - At the Office: 125 W. Jefferson 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.

**Wishes & Wants**

**Needed:** 2-3 bedroom apartment/trailer/house to rent. Tips can be sent to cchamberlain07@gmail.com or text Cindy at 217.473.1733.

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<u>1/25-31</u>	<u>2/1-7</u>
Operational	\$7,356.46	\$9,915.61
Property Improvement	60.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Unmet Needs	0.00	3.00
Construction/Renovation	301.50	725.00
Youth	200.00	0.00
Building Purchase	1,000.00	0.00
Outreach-General	<u>168.00</u>	<u>8.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,155.96</b>	<b>\$10,731.61</b>

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

Received Last 7 Days \$7,356.46 \$10,145.61  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,175

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

**Lectionary**

2/14: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps 50:1-6; 2 Cor 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9  
 2/15: Ps 110:1-4; Exodus 19:7-25; Heb 2:1-4  
 2/16: Ps 110:1-4; Job 19:23-27; 1 Tim 3:14-16  
 2/17: Joel 2:1-17; Ps 51:1-17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:10; Matt 6:1-21  
 2/18: Ps 25:1-10; Dan 9:1-14; 1 John 1:3-10  
 2/19: Ps 25:1-10; Dan 9:15-25; 2 Tim 4:1-5  
 2/20: Ps 25:1-10; Ps 32; Matt 9:2-13  
 2/21: Gen 9:8-17; Ps 25:1-10; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15  
 2/22: Ps 77; Job 4:1-21; Ephesians 2:1-10  
 2/23: Ps 77; Job 5:8-27; 1 Pet 3:8-18  
 2/24: Ps 77; Prov 30:1-9; Matt 4:1-11  
 2/25: Ps 22:23-31; Gen 15:1-18; Rom 3:21-31  
 2/26: Ps 22:23-31; Gen 16:1-6; Rom 4:1-12  
 2/27: Ps 22:23-31; Gen 16:7-15; Mark 8:27-30

Our youth group will not be able to hold their annual Valentine Dinner fundraiser in February.

	<u>1/31</u>	<u>2/7</u>
<b>Christian Education</b>		
Age 3-PK	7	5
K-2nd	10	8
3rd-4th	7	6
5th-6th	15	12
Jr/Sr High	5	5
Disciples	14	12
Sermon Study	14	9
C.O.F.F.E.E.	11	13
Women's Group	0	2
Select to Connect	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>79</b>