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The sanctuary is open from 12-1:00 for prayer Monday – Friday, through Holy Week. Church family is welcome to participate by “some sort of fasting” during this time. 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. **The Fireside Chat will be a devotional service during this time on Tuesdays from 12-1:00 through Holy Week on Facebook and YouTube.**



The **Volleyball League** will start Mon, **March 1**. Contact Matt Sealock for info or to sign up.

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.

Hymn sing will be in person and virtual on Sunday night, **March 7th** at 6pm.

Thursday, **March 11**
1-6pm
CWF will host a
Blood Drive
Contact **Barbara Fosco** for
more info.



Calling all bell players! If you would like to play handbells for Resurrection Day, please contact Kathy Curfman at 217-248-5214 / curfman@irtc.net or Kayla Boren. We will practice on Saturday mornings. NO previous music experience necessary just to be able to count to 4! Really!

Attention all college aged / young professionals, ages 18-25!!
You are invited for a **Thursday night** dinner and Bible Study at 7:30pm at Kayla Boren's house!! (8pm for those Zooming in!) For directions or a Zoom link, please text Kayla at 217-370-2166. Bring a friend!

I want to thank everyone for all of their prayers during Gary's illness. I know all of your prayers helped and when they took out the tumor on his kidney, they got it all. He doesn't have to take any cancer treatment, just 6 months follow-up for 2 years, which we are very hopeful will be clear. We still have some hurdles to overcome, but I can't tell you how much the support with the phone calls and cards has meant to us. Thank you so much for having our back church family. -Angie Hittner.

Thank you Charlie Gates for taking the bus to Perry to get tested! We greatly appreciate it!

We want to acknowledge all of the volunteers who have helped around the church recently! Your time is very much appreciated no matter if you were moving snow, remodeling the Annex building, picking up supplies in Quincy, or cleaning the Crossroads kitchen!
THANK YOU!

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



Crossroads Center
open for **walking**
Monday - Thursday
8:00-10:00 a.m.

World Day of Prayer
Pittsfield Church of the Nazarene
Fri, **March 5**, 12:00 noon.
A light lunch will be served following the service.

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.

Excerpts from Church Board Meeting February 9, 2021

Call to order at 6:05 PM by Moderator Bobby Smith. Elder Roger Brokaw offered a devotion and prayer. Minutes from January 12, 2021 meeting were approved by general consensus.

Minister's Report: Pastor Michael highlighted the upcoming Prayer Vigil. The Tuesday morning Fireside Chats will be held from 12 – 1 on Tuesdays during the Lenten season as a streamed service with devotions, music, and prayer. In addition, the church sanctuary will be open to all for prayer and worship every weekday from 12 -1.

Treasurer: Bethany presented as of January 31, 2021: Budgeted Receipts 6.48% below budget. Funds received towards Construction/Renovation during January \$481.50. Roger Brokaw moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Zack Boren seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustees: Michael reported that the Trustees decided to stay with local insurance and found less expensive workman's compensation. The newly purchased annex at 115 W. Jefferson now has insurance coverage. Nathan Davis has given an estimate of \$1,600 to completely remove a tree on that property that has caused some roof damage. Bob Clark moved to allow Nathan to proceed with the removal at that price, Brad Losch seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Christian Education: Kayla Boren reported for Kacie Lipcaman. 2021 VBS is in the planning stages with Kick-Off Sunday and ending with a swimming party on Thursday. The Thursday Youth Group has postponed a trip to Jacksonville twice due to weather. Classroom shifts will be made, as necessary. New teachers are always welcome. Zack and Libby Boren along with Spencer and Kayla Boren will offer a small group experience for our local college-aged area young adults while utilizing Zoom for those away at college beginning February 18.

Crossroads Center: Kayla Boren reported that Libby Boren wants to host Open Gym on Wednesdays from 2:30 – 4:00 for four weeks with help from Becky Fitzmaurice. This will be available to church family members with parental supervision. Bethany Dunham moved to proceed with this activity as described and the motion was seconded by Roger Brokaw. Motion passed unanimously.

Building Team: Bobby Smith stated that the Annex building was in beginning stages of tear-out/clean-up.

Old Business: Bobby Smith stated that the Safety Policy is now in effect.

New Business: Pastor Michael reported that the sanctuary roof was recently leaking badly, and many problems have been identified. The current roof was replaced in 1998. Many shingles are gone, the guttering is in bad shape and the sheeting is loose on parts of the south and west roof. We have received a bid of \$81,124 for the job of removing old shingles, repairing, and installing new metal roof. We've been told that roofing costs would be rising in March. The board asked Pastor Michael to get an estimate for a shingle roof. After determining that there are sufficient funds available in the Trustees and building funds, Wayne Chamberlain made a motion to allow the Property Committee to move forward promptly and finalize the project by the end of February. The motion was seconded by Brad Losch and passed unanimously. Property Committee: Bobby Smith, Bob Clark, Keith Elledge and Hamer Tate.

Adjourn: Zack Boren made the motion to adjourn, followed by a second from Bob Clark. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM. Pastor Michael closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Curfman
Recording Secretary

Elder Corner

Have you ever been worn down or stressed out? If the last 11 months has not done that to you, you are one of the few. Suicides, drug overdoses, marital problems, depression, and many other issues have increased in the past year. People have lost their sense of worth, their purpose for living. Life slowed down and suddenly everyone had to grapple with who they were. They could no longer hide in the busyness of life. Even followers of Jesus have found themselves in these situations. If you find yourself in a tough place, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to help. Paul tells us in **Galatians 6:2** **Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.** Find someone spiritual that you can open your heart to and share that burden. We are not designed to carry the burdens alone.

Jesus told the people listening to Him in, **Matthew 11:28-30** ²⁸ **“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.** We find a couple of interesting things in these verses, first the invitation to all who find themselves weary and burdened. Is there anyone who has not found themselves in this place at some point in time? I am sure most of us have grown weary and worn out by the events and circumstances of our lives. Jesus is aware of it and is offering to give us rest. Now the way the rest comes may be different than what we might imagine. The second interesting thing is that he offers to help us with the burdens, not take them away. He tells us to take His yoke and learn from Him. Back in the day, when oxen were used to till the ground or accomplish other labor-intensive jobs, it was common for a mature ox to be paired with a young ox for the purpose of training the younger one. If you were to pair two young oxen that had no experience you would have no idea what to expect from them because they would have no idea what they were supposed to be doing. The likelihood of them pulling the plow in a straight line would be slim to none. It would be more probable that they would pull in opposite directions because they would have had no training. But put an older stronger ox in the yoke with the young one and the young one has the opportunity to learn. We are the young one who needs to learn. Jesus is there for us, carrying the bulk of the load and teaching us the things we need to know. As we grow in our relationship with the Lord, we may be able lean into the load more, but we will never pull the load by ourselves. What a relief. We are not in this alone.

This is great news for those of us who are followers of Jesus, but it is not just for us. There are many of our friends and neighbors who need to hear this message. They are struggling with the burdens of their lives. They are weary. We have the answer. Let us freely share with them the answer we have found in Jesus! Lord Jesus give us compassion for them and the boldness to speak the truth in love. Amen.

Roger Brokaw
Elder

March Birthdays and Anniversaries: **2** Dave Awbrey; **3** Joan Hagerbaumer, Lucas Wombles; **5** Bill & Carol Schwartze, Alba McNulty; **7** Wayne Chamberlain, Eddie White; **8** Brad & Judy Losch; **10** Bonnie Dain; **11** Walter & Marge Lamb, Kevin & Kelly Masters; **12** Richard Decker, Ezra Boren, Lucas Wagoner; **13** Jacob Hull; **14** John & Jane Calaway; **16** Christie Mendenhall, John Schoenherr, Rokettia Brokaw, Ashlyn Havens; **18** Claire Tate; **19** Ashley Grimes; **21** Carolyn Barber; **22** Larry & Jeannie Howard, Joseph Pursley, Ethan Palmer; **23** Jim Kallal; **24** Roger Yaeger, Evan & Kacie Lipcaman; **25** Abigail Cox; **26** Spencer Boren, John Havens, Carol Cooley; **29** Jeremy Tate, Cherie Wagoner; **30** Burdette Irwin, Lisa Pennock, Natilee Grimes; **31** Bill Earls, Hannah Roig.



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 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: Chip Barber, Dora Lee Claus, Brian Douglas, Roger Dunham, Ron Halsey, Joyce Harrison, David James, Wanda Mendenhall, Cindi Schoenherr, Sandy Wigington, Olivia Blessing (Jenny Tate's niece) Ezra Collver (Craig & Carrie Collver's grandson) Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew) Josh Kusturin (Friend of Nic Daniel) Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew) Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)

We express our sympathy to Joyce Lemons and family with the passing of her son-in-law, Jeff Maxwell. We also express our sympathy to the family and friends of Randy Hall with his passing.

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) 2/8-14 2/15-21

Operational	\$5,563.44	\$14,723.10
Property Improvement	10.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	500.00	400.00
Outreach-General	<u>45.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>
Total	\$6,188.44	\$15,248.10

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$5,595.94 \$14,723.10
 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: 125 W. Jefferson Street
- Black metal offering boxes are secured on the sanctuary mantels, gym and fellowship hall for your convenience.

Pastor Michael is leading Coffee Talk on Tuesdays at Noon on Facebook and YouTube now through Holy Week. Tune in for worship, song and announcements.

**Wishes & Wants**

None at this time.

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

Lectionary

2/28: Gen 17:1-16, Ps 22:23-31; Rom 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38
 3/1: Ps 105:1-11, 37-45; Gen 21:1-7; Heb 1:8-12
 3/2: Ps 105:1-11, 37-45; Gen 22:1-19; Heb 11:1-3, 13-19
 3/3: Ps 105:1-11, 37-45; Jer 30:12-22; John 12:36-43
 3/4: Ps 19; Exodus 19:1-9a; 1 Peter 2:4-10
 3/5: Ps 19; Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40
 3/6: Ps 19; Exodus 19:16-25; Mark 9:2-8
 3/7: Exodus 20:1-17; Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:18-25; John 2:13-22
 3/8: Ps 84; 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22; 1 Cor 3:10-23
 3/9: Ps 84; 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19; Heb 9:23-28
 3/10: Ps 84; Ezra 6:1-16; Mark 11:15-19
 3/11: Ps 107:1-3, 17-22; Gen 9:8-17; Ephesians 1:3-6
 3/12: Ps 107:1-3, 17-22; Dan 12:5-13; Ephesians 1:7-14
 3/13: Ps 107:1-3, 17-22; Num 20:22-29; John 3:1-13

	<u>2/14</u>	<u>2/21</u>
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	5	5
K-2nd	9	8
3rd-4th	5	6
5th-6th	8	11
Jr/Sr High	3	9
Disciples	12	9
Sermon Study	12	12
C.O.F.F.E.E.	10	13
Select to Connect	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
Total	70	78