

# The Pittsfield Christian



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The sanctuary is open from 12-1:00 for prayer Monday through Friday, through Holy Week. The Fireside Chat will be a devotional service during this time on Tuesdays from 12-1:00 through Holy Week on Facebook and YouTube.

**Worship:** On Wed, **March 17**, we will have a **Soak Service** at 7:45 until approximately 8:30 p.m. This will be a time for praise and prayer. You can also watch on Facebook and YouTube.

**Elders** will meet Tues, **March 23**, 6:00.

The red attendance pads are back in the pews. Thank you for signing in!

Watch for detailed announcements regarding Holy Week Services when we celebrate the Resurrection!

## Exciting things planned!

Thurs, **March 11** - Regular Youth Group 6-7:30. Chicken fettuccini on the menu.

Thurs, **March 18** - Brad and Judy Losch have invited us to their farm for Youth Group, a fire, and a weenie roast! Dress warm because only rain or below freezing will cancel. Bus will leave Crossroads at 5:45 and return at 8:15. (No school the next day)



**Daylight Saving Time begins Sun, March 14.** Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed Saturday night!

*Dear Church Family and Friends,  
My heart is overflowing with gratitude for all of the tender thoughts, prayers, lovely cards and phone calls you have showered on me and my family as we grieve the loss of my son-in-law Jeff. You are helping us get through this very difficult time. Thank you dear Pastor Michael for your prayers and support.  
In Christian Love and Appreciation,  
Joyce Lemons and Family.*

Church Family,

While looking for words to pass on to you this month, I came across Exodus 4. To paraphrase, this chapter is mainly instructions from God to Moses on what his role would be as a leader to the Israelites.

In verse 10 Moses speaks words we have all been guilty of. Moses pleads with God to let him out of the mission in which he has been placed. Moses begins with the excuse of how God's people would not respond to him because of his weakness as an eloquent speaker. Moses did not want to be an embarrassment to himself or to God.

In verse 11 God says to Moses, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes man deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or blindness?" He asks Moses, "Is it not I, the Lord?"

However, verse 12 are words of encouragement, "Now go," the Lord says. "I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

Verse 13 shows how Moses is still unsure and asks God to please pick someone else to do the job.

Even with God's displeasure of Moses' reply, He again comforts Moses by saying, OK, let's have Aaron your brother come along and be your spokesman. God says, "I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do."

These words of God dealing with the conversation with Moses are equally helpful for us when we feel inadequate in fulfilling our role and mission for God's Kingdom.

Matthew Henry makes a good point in his classic Bible Commentary:

"But while we blame Moses for shrinking from this dangerous service, let us ask our own hearts if we are not neglecting duties more easy, and less perilous. The tongue of Aaron, with the head and heart of Moses, would make one completely fit for this errand. God promises, I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth. Even Aaron, who could speak well, yet could not speak to purpose, unless God gave constant teaching and help; for without the constant aid of Divine grace, the best gifts will fail."

Enjoy the journey!  
Wayne Chamberlain, Elder

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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:** Peyton Apps, Chip Barber, Dora Lee Claus, Linda Decker, Brian Douglas, Joyce Harrison, David James, Wanda Mendenhall, Cindi Schoenherr, Ezra Collver (Craig & Carrie Collver's grandson) Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew) Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew) Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)

**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) 2/22-28 3/1-7**

Operational	\$11,048.21	\$11,529.37
Property Improvement	135.00	50.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	84.00	1,050.00
Unmet Needs	3.00	3.00
Church Roof	0.00	50.00
Outreach-General	<u>65.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$11,405.21	\$12,852.37

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

Received Last 7 Days \$11,061.21 \$12,444.37  
 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**

3/14: Num 21:4-9; Ps 107:1-22; Eph 2:1-10; John 3:14-21  
 3/15: Psalm 107:1-16; Exodus 15:22-27; Hebrews 3:1-6  
 3/16: Psalm 107:1-16; Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13  
 3/17: Psalm 107:1-16; Isaiah 60:15-22; John 8:12-20  
 3/18: Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 30:15-18; Hebrews 4:1-13  
 3/19: Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 30:1-10; Hebrews 4:14-5:4  
 3/20: Psalm 51:1-12; Habakkuk 3:2-13; John 12:1-11  
 3/21: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:1-12; Heb 5:5-10; John 12:20-33  
 3/22: Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 43:8-13; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11  
 3/23: Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 44:1-8; Acts 2:14-24  
 3/24: Psalm 119:9-16; Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23; John 12:34-50  
 3/25: Isa 7:10-14; Ps 45; Heb 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38  
 3/25: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Deuteronomy 16:1-8; Philippians 2:1-11  
 3/26: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:1-9; Philippians 2:12-18  
 3/27: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:10-16; Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

	<u>2/28</u>	<u>3/7</u>
<b>Worship Service</b>		
8:00	86	96
10:30	<u>115</u>	<u>82</u>
Total	201	178
<b>Christian Education</b>		
Age 3-PK	8	8
K-2nd	14	12
3rd-4th	12	11
5th-6th	15	16
Jr/Sr High	6	7
Disciples	13	16
Sermon Study	12	12
C.O.F.F.E.E.	9	12
Select to Connect	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	93	100