

The Pittsfield Christian



First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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On Sunday, April 11, Chloe Chastain was baptized at 10:30 service and placed her membership with FCC. We are excited to worship each week with Chloe and her family!

Discussion at the recent church board meeting included concern for Illinois Department of Public Health attendance mandates for our **May 2nd time of fellowship and remembrance.** **We have decided to postpone the event to a later date.**

The FCC Garage Sale will be held on Sat, May 1, from 7:00 – 2:00 with half price beginning at noon. We will NOT take large appliances, computers, printers, monitors nor TVs. We will take household items (INCLUDING CLOTHING IN VERY GOOD SHAPE) and outdoor/garden items. If you have something too big/numerous to bring in, we can take photos and post at the sale with your contact number.

Items can be brought to the gym doors Tues, April 27 through Fri, April 30 from 8-4:00. On Tuesday and Wednesday the doors will be open until 7:30 to help working folks get their items to us.

Urgent: We need help setting out items as well as pricing during the week and workers on Saturday during and after the sale. You may have told Kathy you can help, but please call her at 217.248.5214 so she can get an accurate count.

Thank you for your donations and your help! Proceeds go towards the church.



Elder Meeting, Tues, April 27, 6:00.

**Hymn Sing
Sunday, May 2
6:00 pm
Everyone is welcome to attend
and sing hymn songs of praise
with us!**

**Youth Group
Thursdays
6:00**

**Circle V
Thursday, May 6
2:00**

We will have special music on Mother's Day, May 9, provided by our youth playing the bells. They will practice during Children's Church at 10:30 service.

Save the Date: American Red Cross Blood Drive, Tues, May 11, 1-6:00, Crossroads Center.

The end of the school year is drawing near and soon we will honor our 8th grade, high school and college graduates. **Let us know if you will have a graduate in your family.**

Thank you everyone for the calls, prayers and food during my recent knee surgery. We appreciate your concern and I am doing much better. -Linda Decker.

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: 1 Angie Hittner, David James, Jeremy Schoenherr; 2 Jeff Cox, Chloe Chastain; 3 Sharon Houchins; 4 Buster Mendenhall, Cassie Richmiller, Kirk & Jessica Speckhart; 5 Morgan Plattner, Cadience Mendenhall-Roig; 6 Beryl Richards, Angie Ruebush; 7 Isaac Hayes, Will Freesen; 8 Kathy Kindle; 9 Dora Lee Claus, Paul & Patty Ruble, Brenda Kramer; 10 Julie Lierly; 11 Vera Staffy, Katie Sidwell, Jack Palmer; 12 Corinne Pennock, John Plattner; 13 Randy & Marjie Guthrie; 15 Ashli Freesmeyer; 16 Brad Losch, Luke Saxe, Maxwell Bonnett, Wayne & Edna Baughman; 18 Abby Lipcaman, Lainey Ten Eyck; 21 Ralph Piper; 22 Zachary Boren, Benjamin Boren; 23 Mackenzie Lipcaman, Wesley Picone; 24 Jamie & Brandi Pennock, Braxton & Laura Boren, Lia Picone; 25 Brian Daniel, Jonathan & Jennifer Schoenherr; 26 Brian Douglas, Skyler Schoenherr; 27 Delbert Robertson; 28 Rick Curfman, Randy Guthrie; 29 Isabel Smith, Olivia Smith; 30 Seth Daniel; 31 Henry Speckhart.

Excerpts from CHURCH BOARD MEETING on April 13, 2021

Call to order at 6:05PM by Moderator Bobby Smith. Elder Matt Saxe offered a devotion and prayer. Minutes from March 9, 2021 meeting were approved by general consensus.

Minister's Report: Pastor Michael stated that the work was going well at the 115 W. Jefferson facility. Holy Week was a great week and services were well attended. He also noted that work was scheduled to begin soon on the church roof.

Treasurer report was presented as of March 31, 2021. Bob Clark moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Brad Losch seconded. Passed unanimously.

Christian Education: Kayla Boren stated that the classroom relocations had been completed. Children's Church also has begun as well as VBS preparation.

Building Team: Hamer Tate reported that the majority of painting and new lighting will occur this week at the Annex.

Old Business:

Bob Clark reported that the church chimneys are to be torn out the last week of April and the roof work will begin the first part of May. T.J. Wassell will begin stripping and repainting windows.

New Business:

Pastor Michael presented a request to the Board from Fellowship of Christian Athletes/Jck Hull. Jack requested use of the church van for a mission trip to Montgomery, AL and Pensacola, FL from Monday, May 17 – Saturday, May 22 that would include students from Pike County, Illinois College and Quincy University. Two conditions were stated in order for Grinnell Insurance to approve this use. Hamer Tate made a motion to approve the request from FCA to use the van provided the 2 stated conditions were met as well as FCA providing a signed statement noting that the van will be returned to the church in the condition in which it was loaned, with the understanding that FCA would cover any needed repairs that may occur during the trip. Brad Losch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A service of remembrance for church members who have passed away during the pandemic was discussed. As many families were unable to have open visitations/public funerals due to restrictions, a time of gathering in fellowship and a meal was offered. Even though a May 2nd service was considered, Zack Boren moved to table the discussion in order to wait until a later date when more people have received Covid vaccines as the event could bring in many out-of-town visitors. Brad Losch seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Judy Ferguson moved to approve payment of \$75 to the Chamber of Commerce for FCC membership. Zack Boren seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM and Pastor Michael closed with prayer.

Elder Corner

I always struggle with what to write about when it comes my turn to fill the "elders corner" page of the newsletter, and this time is no exception. But I had some time this past weekend to just sit, relax, take in a couple ballgames, enjoy the sunshine, take a deep breath and look around at how the earth is changing, just like it does every spring... and I realized a few things I want to share with you.

We've had some much warmer temperatures lately and lots of beautiful sunny days. The grass is growing and greening up, and flowers and trees are blooming! But I kept having to put my sweatshirt back on when the sun would go behind the clouds yesterday, and then I would take it off again when the sun peeked out and warmed things up. And as I write this, the forecast is calling for SNOW tomorrow! Just a small reminder of the cold dreary winter we thought we had left behind. However, even with the roller coaster temps and changing weather, spring is here and will lead to summer just like it does every year and has done since the beginning of time... just the way the Creator designed it. Our heavenly Father is in control! He has a perfect plan, and it will be accomplished even though sometimes it may not seem like things are going the way we think they should.

The other thing I love about spring is the rebirth of nature. What was brown, brittle, dry and dead is once again green, fresh, and alive! For me its an annual reminder of Jesus' victory over death, how He is faithful to restore us each time we fall away from Him, and the blessing that each new day is another chance to serve Him and live in His will for our lives.

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;^[a]
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*
-Lamentations 3:22-23

I hope you get to be outdoors when the weather cooperates, and are able to be still, take it all in, and let it remind you of how much we are loved by the Creator of the universe.

Matt Saxe
Elder

Roger Storms, Donor Engagement with Pioneer Bible Translators, will be our guest speaker on Sunday, May 2. For 29 years, Roger served as the Lead Pastor of Compass (formerly Chandler) Christian Church. Under his leadership, the church's weekend attendance has increased from an average attendance of 120 to 2,600, began a Hispanic, On-line campus and a multisite campus in Casa Grande, AZ. The church's staff has increased from one to over 40 full-time employees. During this time, the congregation relocated from a building they had met in for 34 years to a school and then to their present 30-acre campus with over 120,000 sq. ft. of facilities. The latest expansion is "The Bridge," that houses an auditorium and state-of-the-art coffee house and a youth outreach facility that includes a café, gym, game room, skate park and climbing wall. Roger retired from Compass Christian Church on May 2017. Roger received a Bachelor of Sacred Literature (BSL) degree from Ozark Christian College and a Masters of Ministry in Church Leadership from Cincinnati Christian Seminary.. He has served on the boards of the United Christian Youth Camp, the North American Christian Convention, the Arizona Evangelistic Association, and the Hemophilia Associations in Northern California, and Oklahoma. Presently, Roger serves as a Trustee of Ozark Christian College and church consulting through Roger Storms Ministry. He also works as a Development Associate at Pioneer Bible Translators. He has traveled the world doing missions work, preaching and teaching in Europe, the Middle East, India, Africa and South America. Pastor Storms and his wife of 42 years, Nancy, reside in Chandler, Arizona. Their daughter, Ashley (Arp) and husband, Nathan live nearby have given them five wonderful grandchildren. In 1996 the Storms' son, Jeremiah, passed away at age 15. Jeremiah was born with classic Factor VIII hemophilia, and acquired HIV and AIDS as a result of a blood transfusion. In addition to serving Jesus, Roger and Nancy enjoy traveling, reading, preaching, teaching, supporting missionaries and playing with their grandchildren.

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Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor
 Kayla Boren, Music Coordinator
 Kacie Lipcaman, Christian Education
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 Gina Bryant, Custodian
 Bob Clark, Audio/Video/Maintenance
 Shari Clark, Event Coordinator
 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: Peyton Apps, Chip Barber, Dora Lee Claus,
 Brian Douglas, Joan Hagerbaumer, Joyce Harrison, Wanda Mendenhall,
 Ralph Piper, Cindi Schoenherr,
 Ezra Collver (Craig & Carrie Collver's grandson)
 John Grohovac (Dave & Gina Bryant's grandson)
 Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew)
 Addison Korte (Bill & Helen Earls' great granddaughter)

Kay Matthews (Jean Sanderson's sister)
 Lori Brokaw Muzquis (Brokaw/Wigington family)
 Jim Phipps (Ron Phipps' brother)
 Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew)
 Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)
 Ricky Williams (Charles Owens' cousin)

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of the following who recently passed away:

Jean Frances Lind (Larry Lind's mother)

Etta Sargent (Brenda Kramer's mother)

Mary Wintjen (Darin Wintjen's mother)

Jamie Wintjen (Elaine Hoaglin's niece)

Stewardship (Offering Only)	4/5-11	4/12-18
Operational	\$10,960.81	\$9,629.34
Property Improvement	10.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	191.00	50.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	25.00	25.00
Unmet Needs	276.00	3.00
Church Roof	100.00	50.00
Annex Remodel	0.00	1,055.00
Outreach-General	<u>8.00</u>	<u>8.00</u>
Total	\$11,600.81	\$10,860.34

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$11,024.03 \$9,629.34
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,175

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

Lectionary

4/25: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18
4/26: Psalm 95; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 1 Peter 5:1-5
4/27: Psalm 95; 1 Chronicles 11:1-9; Revelation 7:13-17
4/28: Psalm 95; Micah 7:8-20; Mark 14:26-31
4/29: Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:1-7; Acts 8:1b-8
4/30: Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:11-13; Acts 8:9-25
5/1: Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 9:7-15; Mark 4:30-32
5/2: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8
5/3: Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1-7; Galatians 5:16-26
5/4: Psalm 80; Isaiah 32:9-20; James 3:17-18
5/5: Psalm 80; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:18-31
5/6: Psalm 98; Isaiah 49:5-6; Acts 10:1-34
5/7: Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5-9; Acts 10:34-43
5/8: Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Mark 10:42-45

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.

Wishes & Wants

Pike County Christian Academy will have a curriculum sale on Mon, April 26, 9-6:00 at PCCA, 1308 W. Washington. They have mostly Abeka books. Many subjects to choose from, multiple copies, new and gently used books and some teacher additions as well as student kits. Reasonably priced.
 Stop by or call 217.285.5722.

	4/11	4/18
Worship Service		
8:00	89	88
10:30	<u>126</u>	<u>125</u>
Total	215	213
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	7	7
K-2nd	11	10
3rd-4th	9	9
5th-6th	12	12
Jr/Sr High	3	6
Disciples	16	16
Sermon Study	15	14
C.O.F.F.E.E.	10	12
Select to Connect	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	89	90