

The Pittsfield Christian



First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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 Do you enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing, camping, or even just going to the park for a picnic? **FCC Outdoors** will be hosting events this summer and fall for all ages (0 to 99!), with a mission to reach, teach, and empower through family-centered, outdoor activities that encourage Christian fellowship and connection with God's creation. **Our "kickoff" event will be a hike at Siloam Springs State Park on Saturday, June 12th at 9am!** Feel free to bring food for a picnic lunch afterwards. Please text or call Jeremy Schoenherr (217-653-3060) or Ed Picone (636-290-4528) for details on where to meet and get a map of the park. Also, join us on Facebook to keep updated on upcoming events and other information!

FCC Young Adult Summer Schedule
College Age thru Age 25
 5:30-7:30 @ Kayla Boren's Home
June 17, July 1, July 15, July 22

Elders will meet Tues, **June 22, 6:00.**

The June, July, August copy of *Our Daily Bread* is on the sanctuary mantels.

Vacation Bible School July 18-21

Are you looking for that perfect summer service project? Look NO further! WE need YOU @ VBS! Position includes free shirt, fun kids, free food & exactly one short meeting ahead of time. Go ahead & give us a call. Thanks so much! Also, contact Kacie or Kayla if you can donate any of the following for VBS! sidewalk chalk, plastic Walmart sacks, 13 gallon trash bags, old sheets that you will not get back, washable acrylic paint, small paint brushes.

Church League Softball
June 14, 8:00
June 21, 7:00
June 28, 8:00
 Contact Matt Sealock to play on team FCC or go to Pittsfield Lake to watch!

The complete schedule for Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp can be found on their website. Anyone interested needs to sign up ASAP due to limited space. Contact Rhodora Pursley 217.257.6004 or Jim Dain 573.324.4676 if you have any questions.



Thank you to those who prayed for me, sent cards and expressed their concern to me before and after my surgery. Thankfully, I am not going to need treatments. That is a prayer answered! We feel blessed to be a part of a loving and caring church family. Again, thank you.
 -Jean Sanderson.

Pike County Republican, June 22, 1921 (100 years ago) "At a meeting of committees of the Pittsfield Christian Church, it was voted to sell the opera chairs, and replace them with pews."

What is the church?

In the 21st century, you may be surprised that catechisms still exist. You may think of catechesis, a medieval method of teaching truths about the faith through questions and answers, as mainly a Catholic thing. But I'm happy to tell you that catechisms, which have a deep history in the protestant church (especially the Westminster Catechism and the Heidelberg Catechism), are still alive and well.

In 2017, Crossway published the New City Catechism, developed by pastor Tim Keller's Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City. This series of 52 questions and answers is a great way to introduce kids or adults to most of the fundamentals of the Christian faith. It also has an app with musical versions of the text that you can jam to in the car. We have enjoyed it a lot. You can check it out at newcitycatechism.com.

Probably my kids' favorite question and answer is #48 – What is the church? The answer: "A community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together."

I was blessed to grow up in First Christian Church. I knew it during different seasons of the life of the church. But I always knew it as a community – a place where I could know and be known. Moving back here several years ago, I was excited to join with you all on the journey to love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. From our toddlers to our Silver Sneakers, we are a diverse group, but by God's grace we have all been elected for eternal life. And though the winds of change blow through our world, our country, our state, and even our county and our town, we remain united by our faith.

In 1986, I remember our church celebrating its 150th anniversary. The theme was "Part of Forever," and you may still see one of the mugs with purple butterflies in different places around the church. When I moved back to Pittsfield in 2013, I started praying about what our church would be like in 2036 for our 200th anniversary. I pray that we will remain a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together.

Zack Boren
 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: Chip Barber, Wayne Baughman, Dora Lee Claus, Brian Douglas, Gary Jones, Evan Lipcaman, Wanda Mendenhall, Ralph Piper, Sandra Reel, Cindi Schoenherr, Michael Benad (Brenda Kramer's brother-in-law) Norman Bryant (Dave Bryant's father) Kent Carnes (Leecia Carnes' father) Ezra Collver (Craig & Carrie Collver's grandson) Tammi Harshman (Friend of Karl Benjamin) Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew) Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew) Karen Schieffer (Mary Pfyl's sister) Maxine Wilder (Linda Belford's mother)
Sympathy is extended to Randy Guthrie and family with the passing of his brother-in-law, Aaron Dell.

Stewardship (Offering Only)	<u>5/24-30</u>	<u>5/31-6/6</u>
Operational	\$9,438.43	\$10,276.29
Property Improvement	50.00	110.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	153.00	25.00
Unmet Needs	203.00	50.00
Church Roof	100.00	50.00
Outreach-General	<u>38.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>
Total	\$10,052.43	\$10,596.29

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$9,438.43 \$10,393.79
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,175

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

None at this time.

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

Lectionary

6/13: 1 Sam 15:34-16:13; Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34
6/14: Psalm 53; 1 Samuel 13:23-14:23; Galatians 6:11-18
6/15: Psalm 53; 1 Samuel 15:10-23; Revelation 21:22-22:5
6/16: Psalm 53; 1 Samuel 15:24-31; Luke 6:43-45
6/17: Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 16:14-23; Acts 20:1-16
6/18: Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5; Acts 21:1-16
6/19: Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 18:1-4; Luke 21:25-28
6/20: 1 Sam 17:1-23; 1 Sam 17:57-18:16; Job 38:1-11; 2 Cor 6:1-13
6/21: Psalm 119:113-128; 1 Samuel 18:6-30; Acts 27:13-38
6/22: Psalm 119:113-128; 1 Samuel 19:1-7; Acts 27:39-44
6/23: Psalm 119:113-128; 1 Samuel 19:8-17; Mark 6:45-52
6/24: Psalm 130; 1 Samuel 19:18-24; 2 Corinthians 7:2-16
6/25: Psalm 130; 1 Samuel 20:1-25; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
6/26: Psalm 130; 1 Samuel 20:27-42; Luke 4:31-37

	<u>5/30</u>	<u>6/6</u>
Worship Service		
8:00	121	74
10:30	<u>131</u>	<u>129</u>
Total	252	203

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	9	10
K-2nd	12	12
3rd-4th	8	7
5th-6th	9	11
Jr/Sr High	5	7
Disciples	20	11
Sermon Study	11	11
C.O.F.F.E.E.	8	13
Women's Group	3	3
Select to Connect	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>
Total	89	94