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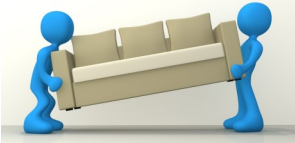
July 27, 2021



Hymn Sing
Sunday, Aug 1
6pm
We will be singing your favorites!
Everyone is welcome!




Calling all strong backs! After 10:30 service this coming Sunday, **Aug 1**, we will move furniture from the Crossroads upstairs to the Annex. Feel free to stay and help us out if available! The more the merrier!




Sunday School will celebrate promotion on August 1. Youth will move to their new class on August 8.



August 1st will be Cookie Sunday! Enjoy a cookie then help move furniture!



Youth Group will resume the weekly meetings on Thursday, **Aug 5**, 6-7:30.



Church Board will meet Tues, **Aug 10**, 6pm.

Circle IV, **Aug 12**, 9:30.

Coffee Talk
First Tuesday of the month - **Aug 3**
10:00 @ Annex.
Stop by for coffee and conversation with Pastor Michael.



The **Thursday noon Bible Study** will resume **Sept 9** in Chapter 5 of Max Lucado's book "You Are Never Alone".

Congratulations Team FCC on 2nd place finish at Church League Softball!

Looking for a sit down job? Contact the office if you are available to sit at the front desk on a rotating basis to greet visitors.

Contact the office if you would like to help prepare and serve communion. The 10:30 service could use more volunteers.

HEY BOYS!!! We'll be starting a new weekly early morning Hangout Small Group this week!!!!

High School Boys, Tuesdays 6:30-7:15 at the Annex. Let Rodney Gordley or Wayne Chamberlain know if you're coming and/or if you need a ride. First one will be July 27.

Junior High Boys, Wednesday 6:30-7:15 at the Annex. Let Rodney Gordley or Matt Saxe know if you're coming and/or if you need a ride. First one will be July 28.

Expect some food and fellowship! Let's start off our mornings on the right foot!!!

I would like to thank my wonderful church family for all the lovely cards and thoughtful phone calls. Your prayers mean a great deal to me! -Cindi Schoenherr.

I think it is appropriate that I give you a health status report. My experience has been extremely rough having been in Blessing Hospital twice and Barry Community Care Center. In Blessing Hospital I had so many needles stuck in me, I felt like I had slept with a porcupine! I truly appreciate all of the cards, phone calls, Michael's visits, and especially the prayer from our church family. Honestly, I can tell you I can sense the power of prayer of which I thank you greatly. -Wayne Baughman.

I want to thank everyone who visited me in the hospital and those who sent cards and prayers. The food was great! Thank you so much for thinking of me during my time of recovery! -Ralph Piper

July 29, 1896, Pike County Democrat: " There were 338 pupils at Sunday School last Sunday at the Pittsfield Christian Church and 22 teachers, one teacher riding 12 miles to be with her class."

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to ALL of the church family and community that pitched in and helped out with VBS this year! We were humbled and blown away by the support, be it monetary, supply donations, volunteer hours constructing and putting up pieces, planning meals, cleaning up or volunteering for the actual VBS. We have the best church family and thank you ALL so much!! Our final total for Mission Backpack was over \$1,300!!! That money will be able to purchase gym shoes, water bottles, backpacks and whatever else the students might need at the schools. We are currently working with the school district to see what they will need before we purchase items. We hope that as you finish up your summer, you are inspired by the mission of VBS and continue to choose to "Press Play" in living out God's love for your community. --Kacie and Kayla

Dear Church Family,

It is hard to imagine that the summer is nearing an end. In the next few weeks, our college students will begin leaving for the fall term and classes will begin within our local district. At Monday's staff meeting we reviewed some of our summer goals. I would like to remind us to all be in prayer for our students and school staff. Those going off to college face a continually eroding and philosophically challenging landscape that is difficult to navigate while holding on to a strong faith in Christ. They need our love, support, and prayers, as do all of our students and educational staff. The recent rise in hospitalizations and reported cases of Covid-19 and its variants are also complicating factors to an effective year of learning. While it is still unclear what this year will look like, we are all hopeful and prayerful that we can safely return to as "normal" of a learning environment as possible. To this end, I admonish us, as those called to bear the image of Christ to the community, to remember this calling as we perform our active citizenship. Paul admonishes the church...

Col 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ESV

These continue to be challenging times. Listening seems to be a lost art in our polarized society. Although social media may reward rudeness and boorishness, they do not build up our society in a positive way, nor do they provide the type of examples that are worthy of emulation. Christ-followers are called to a higher standard. With this in mind, let us work together sharing our perspectives and opinions in love and respect. As we do so, let us also remember that we are building eternal bridges to share the Good News of God's love which leads to life everlasting.

I also want to give a huge shout out to our VBS team. To all those who led small groups, cooked, served, drove, painted, built sets, made costumes, registered, monitored crosswalks, ran sound, cleaned up, and in any other way took part in VBS...THANK YOU! It was a wonderful week!

Loving you all,
Michael



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 1 Gary Pursley, Renna Walters, Audriana Mendenhall-Roig; 2 Justin & Amber Poor; 3 Becky Fitzmaurice; 4 Charlie & Jessica Hull; 5 Jean Sanderson; 6 Tereasa Apps, Sue Evans, Lindsey Hull; 7 Danielle Hayes; 8 Bill Ferguson, Denny & Beryl Richards, Brennan Tomhave; 9 Noah Mendenhall, Cameron Sweeting, Rachel Boatright; 10 Faith Saxe, Stan & Jill Moss; 11 Wayne Baughman; 12 Don Chamberlain; 13 Michael & Renita Ten Eyck; 14 Brandi Pennock, Bobby Smith; 15 Carolyn L. Casteel, Terry & Judy Sweeting, Larry Wigington, Kathy Wainman; 16 Emma Saxe, Alysia Cooley, Jordyn Schoenherr; 17 John & Cheryl Birch, Madelyn Saxe; 18 Gary & Rhodora Pursley, Anna Gengler; 19 Butch & Jacque Walston, Sarah McNulty; 20 Chris Apps; 21 Ron & Joan Halsey, Sophia Freesen; 22 Terry & Bryn Fine; 23 Nancy Collard, Sarah Sweeting, Judy Ferguson, Judy Kallal, Roger & Rokettia Brokaw; 24 Steve Lehr; 25 Kelly Rhodes; 29 Ciera Anderson; 31 Caroline Smith, Oliver Shade

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Staff:

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 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-TH 8:00am-3:30pm; F 8:00am-Noon**Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am**

Prayer Concerns: Chip Barber, Wayne Baughman, Dora Lee Claus, Brian Douglas, Ron Halsey, Gary Jones, Evan Lipcaman, Wanda Mendenhall, Julie Myers, Sandra Reel, Cindi Schoenherr, Marcia Stark
 Michael Benad (Brenda Kramer's brother-in-law)
 Kent Carnes (Leecia Carnes' father)
 Ezra Collver (Craig & Carrie Collver's grandson)
 Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew)
 Kevin Masters (Mary Harshman's son-in-law)
 Kay Matthews (Jean Sanderson's sister)
 Karen Schieffer (Mary Pfyl's sister)
 John Sheppard (Sandy Wigington's father)
 Linda Payne Sheppard (Judy Dunham & Carole Elledge's niece)
 Beverly Talley (Judy Ferguson's aunt)
 Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)
 Prayers for Youth Minister Search

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Hilda Dunham who passed away. We also express sympathy to the Kerr Ballard family from Winchester.

Stewardship (Offering Only)	<u>7/12-18</u>	<u>7/19-25</u>
Operational	\$5,773.62	\$13,880.51
Property Improvement	10.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	50.00	298.00
Unmet Needs	50.00	53.00
VBS Project Backpack	335.00	1,004.65
Youth Group	0.00	100.00
Outreach-General	<u>45.00</u>	<u>8.00</u>
Total	\$6,333.62	\$15,424.16

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$5,712.62 \$13,880.51
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,175

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

Lectionary

8/1: 2 Sam 11:26-12:13; Exodus 16:1-15; Eph 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
8/2: Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 12:15-25; Ephesians 4:17-24
8/3: Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 13:1-19; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
8/4: Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 13:20-36; Mark 8:1-10
8/5: Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 13:37-14:24; Romans 15:1-6
8/6: Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 14:25-33; Galatians 6:1-10
8/7: Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 15:1-13; Matthew 7:7-11
8/8: 2 Sam 18:5-33; 1 Kings 19:4-8; Eph 4:25-5:2; John 6:35-51
8/9: Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 15:13-31; Ephesians 5:1-14
8/10: Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 18:19-33; 2 Peter 3:14-18
8/11: Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 19:1-18; John 6:35-40
8/12: Psalm 111; 1 Kings 1:1-30; Acts 6:8-15
8/13: Psalm 111; 1 Kings 1:28-48; Romans 16:17-20
8/14: Psalm 111; 1 Kings 2:1-11; John 4:7-26

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: 115 W. Jefferson Street
- Black metal offering boxes are secured on the sanctuary mantels, gym and fellowship hall for your convenience.

Wishes & Wants

Are you going to be out of town and need someone to care for your pet? Contact Lia Picone who can help! Ed 636.290.4528 or Rosie 217.440.0046

	<u>7/18</u>	<u>7/25</u>
Worship Service		
8:00	70	85
10:30	<u>139</u>	<u>131</u>
Total	209	216
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	10	7
K-2nd	9	13
3rd-4th	8	8
5th-6th	7	7
Jr/Sr High	9	0
Disciples	16	14
Sermon Study	12	14
C.O.F.F.E.E.	13	12
Women's Group	0	0
Select to Connect	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	90	81