

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Church Board of First Christian Church met on Tuesday, September 14, and repairs to the parking areas at the church and Crossroads Center were discussed. The board is recommending that the church replace the north parking area of the church, the north parking area on the Crossroads Center both sides of the road, and the Crossroads Center west gravel area. Reports from several contractors revealed substantial damage over the years which will require replacement rather than resurfacing. The board accepted a bid from Waters Concrete for removal, hauling, foundation and replacement of those 4 areas for \$66,284. We are also aware that the Crossroads Center large parking area is in need of oil and chip to bring it to code. We received a bid for \$16,875 from Cousin Bill for oil and chip of Crossroads Center parking lot. We would handle some of the prep work with volunteer labor. These areas would also need striped and painted at an estimate of \$1,500. We have been under budget in our administrative area by not having a youth minister and have the ability to complete these projects but **we want congregation approval since this is not a budgeted item**. Please note that this project would **NOT** use any of the designated funds for the education building fund replacement. **We are calling a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 26, immediately after 10:30 service.** The meeting will be announced from the pulpit on Sunday, Sept 19. For any questions please feel free to contact any Board Member or Executive Committee member. We look forward to discussing these potential projects with you.



The **communion preparation schedule** will be mailed for Oct, Nov, Dec. Let the office know **by Sept 17** if you would like to be added to the rotation or need to make a change.

No Youth Group Meeting on Thurs, Sept 16, due to Homecoming activities.

Elder Meeting, Tues, Sept 28, 6pm.

Important Choir Dates

Wed, Oct 6, 6:30 - Cantata practice starts.
Sun, Oct 31 - Throwback Sunday with the choir singing at both services.
Sun, Nov 21 - Choir sings at both services.
Sun, Dec 19 - Choir sings at both services; 5:00 Cantata (tentative).

Mark your calendar and watch for info regarding our **Vesper Service** at Hamer and Jenny Tate's home on **Oct 10**.

This coming Thursday, Sept 16th at 5:30, The Outreach Committee will host Matt Sfura, who will share about his work with Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) at several central/western Illinois colleges and universities. **Please join us in Fellowship Hall for pizza as we learn more about Cru, and how we can support their efforts to reach college students for Christ. Questions? Contact Zack or Libby.**

(Matt's quick bio: Matt and Leslie Sfura have been on staff with Cru, reaching college students for Christ, for the past 19 years. Matt is currently the Team Leader of the Central Illinois Cru ministry and oversees a team of 17 Staff who serve at 4 different campuses (Illinois State U., Western Illinois U., Eureka College, and Heartland Community College). Matt also spends a significant portion of his time mentoring and leading the Impact Movement, focused on reaching Black students for Christ, at ISU. Matt and Leslie have 4 kids, from ages 20 to 9.)

A Gully truck will be at the Crossing Thrift Store parking lot across from Walmart from 9am – 2pm on Saturdays **Sept 18 & 25 taking donations for Louisiana storm victims**. For more info call Bob Evans 217.491.2391.

Dear Church Family - Thank you for the delicious cookies. Everyone enjoyed them! We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Sincerely, Angie Ruebush & the South School Faculty.

Dear FCC - Thank you for the delicious cookies you had delivered to the Pittsfield High School during the first week of school. Your kindness is appreciated. -Angie Greger.

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Staff:

Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor
 Kayla Boren, Music Coordinator
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary
 Gina Bryant, Custodian
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 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: Wayne Baughman, Dora Lee Claus, Brian Douglas, Karen Goodwin, Gary Jones, Wanda Mendenhall, Julie Myers, Cindi Schoenherr, Youth Minister Search
 Karen Birch (John Birch's sister)

Jyl Brunet (Friend of Kacie Lipcaman)
 Ezra Collver (Craig & Carrie Collver's grandson)

Cheryl Conkright (Gina Bryant's mother)
 Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew)

Karen Schieffer (Mary Pfyl's sister)
 John Sheppard (Sandy Wigington's father)

Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)
 Linda Turner (Friend of Vivian Cloninger)

We express our sympathy to the family of the following who have passed:

Becky Irwin - Burdette Irwin's wife;

Robert Humphrey - Syndy Miller's father;

Chip Barber - Chuck & Carolyn Barber's son;

Beverly Talley - Judy Ferguson's aunt.

Stewardship (Offering Only) 8/30-9/5 9/6-12

Operational	\$12,210.19	\$7,806.45
Property Improvement	10.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Construction/Renovation	75.00	25.00
Unmet Needs	3.00	3.00
Outreach-General	<u>128.00</u>	<u>109.00</u>
Total	\$12,546.19	\$8,073.45

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$11,210.19 \$5,806.45
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,175

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

Lectionary

9/19: Prov 31:10-31; Solomon 1:16-2:1-22; Ps 54; James 3:13-4:1-8; Mark 9:30-37

9/20: Psalm 128; Proverbs 27:1-27; James 4:8-17

9/21: Psalm 128; Ecclesiastes 4:9-16; James 5:1-6

9/22: Psalm 128; Ecclesiastes 5:1-20; John 8:21-38

9/23: Psalm 124; Esther 1:1-21; Acts 4:13-31

9/24: Psalm 124; Esther 2:1-23; Acts 12:20-25

9/25: Psalm 124; Esther 3:1-15; Matthew 5:13-20

9/26: Esther 7:1-10; Num 11:4-29; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

9/27: Psalm 140; Esther 4:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9

9/28: Psalm 140; Esther 5:1-14; 1 John 2:18-25

9/29: Psalm 140; Esther 8:1-17; Matthew 18:6-9

9/30: Psalm 26; Job 2:11-3:26; Galatians 3:23-29

10/1: Psalm 26; Job 4:1-21; Romans 8:1-11

10/2: Psalm 26; Job 7:1-21; Luke 16:14-18

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

None at this time.

	<u>9/5</u>	<u>9/12</u>
Worship Service		
8:00	87	77
10:30	<u>92</u>	<u>109</u>
Total	179	186
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	2	5
K-2nd	10	17
3rd-5th	11	9
6th-8th	8	8
Jr/Sr High	8	6
Disciples	18	14
Sermon Study	14	13
C.O.F.F.E.E.	10	9
Select to Connect	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	81	81