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Adult Sunday School News: We are starting a new series at Crossroads front meeting room, "Thriving in Babylon". Come join us next Sunday! All are welcome! We want you to share your knowledge, questions and dreams. For questions contact Jack Hull 217-473-5151 or jackcyhull@yahoo.com.

Outreach Ministry will meet Thurs, **Oct 28** at 6:30 in the Long Room. We will discuss the Christmas adopt a family project as well as 2022 ministries! All are welcome! Contact Zack or Libby for more info and if you would like to attend but need childcare, let us know!

Sunday, Oct 31, will be **Throwback Sunday** where our songs will be traditional hymns at both service.

Elder Meeting,
Tues, Oct 26, 6pm.

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Tues, Nov 9
Noon-5pm
Crossroads Center
Host: CWF
Contact: Barbara Fosco



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Pastor Michael and his family are a vital part of our church family and we thank them for all they do. We are blessed with their many contributions! Let's shower them with cards of appreciation all month long!

The November Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, November 7, immediately after the 10:30 service in the sanctuary. Agenda includes: 1) Proposed officers and other elected officials to assume office January 1, 2022; 2) Proposed 2022 Budget.

Special Service!! On Sunday night, November 7th, at 6pm we are trying something new! We will be doing a "Night of Favorites." If you have a favorite song that you would love to have done, please email it (kayla.boren88@gmail.com) or text it (217-370-2166) to me WITH AN EXPLANATION OF WHY IT IS YOUR FAVORITE! It could be an old hymn or a current praise song or maybe even a praise song from 2001. **Please have the songs and explanations to me by October 20th.** We will play the songs (unless a song is beyond our ability...lol) and read the explanations at that service. -- Kayla

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Banquet, Sunday, Oct 17, 4pm @ Waters Edge Winery in Jacksonville. Keynote speaker Dan Meers mascot for KC Chiefs and the original Fred Bird. Free event including meal. Invite a table of 6-8 friends & family. Go to westernilfca.org to register your table. Contact Jack Hull for more info.

Congratulations to Jacob and Sarah McNulty on the birth of their daughter, Avanelle Mae McNulty!

The Vesper Service at the Tate farm was a fantastic evening of great food, fun and fellowship. Thank you everyone who was able to attend and thank you Hamer and Jenny for letting FCC invade your property!

Thank you to everyone who helped set up, donate salads and desserts, serve or clean up for the Chip Barber memorial luncheon. We are so blessed with the help from so many caring and thoughtful helping hands. God Bless You All! CWF Bereavement Ministry.

*Dear Church Family and Shawl Ministry,
Your outpouring of love, encouragement, and prayer during my recent diagnosis, surgery, and upcoming treatments have helped me climb a big hill in my life. I have been taking my prayer shawl to all my appointments, and have felt your love and prayers each time. I will be forever grateful to have shared my life with this church and its continued support. May God Bless You All! -Julie Myers.*

All Church Turkey Dinner

Wed, November 10

Dine in or Carryout

All reservations must be made prior.

Call the office or sign up in the back of the overflow room with the number in your party so we have enough food.

Seating placement is first come, first serve.

Like a Family Meal, the donation box will be available.

Dear Church Family,

We had a wonderful time at our fall Vesper Service this year and I would like to thank Hamer and Jenny Tate for their wonderful hospitality.

As we were getting ready for the music time, I noticed that Rod was just about to tumble down the hillside. He was sitting on the box drum and as he began to play, the slope of the hillside was causing him to lose his balance and nearly roll down the hill. While this may have been entertaining to us to watch, it was certainly not ideal for us to keep on the beat together.

We tried a few different playing positions but ultimately we had to find a spot that was a bit more level, which we finally did. Once he set up on the level area, we were able to lead the music keeping the tempo together.

I was thinking about that hillside this morning. Level ground is essential for just about any foundation. Building upon unlevel ground causes the building to come apart. More than once I have set my campfire chair on a hillside only to suddenly tumble backward. The slightest shift of weight can throw one off balance and remove me from the group.

The same is true for our lives. It is important that we establish ourselves on level ground if we desire true unity. It has been said: "the ground is level at the foot of the Cross." I believe this certainly to be the case. Whatever differences we may have with each other, the cross of Christ is the great equalizer. We are all sinners. Our differences melt away in the power of God's Amazing Grace.

Gal 3:26-28

...for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. -ESV

In the many attempts underway to address disunity through amplifying our differences, may we seek the level ground at the foot of the cross of Christ. In the shadow of the cross, we view one another with Christ's love and dignity, humbly treating others' needs above our own. Let's stand together on this level ground.

Loving you all,
Michael

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Staff:

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 Kayla Boren, Music Coordinator
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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, Ron Halsey, Patrick Lamb, Wanda Mendenhall, Julie Myers, Additional Ministry Staff Search

Karen Birch (John Birch's sister)
 Ezra Collver (Craig & Carrie Collver's grandson)
 Cheryl Conkright (Gina Bryant's mother)
 Lilee Knake (Daughter of Skylar & Cara Knake)
 Kay Matthews (Jean Sanderson's sister)
 Karen Schieffer (Mary Pfyl's sister)
 Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Cindi Schoenherr and Gary Jones who passed away.

Stewardship (Offering Only) 9/27-10/3 10/4-10

Operational	\$10,558.97	\$7,510.41
Property Improvement	210.00	100.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Construction/Renovation	0.00	50.00
Unmet Needs	126.00	50.00
Outreach-General	<u>11.00</u>	<u>55.00</u>
Total	\$11,025.97	\$7,885.41

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$10,558.97 \$7,885.41
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,175

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

Lectionary

10/17: Job 38:1-7; Isa 53:4-12; Heb 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
10/18: Psalm 75; Job 40:1-24; Hebrews 6:1-12
10/19: Psalm 75; Job 41:1-11; Hebrews 6:13-20
10/20: Psalm 75; Job 41:12-34; John 13:1-17
10/21: Psalm 34:1-8; 2 Kings 20:12-19; Hebrews 7:1-10
10/22: Psalm 34:1-8; Nehemiah 1:1-11; Hebrews 7:11-22
10/23: Psalm 34:1-8; Job 42:7-9; Mark 8:22-26
10/24: Job 42:1-17; Jer 31:7-9; Heb 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52
10/25: Psalm 28; Isaiah 59:9-19; 1 Peter 2:1-10
10/26: Psalm 28; Ezekiel 18:1-32; Acts 9:32-35
10/27: Psalm 28; Ezekiel 14:12-23; Matthew 20:29-34
10/28: Psalm 146; Ruth 1:18-22; Hebrews 9:1-12
10/29: Psalm 146; Ruth 2:1-9; Romans 3:21-31
10/30: Psalm 146; Ruth 2:10-14; Luke 10:25-37

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>10/3</u>	<u>10/10</u>
Worship Service		
8:00	81	86
10:30	<u>147</u>	<u>131</u>
Total	228	217
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	2	4
K-2nd	13	10
3rd-5th	10	9
6th-8th	9	10
Jr/Sr High	0	5
Disciples	17	13
Sermon Study	13	12
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>
Total	73	71