

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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## Coming Events

- 3/15 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 3/16 6:00 pm Volleyball League
- 3/17 6:00 am Polling Place  
8:30 am Bible Study  
6:00 pm Volleyball League
- 3/18 3:45 pm Kids Connection  
6:30 pm Choir Practice  
6:45 pm Cross Over Hoops
- 3/19 Noon Bible Study  
5:30 pm Children First Board Mtg
- 3/22 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5:00 pm Youth Group
- 3/23 6:00 pm Volleyball League
- 3/24 8:30 am Bible Study  
6:00 pm Elder Meeting  
6:00 pm Volleyball League  
6:00 pm Chamber of Commerce
- 3/25 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs  
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 3/26 Noon Bible Study
- 3/28 5:00 pm Walston Family Fundraiser

The last **Kids Connection** for the season will be Wed, **March 18**.

The **Children First Board** will meet Thurs, **March 19**, 5:30.

The **Elders** will meet Tues, **March 24**, 6pm.

A sign-up sheet is near the coffee table for **volunteering** at the Chamber of Commerce Dinner, Tues, **March 24**.

Crossroads Center is open for **walking** Mon-Thurs, 8-10a.m. **through March**.



## Indoor Sale and Baked Goods

Crossroads Center Gym

**Saturday, March 14**

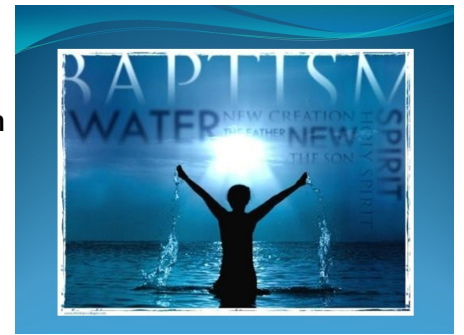
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Crossroads will be full of something for everyone and delicious bake sale items! Plan to stop by and see what we have to offer!

**Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF)** is planning a dinner meeting at Crossroads right after 10:30 service on Sunday, **March 22, for ALL men of the church**. The meal will be provided by Sugar Fire BBQ and include meat and 2 sides. Cost is \$10. Call or text Ed Picone if you plan to attend so he knows how much food to order 636-290-4528. Childcare will be provided. **All men of all ages are encouraged to attend!!!!!!!!!!!!**



Interested in being baptized on Easter and/or placing membership with FCC? There will be a **First Things First** meeting on Sunday, **March 29** and a **Baptism Class** on Sunday, **April 5**. Both at 9:15 in the sanctuary. Contact the office or Pastor Michael for more info.



## Blood Drive Success!

Thanks to many people, our February 27 Blood Drive exceeded goal! We had 37 walk-ins/appointments and 31 qualified donors. The goal for this drive was 21 donors, so it was very heart-warming to have that many people come donate. My personal thanks to all our donors; to those who volunteered to help that afternoon (Judy Dunham, Carole Elledge, Carol Schwartze) and to those who baked cookies (Jenny Tate, Kay Sealock, Carole Elledge & me). And thanks to Gina and the work crew for setting up/taking down. All the donors and volunteers make it easy to host these drives.

We'll try building on that success by hosting a second blood drive on Tuesday, April 28. This drive will be 10:30AM to 3:30PM. Those who donated in February will be eligible to donate again, so mark your calendars.



First Christian Church,  
Thank you again for your donation to our program. We  
very much appreciate your kindness.  
Sincerely,  
The members of the Board of the Pikeland Snack Pack  
Program.

Thank you to all the ladies who brought desserts and  
helped serve the Toby Smith funeral luncheon.  
-CWF Bereavement Committee.

FCC,  
Thank you for helping us put on our dinner. We heard  
nothing but positive reviews about the food. We appreciate  
your service very much.  
Sincerely,  
Pike CEO.

### Youth News

Calling all Junior High instrumentalists - if you are interested in helping  
out with the **Good Friday Service**, please contact Kayla Boren!

Also, any kids that wish to sing in the **Easter Service or Palm Sunday  
Service** with the choir, please come to choir practices on  
Wednesdays at 6:30, starting next week, March 18. Contact Kayla  
with any questions.

Clean up dates at **Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp** will be  
Sat, **April 4** and Sat, **May 16**, both starting at 7AM.

### Save the Date

**Children First Fundraiser (luncheon and silent auction) and Grad-  
uation** will be Sunday, **May 17**, at Crossroads.

### **Western IL Fellowship of Christian Athletes Fundraising Event**

Sunday, **March 15 @ 2p.m.**

Doors Open @ 1p.m., The Ambiance, Quincy

Platform Speaker: Isaac Bruce, Hall of Fame Nominee & Super Bowl Champion

Register @ [westernilfca.org](http://westernilfca.org)

### **Intentional Church Conference**

Sat, **April 25 @** First Christian Church, Decatur

Register online @ <https://www.intentionalchurchconference.com/>

**The Pittsfield Fire Department will hold a Father / Daughter  
Sock Hop Dance at Crossroads on Sat, April 4.** Door open at  
5:00. Event 5:30-7:30. A fun filled evening with your daughter(s).  
Themed attire welcome, but not required. DJ, MC, dancing,  
games, pictures, cake, punch, snacks, ice cream, prizes. Fathers  
& daughters of all ages welcome! You don't have to be the  
"father" of the "daughter." Father figures invited too. Advance  
tickets \$15 a couple; \$20 at the door. Contact any Dept member's  
wife for tickets.

### **Historical Note**

125 years ago, Mar. 6, 1895: Chuck Barber's great, great grand-  
father. "A veritable pioneer passed away yesterday morning in  
the person of Mr. Austin Barber, who was born in Marietta, Ohio in  
1809, and came to Pittsfield in 1833, and established one of the  
first dry goods houses here. With the exception of 5 years in busi-  
ness in Florence (1841-1846) his residence in Pittsfield has been  
continuous. He has long been a member of the Christian Church,  
contributing freely to its support, as well as to many benevolent  
purposes and leading a consistent Christian life."

## Elder Corner

A couple of months ago, I came across a devotion that was entitled “Everybody Loves a Story, Especially a Story About Family.” How true is that?

I’m sure many of us have heard family stories. It may be an immigration story, a war story, perhaps a wedding, vacation, or job related event. Many stories are encouraging about people and events, yet no matter how many times the story has been told, family members enjoy hearing those stories again and again. On top of that, they have heard it so often they can tell the story themselves.

Reading this devotion, I was asking myself what story or stories do I long to hear from the Bible again? There are many dealing with mercy, which is something we ask for but do not deserve. Can I quote a story by the book, chapter, and verse? Am I willing to pass on the Good News about God’s mercy? And no matter how many times I have heard about God’s mercy, do I want to hear it again and again that “God’s mercy endures forever?”

There are many Bible stories with mercy to show evidence of that truth. Look up mercy in the concordance of your Bible. I have a Bible with over 30 references to the word mercy that share scripture to the evidence of that truth.

One such reference to mercy is found in Psalms 136, which in the New King James Bible is entitled Thanksgiving to God for His Enduring Mercy. Verses 1 through 26 remind us of His enduring mercy. In the Old Testament, the priest would call God’s people together to worship and lead them to recite an easily remembered phrase such as “For His mercy endures forever.” The priest would share truths about God. He would tell about God creating the Earth, saving the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, defeating enemies, remembering them each time they call out for forgiveness, and God rescuing them. After each blessing from God in these stories, the people would respond with, “God’s mercy endures forever.”

What’s your favorite story of God’s mercy?

In Christian Love,  
Wayne Chamberlain  
Elder

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 Bob Clark, Audio/Video

**Office Hours:** 9:00am–4:00pm M-TH, 9:00am–12:00pm F

**Worship Times:** Every Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am

**Sunday School:** 9:15am

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<u>3/1</u>	<u>3/8</u>
Operational	\$11,636.50	\$8,420.30
Property Improvement	43.00	43.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	270.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	3.00	3.00
Church Construction/Renovate	675.00	377.50
Snack Pack	150.00	10.00
Youth Group	0.00	20.00
Unmet Needs	203.00	0.00
Children First	<u>300.00</u>	<u>130.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,105.50</b>	<b>\$9,298.80</b>

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**

Received Last 7 Days \$14,165.80 \$9,946.79  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

	<u>3/1</u>	<u>3/8</u>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	132	87
10:30 AM	<u>154</u>	<u>167</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>254</b>

**Christian Education**

Age 3-PK	7	7
K-1st	11	9
2nd-3rd	5	3
4th-5th	17	8
Jr/Sr High	8	9
Disciples	10	13
New Beginnings	8	6
Sermon Study	10	9
C.O.F.F.E.E.	9	7
Select to Connect	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>77</b>

**Serving Schedule**

**March 15, 2020**

Elder: Bob Clark, Roger Brokaw  
Diaconate: Bethany Dunham, Ann Ferguson, Scott Bacon, Brian Ruebush, Angie Ruebush, Kacie Lipcaman  
8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart  
10:30 Communion: Keith & Carole Elledge  
Scripture: Kathy Curfman  
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe  
Shut-ins: Roger & Rokettia Brokaw

**March 22, 2020**

Elder: Kathy Hull, Ruth Bennett  
Diaconate: Amber Poor, Faith Saxe, Emma Saxe, Justin Poor, Shari Clark, Ellie Ten Eyck  
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate  
10:30 Communion: Roger & Charlotte Dunham  
Scripture: Barbara Fosco  
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck  
Shut-ins: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain

<b>Prayer Concerns:</b>		
Sheryl Borrowman	Tereasa Apps	Chip Barber
Mike Dimmitt	Rosemary Clark	Dora Lee Claus
Wanda Mendenhall	Stacey Helms	Linda Irwin
Amanda Allen (Mary Wombles' daughter)	Debbie Robinson	
Jennifer Ewers (Cindy Chamberlain's niece)		
Shelly Greenwood (Bev White's niece)		
Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew)		
Greg Howard (Larry Howard's nephew)		
Jim Lerch (Wanda Mendenhall's brother)		
Kay Matthews (Jean Sanderson's sister)		
Ashley Ratliff (Jean Sanderson's granddaughter)		
Mark Reeves (Ashli Freesmeyer's father)		
Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew)		
Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)		

**Lectionary**

3/15: Exodus 17:1-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-11; John 4:5-42  
 3/16: Ps 81; Gen 24:1-27; 2 John 1:1-13  
 3/17: Ps 81; Gen 29:1-14; 1 Cor 10:1-4  
 3/18: Ps 81; Jer 2:4-13; John 7:14-39  
 3/19: Ps 23; 1 Sam 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32  
 3/20: Ps 23; 1 Sam 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9  
 3/21: Ps 23; 1 Sam 15:32-34; John 1:1-9  
 3/22: 1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41  
 3/23: Ps 146; Isa 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20  
 3/24: Ps 146; Isa 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14  
 3/25: Ps 146; Isa 60:17-22; Matt 9:27-34  
 3/26: Ps 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Rev 10:1-11  
 3/27: Ps 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Rev 11:15-19  
 3/28: Ps 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53