

The Pittsfield Christian



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Coming Events

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| 9/1 | 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship |
| | 9:15 am Sunday School |
| | 5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group |
| 9/2 | 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting |
| 9/3 | 8:30 am Bible Study |
| | 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting |
| 9/4 | 6:30 pm Choir Practice |
| 9/5 | 2:00 pm Circle 1&5 |
| 9/6 | 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting |
| 9/8 | 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship |
| | 9:15 am Sunday School |
| | 5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group |
| 9/9 | 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting |
| | 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting |
| 9/10 | 8:30 am Bible Study |
| | 6:00 pm Board Meeting |
| 9/11 | 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting |
| | 6:30 pm Choir Practice |
| | 7:00 pm Special Worship Service |
| 9/12 | 9:30 am Circle 4 Meeting |

Have you ever enjoyed our Sunday morning music but wish it were a bit longer? Do you like to "get lost" in singing praises to our God? If so, I am excited to invite you to a special service we are planning. We will be having an evening of praise, worship, and intercession on Wednesday, September 11th at 7 pm in our newly renovated sanctuary. All are welcome to participate. Come and invite a friend. It is going to be a wonderful evening of worship and prayer!

Nominating forms are on the sanctuary mantels for officers and other elected officials who's terms begin January 2020. Forms can be placed in the offering trays or returned to the church office **by Monday morning, Sept 16.**

The **Children First Annual Meeting** will be immediately after 10:30 service on Sunday, **Sept 15.**

Circle 1&5 will meet at Crossroads on Thurs, **Sept 5, 2:00.** Vera Staffy & Kathy Curfman will host **Circle 4** at Vera's home Thurs, **Sept 12, 9:30.** Looking forward to September kick-off!

Choir Practice will start Wed, **Sept 4, 6:30.** Christmas Cantata Practice will start Wed, **Oct 2, 6:30.** Contact Choir Director Kayla Boren if you have any questions or would like to join this music ministry!

Church Board will meet Tues, **Sept 10, 6pm.** Packets will be ready Sept 8.

Kids Connection for grades K-6th will begin Wed, **Oct 16.** The program will start right after school until 5:15 at Crossroads Center.

Lifetouch will take pictures for the new directory Nov 1-2 and Nov 6-9. If we have your email address then in the near future you will receive a link from Lifetouch to book your picture time. If you do not have email then we will help book your time. Watch newsletter and bulletin for more info.

The weather did not put a damper on the great fellowship enjoyed after worship services last Sunday. We were excited to have so many who were able to stay for the picnic and fun. Thank you kitchen crew for preparing the delicious meal and everyone who helped setup Saturday and Sunday and tear down Sunday.

Mark your calendar for **Vesper Service** at Hamer and Jenny Tate's home on Sunday afternoon, **Oct 13.**

The church office and Children First will be closed Mon, Sept 2, in observance of Labor Day.

Jamie Wintjen came forward during 10:30 service on Sunday, Aug 18, declared her faith, and joined FCC. Jamie and her daughter Ashlinn live in Pittsfield. We welcome them to the church family!

Prayer Concerns: Dora Lee Claus, Landon Davenport, Stacey Helms, Arthur Knake, Shirley Loyd, Caleigh Dodd (Melba Foster's great granddaughter) Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Mardell Bryant who passed away.

The CWF Bereavement Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway with the Dee Reeves and Mardell Bryant funeral luncheons. Thank you so much!

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp will host **Family Camp Sept 6-8**. Cost is \$20 per person with \$80 max per family. For more info or to register, contact Jim Dain.

Sunday, Sept 1, is Cookie Sunday!!!!

Next Sunday, be sure to look at the bulletin board outside Rebecca's old office at the church building. Kay Sealock has been posting newspaper clippings and other items. We are a busy church family! Thank you Kay for heading this task!

Just a note of thanks to the "Cookie Ladies" of First Christian Church. We always appreciate your warm thoughts and plate full of cookies, especially at the start of a new school year! Many thanks! Pikeland Board Office.

Western IL Fellowship of Christian Athletes will have a fundraising banquet on Sunday, **Sept 22**, 4pm, at Hamilton's in Jacksonville. Guest speaker will be NFL player Isaac Bruce. No cost to attend but there will be a request for donations at the end of the evening. Reservations required www.westernilfca.org. Contact Jack Hull for more info.

Board Meeting Excerpts from August 13

Call to Order at 6:00 pm by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. Roger Brokaw gave the devotional from John 17:20. The body of Christ is much bigger than just FCC. We are one with many more.

Minister's Report: Highlights include: VBS. Helping Bob install security cameras. Sanctuary AC repair. Jennifer Noble is trying to reach a resolve between Children First and Fire Marshall regarding fire exit. Several hospital visits and 2 funerals. DHF welcome video. Goals include: Getting new bus painted and ready for Kids Connection, Relist staffing posting, New building planning, Cookies for start of new school year, Youth group kick-off.

Treasurer: Michelle Hart reported as of July 31: Checking/Savings = \$595,743.35. Unrestricted Operating Checking = \$100,000.00. Budgeted Receipts = \$278,574.03 (\$6,250.67 below budget). Budgeted Disbursements = \$201,972.48 (\$81,078.03 below budget). Average Attendance YTD = 276. Excess Unrestricted Operating Checking moved towards church construction/renovate during July = \$14,155.96 plus \$1,125 offering designated towards church con/renovate. Net Nonbudgeted Activity = \$28,661.53. Total funds available for church construction/renovation are \$323,964.03. Motion to accept Treasurers Report was made by Bob Clark, seconded by Roger Brokaw. Motion Carried. The Trustees are looking at options to invest funds.

Christian Ed: Michael reported Promotion Sunday will be August 18 with celebration during Sunday School time. The new bus will be ready for the start of Kids Connection, Oct 16.

Children First: Trying to resolve issue with Fire Marshall and our emergency exits.

Gary will soon set up a Task Force meeting.

Old Business:

Cell tower: Engineer is leaning towards city owned property for tower location.

Bus: New Way Signs will install decals for \$50 since our info is already in her system from the van and other bus. Michael presented 6 options for color scheme. White with various blue strips seemed most favored. N.D. made a motion to accept Sherry's \$50 quote for decals and Peter Wright's quote for paint plus his labor to finish bus. Judy seconded; motion unanimously carried. Hamer has 2 quotes for rear tires and will research more before deciding.

Lighting upgrade: Rebecca will contact Brad Cors to book installation date.

Deacons: Deacons as described in our constitution and bylaws will be reviewed and potentially edited.

New Business:

The Executive Committee has agreed to extend Rodney Gordley's employment agreement through Dec 31, 2019 with option to renew again. Minimum 15-18 hours per week @ \$10 per hour. He will live in the parsonage with understanding that we continue to look for ministry staff. Church will pay water and electric. Jeremy approved the pay package, Brad seconded, motion carried.

Elder Corner

Many years ago, when I was a teenager, there was song called "The Ballad Of The Green Berets" The song was about a Special Forces soldier killed in action. One of the verses tells of his last request of his wife for his son. It says this –

Put silver wings on my son's chest
Make him one of America's best
He'll be a man they'll test one day
Have him win the Green Beret. The Ballad of The Green Berets

by Staff Sergeant Barry Sadler 1966

A lofty goal for one's son by one who was willing to sacrifice all for what he believed in. Here at FCC, we have made an intentional attempt to encourage everyone to invest in our young people, especially our parents of young children. Our desire is to see each of our youngsters become all that God desires of them. Our desire for that should be even stronger than the young soldier's desire for his son to become one of America's best. There are many ways that we can go about this. As my wife, Kettia, mentioned when she sang the song "Lullaby" by Don Francisco, singing scripture songs or faith based songs to our children is away to engage them spiritually. Those songs sung at an early age will stay with them their whole life. Our girls still remember the songs we sang to them way back when. Seeing Benjamin sing with Zack and Libby was an inspiration as well. I know some of you are thinking, I'm not a singer, I can't do that. That's ok; there are other ways to engage your child, reading Bible stories, following up their Sunday school class with the material provided with the curriculum, just being present and willing to interact with them when opportunities for spiritual discussions occur. Don't get discouraged, none of us take advantage of all of those times, but be mindful and don't give up, you are crucial to their spiritual development. Be sure to interact with God yourself, you won't be able to do much if you aren't interacting with God , an empty pitcher can never fill up a glass.

Here is what Moses told the people of Israel in Deuteronomy 6.

⁴"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Yes, raising your children to love the Lord is a lofty goal but definitely worth it. It was when the nation of Israel failed to follow Moses' exhortation in this passage that they fell captive to other nations. Let's learn from their mistake. Let's take this mission that God has given us and do our best to prepare our young people, for the world that they will face, with God's love and the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Christian Love,
Roger Brokaw
Elder

September Birthdays & Anniversaries 1 Bill Irwin, Barb Bradburn, Darin & Shelley Wintjen; 2 Joan Halsey, Amanda Haskins, John & Lisa Pennock; 3 Dave & Ashli Freesmeyer; 5 Steve & Vickie Tharp; 7 Ruth Anne Goodin; 8 Michael Smith, Rhodora Pursley; 9 Liam Bonnett; 10 Chuck & Carolyn Barber, John & Julie Plattner, Vivian Cloninger; 11 Jamie Pennock, Billy Fitzmaurice; 12 Courtney Pennock, Levi Boren; 13 Judy Losch, Wyatt Korte; 14 Chris & Amber Apps, Brian & Angie Ruebush, Bob Clark; 15 Terry Fine, Frank Smith, Connor Sweeting; 16 Dorothy Yaeger, Elijah Mendenhall, Kay McKinney; 17 Gary Mendenhall, Hendrix Lipcaman; 18 John & Jennifer Griffith; 19 Karen Goodwin, Ryder Lipcaman; 20 Alex Tharp; 21 Rex Lothridge; 22 Bethany Dunham, June Speckhart-Quirarte; 23 Allison Plattner, Ben Freesen, Tate Kunzeman, Nathan Lothridge; 24 Loyd & Amy Casto, Amy Cox; 25 Steve Tharp; 26 Shelley Wintjen, Victoria Dain; 28 Bill & Rhonda Irwin, Mary Davis; 29 Darin Wintjen, Bill & Laura Grimsley, Darrell & Chris Sydney; 30 Ronald Halsey, Jonathan Schoenherr, Ellie Ten Eyck, Jathan Grimes.

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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

Stewardship (Offering Only)	8/18	8/25
Operational	\$6,357.37	\$8,772.11
Property Improvement	68.00	128.00
Outreach-Missionaries	270.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	3.00	53.00
Snack Pack	15.00	10.00
Jail Ministry	0.00	200.00
Youth	20.00	0.00
Children First	<u>60.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$6,818.37	\$9,358.11

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$6,357.37 \$8,772.11
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Lectionary

9/1: Jer 2:4-13; Prov 25:6-7; Heb 13:1-16; Luke 14:1-14
 9/2: Ps 58; Jer 2:23-37; Heb 13:7-21
 9/3: Ps 58; Jer 3:1-14; Titus 1:1-9
 9/4: Ps 58; Jer 3:15-25; Luke 14:15-24
 9/5: Ps 139:1-18; Jer 15:10-21; Philippians 2:25-30
 9/6: Ps 139:1-18; Jer 16:14-17:4; Colossians 4:7-17
 9/7: Ps 139:1-18; Jer 17:14-27; Matt 10:34-42
 9/8: Jer 18:1-11; Deut 30:15-20; Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33
 9/9: Ps 2; Jer 18:12-23; 1 Tim 3:14-4:5
 9/10: Ps 2; Jer 19:1-15; 1 Tim 4:6-16
 9/11: Ps 2; Jer 20:1-18; Luke 18:18-30
 9/12: Ps 14; Jer 13:20-27; 1 Tim 1:1-11
 9/13: Ps 14; Jer 4:1-10; 2 Pet 2:1-10
 9/14: Ps 14; Jer 4:13-31; John 10:11-21

Serving Schedule**September 1, 2019**

Elder: N.D. Harrison, Zack Boren

Diaconate: Burdette Irwin, Kathy Curfman, Keith Elledge, Carole Elledge, Cherise Anderson, Lainey Ten Eyck

8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart

10:30 Communion: Keith & Carole Elledge

Scripture: Cherise Anderson

10:30 Nursery: Jordyn Apps

Shut-ins: Larry & Sandy Wigington

Fellowship Treats: Edna Baughman, Sue Speckhart, Rosemary Clark, Becky Irwin

September 8, 2019

Elder: Kathy Hull, Bob Clark

Diaconate: Lauren Saxe, Faith Saxe, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson, Amy Casto, Taylor Sweeting

8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate

10:30 Communion: Ann Ferguson, Joyce Lemons

Scripture: Donnie Apps

10:30 Nursery: Ava Douglas

Shut-ins: Brad & Kathy Willman

Wishes & Wants

Needed: Karl Benjamin has a 3:00 appointment in Quincy on Tues, Oct 22, for his hearing aids and needs a ride. Appointment should take approx. 30 minutes. Contact him at 217.408.6836 if available.

Free: 1970 Encyclopedia Britannica & Jr. Britannica. Prime condition and already boxed up for you to come get! Ann Ferguson 217.285.4077.

	8/18	8/25
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	121	101
10:30 AM	<u>185</u>	<u>206</u>
Total	306	307

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	5	8
K-1st	9	11
2nd-3rd	9	6
4th-5th	11	15
Jr/Sr High	13	12
Disciples	8	9
New Beginnings	0	6
Sermon Study	8	9
Misc Adult Grps	<u>22</u>	<u>21</u>
Total	85	97