

The Pittsfield Christian

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Hangout 45
Sunday, April 28
 Immediately after 10:30 service until 1:30.
 All 4th & 5th graders are welcome!
 Weather permitting, we will walk to the Dari Ripple for lunch and a yummy treat!



PHS Student Lunch
Tues, April 30
 Crossroads Center




American Red Cross Blood Drive
Wed, May 1
 1:00 - 6:00
 Crossroads Center
 Host: CWF
 Contact Barbara Fosco if you would like to help



American Red Cross

National Day of Prayer Service
Thurs, May 2
 Noon
 Courthouse




Circle V Meeting
Thurs, May 2
 2:00
 Crossroads Center

Circle IV Meeting
Thurs, May 9
 9:30
 Cardinal Inn


Cookie Sunday!
May 5




Christian Men's Fellowship Luncheon
Sunday, May 5
 11:45 at Crossroads Center.
 Since it will be Cinco de Mayo, we will be serving smoked brisket tacos. The program will be by Sheriff David Greenwood. Sign up near the sanctuary coffee table so we have enough food prepared.



Coffee Talk
Tues, May 7
 10:00 Annex
 Stop in for conversation and coffee with Pastor Michael!



The graduation season is almost upon us! In May we will be acknowledging our 8th Grade, High School, and College graduates. Please let us know **by May 12** if you have a graduate in your family.



In mid May we will complete the June, July, August communion preparation schedule for both services. Let Rebecca know by May 17 if you are on these schedules and have weekends that you will be gone before the summer schedule is mailed.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Time	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6:00 AM							
8:00 AM							
10:00 AM							
12:00 PM							

Church Garage Sale
Sat, June 1
 More details will be announced soon!



Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp

Camp Work Day: Sat, May 18, 9:00, lunch provided. Get the grounds and buildings ready for campers.

Sunday, May 19, Noon—?, Camp Opening Fun Day, Free Carry in lunch at 1:00. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult

Sat, June 8, Day Camp K-2nd grade, \$40
Sun, June 9-14, High School 9-12th grade, \$145
Sun, June 16-21, Jr. High 6-8th grade, \$145
Sun, June 23-27, Upper Elementary 3-5th grade, \$130
Fri, June 28-29, First Chance Camp 1-2nd grade, \$25/\$55
Fri, Sept 7, Family Camp, \$100 per family

Christian Men's Fellowship will pay half the cost for our youth to attend camp.

FCC has been assigned to clean the boys dorm at the close of camp, 3:00, on **June 14, 21, 27, 29**.

We have also been asked to help in the kitchen on Tuesdays **June 6, 18, 25**. What a wonderful way to spend lunch and/or dinner with area youth! Contact Shari if you can help.

Excerpts from April 9, 2024 Board Minutes

Call to order at 6:00 PM by Moderator Brad Losch. Charlotte Dunham led the meeting in devotion on Zephaniah 3. Minutes from the March 12, 2024 meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor's Report: Ministers report was attached. Holy Week services were well attended, and we have made notes for ideas to implement next year. April goals are being addressed including spring/summer planning, deacon training, review summer property projects, walk-in cooler leak, meet with a potential contractor about education building phases.

Treasurer: Eleanor Jenkins submitted a report and presented information from the report— as of March 31: The total transfer to the building fund in March was \$19,121.83. Total Funds Available for Construction/Renovation \$1,675,257.22. Average YTD worship attendance through March 31: 270.

Trustees: Accumulated construction/renovation funds in checking/MMDA were invested in CDs with Raymond James to earn a higher interest rate. The Withus Trust Distribution was received - \$8,493.84. No applicants for the Baughman scholarship. Kathy Hull moved to approve the Trustee's Report; Eleanor Jenkins seconded, passed unanimously.

Christian Education: Report attached. Pastor Michael noted that CE staff is working to avoid volunteer burnout.

Music: Report attached. Easter services went well. The choir will conclude in April then break for the summer.

New Business: There will be a Safety Team training on May 9. Discussion of the option to purchase a subscription service through our insurance company that will allow FCC to run background checks on volunteers. David Bishop moved to use money from staffing to fund annual membership for background checks. Kathy Hull seconded; passed unanimously.

Roger Brokaw noted that FCC Pittsfield is now on the YouVersion app.
Rebecca Rhodes provided an update on the church credit card.
Elders will tithe funds to help students go on the Artemis, KY mission trip this summer.

Adjourn: Kathy Hull moved to adjourn at 6:32 pm. Spencer Boren seconded; passed unanimously.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries 1 Angie Hittner, David James, Jeremy Schoenherr; 2 Chloe Chastain; 3 Sharon Houchins; 4 Buster Mendenhall, Cassie Richmiller, Kirk & Jessica Speckhart; 5 Morgan Plattner, Cadience Roig; 6 Beryl Richards, Angie Ruebush; 7 Will Freesen; 8 Kathy Kindle; 9 Paul & Patty Ruble, Miranda Thomas, Diana Dyer; 10 Julie Lierly; 11 Vera Staffy, Katie Sidwell, Jack Palmer; 12 Corinne Pennock; 13 Randy & Marjie Guthrie; 15 Ron & Shanna Ewers; 16 Brad Losch, Luke Saxe, Maxwell Bonnett; 18 Abby Lipcaman, Lainey Ten Eyck; 20 Adrienne Ruebush; 21 Ralph Piper; 22 Zachary Boren, Benjamin Boren; 23 Mackenzie Lipcaman, Wesley Picone; 24 Jamie & Brandi Pennock, Braxton & Laura Boren, Lia Picone, Mary VanHoose; 25 Jonathan & Jennifer Schoenherr; 26 Brian Douglas; 27 Delbert Robertson; 28 Rick Curfman, Randy Guthrie; 29 Isabel Smith, Olivia Smith; 30 Skylar & Cara Knake, Luke & Erin Fesler; 31 Henry Speckhart, Archie Fesler.



Dear Church Family,

Have you ever experienced a situation where ignoring a small problem led to a much bigger crisis? Perhaps it was something as mundane as noisy brakes or your car slipping out of gear, seemingly minor at first but ultimately causing a breakdown when ignored. It's a lesson in not ignoring signs of trouble, a lesson that extends far beyond mechanical failures into the realm of our spiritual lives.

Recently, I had a similar experience with my car. I noticed the transmission slipping a bit over the past few weeks but brushed it off, thinking it would sort itself out. However, during a trip to Bloomington, the transmission completely gave out, leaving us stranded in a parking lot. It was a stark reminder that ignoring warning signs can have serious consequences.

Just as we shouldn't ignore mechanical signs of trouble in our vehicles, we must also be vigilant about recognizing and addressing spiritual signs of struggles in our lives. Consider some common signs of spiritual distress: prayerlessness, anger, unforgiveness, mockery, hopelessness, worry, and sin. These are not to be taken lightly, for they can lead to a breakdown in our relationship with God and others.

Prayerlessness is like running a car without fuel. It leaves us spiritually depleted and disconnected from God, our ultimate source of strength and guidance.

Anger, worry, and unforgiveness are like corrosive substances that eat away at our peace and joy, hindering our ability to love and serve others as Christ taught us.

Mockery and sin, whether directed at ourselves or others, reflect a lack of respect for the dignity of God's creation and can poison relationships and communities.

Just as a mechanic can diagnose and fix issues with a car before they become major problems, we have resources available to help us address spiritual struggles. Regular prayer, seeking counsel from wise mentors or pastors, practicing forgiveness and reconciliation, and cultivating a spirit of humility and gratitude are essential maintenance tools for our spiritual well-being.

Let's not wait for a breakdown to take action. Let's heed the signs of trouble in both our physical and spiritual lives, seeking help and making necessary changes before small problems escalate into crises. May we be attentive to the whispers of warning and responsive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, ensuring that our journey of faith is smooth and steadfast.

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, Facilities Assistant

Office Hours: M-TH 8:00am-3:30pm; F 8:00am-Noon

Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

PRAYER CONCERNS: Tereasa Apps, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Carole Elledge, Sue Evans, Joan Halsey, Stacey Helms, Larry Howard, Jim Kallal, Marilyn Losch, Chris Phipps, Sharon Rahe, Cherie Wagoner, Search for Associate or Youth Minister, Raeligh Bess (Nanette Bess' granddaughter), Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Kim Curry (Alicia Tate's father), Bradyn Jensen (Leecia Carnes Family), Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister), Marcia Schimpf (Kacie Lipcaman's cousin), Rusty Sealock (Jean Sanderson's son-in-law), Aerianna Spangler (Kayla Boren's niece), Journee Vinyard (Kim Bauer's family), Steve Young (Friend of Bev White)

Serving Schedule:

April 28: Elders: Roger Brokaw, Kathy Hull
 8:00 Prep: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
 10:30 Prep: Rokettia Brokaw, Rosi Picone, Joyce Harrison
 Children's Church: Katie McDevitt, etc.
 Youth Group Meal Team: Betty Hayden, Renna Walters, Ruth Bennett

May 5: Elders: David Bishop, Steve Tharp
 8:00 Prep: Michael & Jessi Smith
 10:30 Prep: TBA
 Children's Church: Libby Boren, Ali Curless
 Youth Group Meal Team: Kathy Hull, Kim Bauer
 Fellowship Treats: Carolyn Capps, Sandy Wigington, Bethany Dunham, Kathy Lehr

Stewardship (Offering Only) 4/8-14	4/15-21
Operational \$7,912.35	\$14,523.28
Property Improvement 110.00	40.00
Outreach-Missionaries 40.00	40.00
DHF 30.00	30.00
DHF-Ukraine 0.00	100.00
Construction/Renovation 239.91	119.91
Youth 50.00	150.00
Unmet Needs 0.00	200.00
Fellowship of Christian Athletes 0.00	50.00
Outreach-General <u>205.00</u>	<u>225.00</u>
Total \$8,587.26	\$15,478.19

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.
90.9 FM while parked next to the church building.

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$7,912.35 \$14,623.28
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$10,433

Wishes & Wants

Free: McKesson Compressor Nebulizer System machine.
 Barbara Fosco 217.285.2608.

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 secured on the sanctuary mantels.

Lectionary

4/28: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8
4/29: Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1-7; Galatians 5:16-26
4/30: Psalm 80; Isaiah 32:9-20; James 3:17-18
5/1: Psalm 80; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:18-31
5/2: Psalm 98; Isaiah 49:5-6; Acts 10:1-34
5/3: Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5-9; Acts 10:34-43
5/4: Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Mark 10:42-45
5/5: Acts 10:44-48; Ps 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
5/6: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 7:1-11; 1 Timothy 6:11-12
5/7: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:1-17; 1 Timothy 6:13-16
5/8: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Mark 16:19-20
5/9: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
5/10: Psalm 47; Exodus 24:15-18; Revelation 1:9-18
5/11: Psalm 47; Deuteronomy 34:1-7; John 16:4-11

FCC has a presence on the YouVersion Bible app. Check it out!

Pastor Michael will be out of the office April 23-25. Contact your elder or the office if you have a need during those days.

Worship Service	4/14	4/21
8:00	107	72
10:30	<u>161</u>	<u>169</u>
Total	268	241

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	8	11
K-2nd	13	10
3rd-5th	11	18
Jr/Sr High	12	12
Disciples	15	14
Sermon Study	10	10
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>
Total	78	88