

# The Pittsfield Christian

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We will recognize the 8th Grade, High School, and College Graduates in our church family on May 19. Gifts will be available in the back of the sanctuary. Congratulations all graduates on your accomplishments!

Contact Pastor Michael if you are interested in being baptized. We will have baptisms on May 26.



Interested in joining a new small group Bible Study? Contact the office or Pastor Michael.



The Choir will sing on Sunday, May 26.



Elder Meeting, Tues, May 28, 6:00.

Sunday, May 26, will be the last day for Children's Church until fall. Our volunteers are fabulous and we want to give them time to refresh before the fall session begins.



There will not be a Hangout45 in May but watch announcements for something fun in June!

CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) will host an Indoor Sale, Saturday, June 1, 8:00 - 1:00 at Crossroads Center. The sale will feature a collection of jewelry belonging to our dear, late, Becky Irwin, donated by her family, along with all of the household goodies, yard supplies, kitchen wares, clothing and some furniture, all given by our generous congregation!



Items may be dropped off beginning Wednesday, May 29 through Friday, May 31 from 8:00 - 6:00. Please do not bring TV/stereo/printer/computer-type devices, no mattresses, no large appliances.

Household/outdoor furniture pieces that are sizable or numerous can be sold through photos. Contact Kathy Curfman with questions. 217-248-5214

Youth Group Schedule: May 19 – 6:00 meeting. May 26 – no meeting.

Starting June 5, Youth Group will switch back to Wednesday evenings. We will still eat at 6:00. Due to busy summer schedules, I am going to list dates we need meals and if that night works for you please comment on the kids@fcc Facebook page and I will put you on the calendar. We have had great meals this spring and we are so appreciative of the love our Church has shown! Dates available June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10, 24, 31. Light and easy foods are great for summer! Thank you! -Renna Walters 931.217.6842.



Thank you everyone who recently helped serve lunch to the PHS students! We fed approximately 70 and look forward to continuing this service to the students!

*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you all so much for the cards, food, calls, visits, and for prayers after my knee surgery. So thankful to David Bishop for his prayerful visit to the hospital. Feeling so blessed!*  
*-Carole Elledge.*



### **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

See the camp website for detailed camp dates and to register.  
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.

## Elder Corner

FCC Family -

May means Mother's Day. I am blessed to be the mom to four amazing grown-ups, 3 bonus kids by marriage and 3.5 grandbabies. I was also blessed with a strong and faith filled Momma. I know not everyone has this feeling or relationship with their parents or children, but I am incredibly fortunate to have both. Being a mom and grandma is one of the largest joys of my life. But it isn't all sunshine and roses, sometimes being a mom is painful.

When I saw the movie *The Passion of the Christ*, I was so moved by the portrayal of Mary the mother of Jesus. There is a scene when Jesus is carrying the cross and falls on the road. The movie shows a flashback to Jesus' childhood where He is running and falls and skins his knee. Most of us have experienced this – either as a child or a parent. We can feel the pain from memory. And we can feel the relief of being scooped up in the arms of our parent and feel the comfort that comes from their hand. This was a moment in that movie that I felt so moved. Moved by the love of a mother for her child and moved by the love of a Heavenly Father would take such extravagant measures to save not only his own mother, but the whole of eternity. And me.

God our Father wants so much to hold us. He wants to carry us, pick us up when we fall...like any good parent would. When King David feels alone, he laments in Psalm 22:1 that God had abandoned him. This is the same Psalm that Jesus quotes from the cross. Later in Psalm 22:19, David corrects his earlier thinking and states "But you, Lord, do not be far from me. You are my strength; come quickly to help me." Psalm 23 follows – perhaps the most well-known of the psalms of David – where he calls the Lord our shepherd.

If you know sheep, you know being called a sheep isn't a compliment. A shepherd needs to keep the sheep from doing things that get them into trouble or harm them, guards them from predators because they have no ability to defend themselves, cares for them if they get hurt and makes them move to places where they can get food and water. Wait, the sheep does sound like me. God must continually defend me, keep me from harm and take me to greener pastures (even when I am really comfortable in the brown, dead pasture I am in). Yeah, my mom was pretty good at those things too.

Take some time this month to thank the people who have helped shape you, defended you, fed you, helped you when you fell, picked you up when you skinned your knee – or worse. It might be your mom, an aunt, grandmother, or friend. Your person may already be a resident of heaven. Regardless, you can thank God for that person and for the provision and guidance they gave. If they're still here, make sure they know how much you appreciate them and all they've done.

My momma has been in heaven for 2 years. There are a lot of days that I think of her and wish I could have conversation about something. And sometimes we do. I believe that she knew how much she was loved and appreciated. I have thanked God many times. This month, I will thank Him again. I hope you will take some time to do the same.

In loving service,

Kathy Hull

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**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, Donnie Houchins, Larry Howard, Jim Kallal, Marilyn Losch, Sharon Rahe, Cherie Wagoner, Sandy Wigington, Search for Associate or Youth Minister, Raeligh Bess (Nanette Bess' granddaughter), Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), 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:**

May 19: Elders: Brad Willman, Bob Clark  
 8:00 Prep: Dan & Sue Speckhart  
 10:30 Prep: Jason & Erica Thomas  
 Children's Church: Kay Sealock, Mike & Julie Boren  
 Youth Group Meal Team: Rob & Rebecca Seybold, Tara Braungardt  
 May 26: Elders: Kathy Hull, Charlotte Dunham  
 8:00 Prep: Debbie Robinson, TBA  
 10:30 Prep: Larry & Sandy Wigington  
 Children's Church: Katie McDevitt, etc.

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b>4/29-5/5</b>	<b>5/6-12</b>
Operational	\$11,426.97	\$9,090.40
Property Improvement	10.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	410.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
DHF-Ukraine	50.00	50.00
Construction/Renovation	5,244.91	0.00
Youth	120.00	100.00
Outreach-General	<u>225.00</u>	<u>205.00</u>
Total	\$17,516.88	\$9,525.40

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

Received Last 7 Days \$11,426.97 \$9,810.40  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$10,433

**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.

**Wishes & Wants**

**Free:** Computer desk. Vera Staffy 217.491.0903.

**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**

**5/19:** Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:24-35; Rom 8:22-27; John 15:26-16:15  
**5/20:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
**5/21:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Gen 11:1-9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27  
**5/22:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-23  
**5/23:** Psalm 29; Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20; Romans 8:1-8  
**5/24:** Psalm 29; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 8:9-11  
**5/25:** Psalm 29; Isaiah 5:15-24; John 15:18-20, 26-27  
**5/26:** Isa 6:1-8; Rom 8:12-17; John 3:1-17  
**5/27:** Psalm 20; Numbers 9:15-23; Revelation 4:1-8  
**5/28:** Psalm 20; Exodus 25:1-22; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10  
**5/29:** Psalm 20; Numbers 6:22-27; Mark 4:21-25  
**5/30:** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Samuel 1:1-18; Acts 25:1-12  
**5/31:** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Samuel 1:19-27; Romans 8:31-39  
**6/1:** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; John 7:19-24

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

<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>5/12</b>
8:00	76	75
10:30	<u>154</u>	<u>187</u>
Total	230	262

**Christian Education**

Age 3-PK	11	10
K-2nd	8	6
3rd-5th	9	10
Jr/Sr High	12	19
Disciples	16	13
Sermon Study	10	13
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
Total	78	80