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<p><u>Vacation Bible School</u> Mon-Wed, July 15-17, 6:00-8:00 Doors will be unlocked at 6:00. Going into Kindergarten through just finished 5th grade.</p> <p>Kickoff Celebration on Sunday, July 14 after worship service - Meal, Games.</p> <p>Family Meal will be served on only Sunday and Wednesday.</p> <p>Contact Kacie or Kayla if you would like to volunteer help!</p>	<p>Elder Meeting, Tues, June 25, 6:00.</p> <hr/> <p>We want to thank everyone who donated items, shopped, or helped at the recent garage sale! Receipts were over \$2,000.</p> <hr/> <p>We want to thank the volunteers who helped in any way with the recent Willa Schambach funeral luncheon. Your time and service is always greatly appreciated! -CWF Bereavement Ministry</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp</p> <p>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.</p>
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Dear Church Family,

The backdrop of the story of King David and Bathsheba is found in 2 Samuel 11 and 12. When examining Psalm 51 in this context we see a powerful narrative of repentance and redemption. King David, a man after God's own heart, fell into grave sin when he ceased to function within God's calling on his life. He did not go to war during the time when kings typically went to battle. In a way, this act of staying behind can be viewed as a sin of omission—failing to walk in the kingly office God had called him. This lapse led to a series of tragic events, culminating in adultery and murder.

Psalm 51 is David's heartfelt prayer of repentance after the prophet Nathan confronted him about his sins. David's plea, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10), resonates with anyone who has ever felt the weight of their wrongdoing. His cry for mercy and cleansing highlights the transformative power of genuine repentance.

For us, as followers of Christ, the story of David is a sobering reminder of our calling. Through the blood of Jesus, we are made kings and priests to our God (Revelation 1:6). This royal priesthood comes with a divine mandate to love God with all our heart, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:30-31). When we fully commit to walking in this calling, we align ourselves with God's purpose and protection, thus avoiding many of the temptations that might otherwise trip us up.

Just to be clear, we will still face temptation, but as the saying goes, "an idle mind is the Devil's playground." Giving ourselves full to God's purpose may in fact keep us from many of the temptations that we encounter.

Just like David, we can fall into sins of omission—failing to do what God has called us to do... live and love as God has called us. This can be as simple as neglecting our prayer life, ignoring opportunities to serve, or withholding forgiveness. These omissions can lead us down a path that opens the door to temptations of greater sin and separation from God.

Psalm 51 teaches us that no matter how far we have strayed, God's mercy is always available. It calls us to examine our hearts and repent not only for our sins of commission—those wrongful acts we have done—but also for our sins of omission.

Today, let us take a moment to reflect and repent. Have we neglected our spiritual duties or spiritual formation? Have we hardened our hearts towards God's commands? Let us invite the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where we have fallen short and seek God's forgiveness. As we turn back to Him with a contrite heart, we can experience the joy of His salvation and the renewal of our spirits.

Loving you all,
 Michael

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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, Karl Benjamin, John & Jane Calaway, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Edith Gant, Joan Halsey, Stacey Helms, Larry Howard, Jim Kallal, Sharon Rahe, Tom Robinson
 Search for Associate or Youth Minister,
 Abby Walters Bean (Jeff/Renna Walters' daughter),
 Raeligh Bess (Nanette Bess' granddaughter),
 Karen Birch (John Birch's sister),
 Susan Fields (Joyce Lemons' sister-in-law),
 Bob Gleckler (Friend of Barber family),
 Bradyn Jensen (Leecia Carnes Family),
 Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister),
 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)
With Sympathy: Ralph Kindle (Kathy Kindle's brother-in-law)
Willa Schambach (Mary Gates' sister)

Stewardship (Offering Only) 5/27-6/2	6/3-9
Operational \$10,838.59	\$8,444.34
Property Improvement 10.00	80.00
Outreach-Missionaries 280.00	130.24
DHF 30.00	30.00
DHF-Ukraine 50.00	50.00
Construction/Renovation 214.91	300.91
Youth 300.00	100.00
Outreach-General 5.00	255.00
Total \$11,728.50	\$9,390.49

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$10,838.59 \$9,044.34
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$10,433

Wishes & Wants
 Kathy Lehr has seedlings needing a home which include various peppers, tomato, and basil. 217.370.9791

Lectionary
6/16: 1 Sam 15:34-16:13; Ezek 17:22-24; 2Cor 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34
6/17: Psalm 53; 1 Samuel 13:23-14:23; Galatians 6:11-18
6/18: Psalm 53; 1 Samuel 15:10-23; Revelation 21:22-22:5
6/19: Psalm 53; 1 Samuel 15:24-31; Luke 6:43-45
6/20: Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 16:14-23; Acts 20:1-16
6/21: Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5; Acts 21:1-16
6/22: Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 18:1-4; Luke 21:25-28
6/23: 1 Sam 17:1-23; Job 38:1-11; 2 Cor 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
6/24: Psalm 119:113-128; 1 Samuel 18:6-30; Acts 27:13-38
6/25: Psalm 119:113-128; 1 Samuel 19:1-7; Acts 27:39-44
6/26: Psalm 119:113-128; 1 Samuel 19:8-17; Mark 6:45-52
6/27: Psalm 130; 1 Samuel 19:18-24; 2 Corinthians 7:2-16
6/28: Psalm 130; 1 Samuel 20:1-25; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
6/29: Psalm 130; 1 Samuel 20:27-42; Luke 4:31-37

Serving Schedule:
 June 16: Elders: Wayne Chamberlain, Kathy Hull
 8:00 Prep: Steve & Vickie Tharp
 10:30 Prep: Barbara Fosco, Shari Clark, Scott Bacon, Dave Bryant
 June 23: Elders: Charlotte Dunham, N.D. Harrison
 8:00 Prep: Michael & Jessi Smith
 10:30 Prep: Larry & Sandy Wigington
 Justin & Amber Poor

The BJ Leonard family has made a video regarding the water project they recently did in Kenya. Check it out at this site
<https://vimeo.com/952435077?share=copy>

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.

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.

FCC has a presence on the YouVersion Bible app. Check it out!	Worship Service 6/2		6/9
	8:00	96	80
The June, July, August edition of Our Daily Bread devotional can be found on the sanctuary mantels.	10:30	<u>119</u>	<u>183</u>
	Total	215	263
Interested in joining a new small group Bible Study? Contact the office or Pastor Michael.	Christian Education		
	Age 3-PK	7	8
	K-2nd	4	8
	3rd-5th	0	9
	Jr/Sr High	0	0
	Disciples	13	15
	Sermon Study	8	11
	C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>
	Total	43	61