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<p><u>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Mon-Wed, July 15-17, 6:00-8:00 Doors will be unlocked at 6:00. <u>Going into Kindergarten through going into 5th grade (updated info).</u></p> <p>Kickoff Celebration on Sunday, July 14 after worship service - Meal, Games. Registration will begin that day. The meal line will close at 12:30.</p> <p>Family Meal will be served on only Sunday after worship service and Wednesday at 5:15.</p> <p>Parents are asked to supervise their children until the gym is open at 6:00 each day.</p> <p>Contact Kacie or Kayla if you would like to volunteer help!</p> <p>Anyone who wants to volunteer for VBS or has been contacted, please meet at Crossroads Center at 9:00 on Sunday, June 30.</p>	<p>!!!IMPORTANT!!!</p> <p>Our youth Sunday School teachers are very gracious, volunteering their time each week at 9:15. Due to vacation travel plans and the need to give them time to refresh and reset before fall is upon us, we will not have youth Sunday School classes during the 4 Sundays in July. The Nursery will still be staffed on Sunday mornings starting with the 8:00 worship service and continuing until the conclusion of 10:30 service.</p> <p><u>Youth Group Schedule</u> Sunday, July 7: 7:00pm at Caleb & Niki Dixon Home. Backyard movie night & dinner. Sunday, July 21: Raging Rivers. Sunday, August 4: Worship Night.</p> <p>June 30 will be Rollback Sunday with songs from the hymnal.</p> <p>Coffee Talk, Tues, July 2, 10:00 at Annex.</p> <p>Board Meeting, Tues, July 9, 6:00. Packets will be ready July 7.</p> <p>Circle IV, Thurs, July 11, 9:30 at Cardinal Inn.</p> <p>The Prayer Chain is a group of people committed to praying for an individual or situation. The office receives notification that has been approved by the subject of the call. The first person in each subgroup is then notified of the prayer request then expected to call the next person in their chain/group. If you feel this is something that you would like to participate in then please give Rebecca a call by July 5 and we will add you to a group.</p>
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Vacation Bible School



<p>Rick and Kathy Curfman cordially invite you to their 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, June 30, from 2-5:00 at Hopewell Winery in Summer Hill. Hope to be outside, so dress accordingly and join them for some good music, snacks, and sharing precious memories!</p>	<p><i>Thank you for the prayers that I felt during my recent hospital stay. I am pleased with my current recovery. -Carolyn Barber.</i></p>
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Excerpts from June 11, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 6:01 PM by Moderator Brad Losch. Spencer Boren led the meeting in a devotion and prayer. Minutes from the May 14, 2024 meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor's Report: Ministers report was attached and discussed.

Treasurer: Eleanor Jenkins submitted a report and Rebecca Rhodes presented information from the report– as of May 31, 2024: The total transfer to the building fund in May was \$12,794.91. Total Funds Available for Construction/Renovation \$1,708,164.80. YTD Receipts \$229,129.63; YTD Budgeted \$219,089. Average worship attendance through May 31: 264. David Bishop moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Steve Tharp seconded. Passed unanimously.

Christian Education: Michael Ten Eyck reported on behalf of Kacie Lipcaman. Youth group attendance is low in summer, so they will be having smaller meetings at various locations this summer. There is the possibility of pausing kids' Sunday School for the month of July to give volunteers a break.

Music: Kayla Boren reported that she and several members of the youth band had a good mission trip to Kentucky.

Building Team: Jacques Reynolds of Architechnics submitted a written proposal for \$30,000 for architectural drawings, permitting, and pre-planning for future expansion of the new building. Mike Black might serve as project manager, Architechnics will provide sub-bid sheets. Building committee will do the subcontracting. This project is estimated at 3,200 square feet, with an approximate cost around \$200-250/ sq. ft. N.D Harrison moved to submit the executed architect agreement, as outlined in the written proposal. Brad Willman seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. A proposal will be presented to the congregation once we have a floor plan drawing.

Old Business: Michael Ten Eyck stated that the open youth/associate minister has been re-posted.

New Business:

Safety Policy Update: Copies of the updated safety policy were distributed prior to the meeting. David Bishop gave a brief summary. Spencer Boren moved to accept the new policy; Steve Tharp seconded, and motion carried.

FCA Donation: N.D. and Michael highlighted the May Elder discussion regarding allocating 10% of the first quarter 2024 interest earnings on construction funds towards local Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting expenses. Kathy Hull excused herself from the discussion. The accounting will be in the church books.

David Bishop moved to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Michael seconded; passed unanimously. Michael Ten Eyck closed the meeting in prayer.

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES 2 Michelle Gates, Bev White, Melba Foster; 4 Jimmy Dain, Stacey Helms, Brooks Richmiller, Jim Stark; 5 John & Ashlyn Havens; 6 Sue Speckhart, Charlie Hull, Myrtle Tharp; 8 Cherise Sheurman, Michelle Hart; 9 Mike Boren, N.D. Harrison II, Carmen Long, Kayla Boren, Izack Haskins; 10 Keith & Carole Elledge, Preston Dunham; 11 Charlie Quirarte; 12 Marjorie Lamb, Shelby Bauer, Elyren Fitzmaurice; 14 Corey Tharp, Jeremy & Alicia Tate, Luella Boren; 15 Julie Boren; 16 Marie Awbrey; 17 John Pennock, Lauren Saxe, Sydney Bauer, Marilyn Losch; 18 Bill & Helen Earls, Bexley Fesler; 20 Austin Fine, Stan Moss; 24 Jim Dain; 25 Evan Darnell; 26 Greg & Kim Bonnett; 27 Chris Phipps, Kevin Wombles; 28 Amber Poor, Kathy Hull, Kayla & Spencer Boren, Carol Schwartze, Dana & Judy Ferguson; 29 Carolyn Capps; 30 Evan Lipcaman, CJ & Danielle Hayes, Caleb Wombles, Theodore Simmons; 31 Rorie Dunham, Richard & Rebecca Rhodes.



Elder Corner

Kayla and I had our first child, Seth, in November 2014. Then we had Emmett the next year, and a few years later, we had our daughter Lena. Ever since our kids were little, we heard every cliché in the book from people about how fast the time would go. Comments such as “They grow up so fast”, or “Don’t blink or you’ll miss it!” Or maybe we were at a high school graduation and someone would say, “Pretty soon that will be your kids graduating!”

But the thing is, just because something is a cliché, doesn’t mean it’s not true. Because man, it has gone fast, and they are growing up too quickly! Lena is starting Kindergarten in August, and the days of diapers, baby food, and daycare are long behind us now. In thinking about how fast time goes, I was reminded of James 4:14, which reads, Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

It’s a familiar verse that reminds us of the brevity of life, but I also realized that I didn’t really know the context of the verse (and maybe you don’t either!). So here is the whole passage:

13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— 14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. 15 Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. (James 4:13-17)

The passage is directed towards businessmen, and verse 13 seems like sound advice: Planning, taking time, making wise financial decisions. However, the crucial difference between verse 13 and verse 15 is the “If the Lord wills” phrase. It is the difference between whether we are truly living for God or are we living for our own selfish desires. Because if God is not in their decision-making process, then it is all just arrogant boasting.

Is God reflected in all of the decisions that we make, in all of our relationships, and in the ways we interact with others? We are only here on Earth for a limited time. Do we have an eternal mindset? Are we focusing on what matters?

This idea reminded me of the Tim McGraw song, “Live Like You Were Dying”. This 2004 country hit (2004? How is this song 20 years old?) tells the story of a man who is diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. Then the man’s perspective on life really changes, and he begins to focus on living life to the fullest, and doing fun or important things that he had been putting off.

While the catchy chorus mentions activities like skydiving and bull riding, the song also mentions things like being a better husband and friend, reading the Bible, and offering forgiveness to others. The last line of the chorus is, “Someday I hope you get the chance, to live like you were dying”.

While we sometimes shy away from talking about death, it is important to remember that the days are not promised, and “you do not know what a day may bring” (Proverbs 27:1). Life is short. But eternity is not. We all need to focus on what matters. What has God put on your heart to do? What person is God wanting you to talk to?

The old clichés are real: Life does go by so fast, and my kids are getting too big too quickly, and it does seem like I have just blinked and almost 10 years have gone by. In Matthew 24, Jesus talks about the Son of Man returning, and says in verse 44, Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Are we ready? Does the way we are living our lives right now show that we are ready?

In Christian Love,

Spencer Boren, Elder

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PRAYER CONCERNS: Tereasa Apps, Karl Benjamin, Ruth Bennett, John & Jane Calaway, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Edith Gant, Joan Halsey, Vince Havens, Stacey Helms, Eleanor Jenkins, 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), Gretchen Hoaglin (Frank/Elaine Hoaglin's daughter-in-law), 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)

Stewardship (Offering Only) 6/10-16	6/17-23
Operational \$7,907.72	\$5,607.22
Property Improvement 10.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries 40.00	80.00
DHF 30.00	30.00
DHF-Ukraine 0.00	50.00
Construction/Renovation 199.91	189.91
Youth 0.00	345.00
Unmet Needs 0.00	250.00
Outreach-General <u>5.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
Total \$8,192.63	\$6,567.13

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$7,907.72 \$5,607.22
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$10,433

Wishes & Wants
 None at this time.

Lectionary
6/30: 2 Sam 1:17-27; Solo 1:13-15; 2 Cor 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
7/1: Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50; 1 Samuel 23:14-18; 2 Cor 8:16-24
7/2: Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50; 1 Samuel 31:1-13; 2 Cor 9:1-5
7/3: Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50; 1 Chronicles 10:1-14; Mark 9:14-29
7/4: Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 4:8-13
7/5: Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 3:1-12; 2 Corinthians 10:7-11
7/6: Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 3:31-38; Matthew 8:18-22
7/7: 2 Sam 5:1-10; Ezek 2:1-5; 2 Cor 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
7/8: Psalm 21; 2 Samuel 5:1-10; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33
7/9: Psalm 21; 2 Samuel 5:11-16; James 5:7-12
7/10: Psalm 21; 2 Samuel 5:17-25; John 7:1-9
7/11: Psalm 24; Exodus 25:10-22; Colossians 2:1-5
7/12: Psalm 24; Exodus 37:1-16; Colossians 4:2-18
7/13: Psalm 24; Numbers 10:11-36; Luke 1:57-80

Serving Schedule:
 June 30: Elders: Bob Clark, Spencer Boren
 8:00 Prep: Greg & Kim Bonnett
 10:30 Prep: Rokettia Brokaw, Rosi Picone, Joyce Harrison
 July 7: Elders: Roger Brokaw, Steve Tharp
 8:00 Prep: Dan & Sue Speckhart
 10:30 Prep: Jeremy & Alicia Tate
 Fellowship Treats: Sonya Bishop, Jordan Lamb
 Judy Ferguson, Julie Dehart

Ways To Watch/Listen
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YouTube - Search First Christian Church of Pittsfield and subscribe.
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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 6/16	6/23
	8:00	96
	10:30	<u>171</u>
	Total	267

The June, July, August edition of Our Daily Bread devotional can be found on the sanctuary mantels.	Christian Education	
	Age 3-PK	8
	K-2nd	11
	3rd-5th	13
	Jr/Sr High	0
	Disciples	11
	Sermon Study	6
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>12</u>	
	Total	61