

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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**Hangout 45**, Sunday, **Jan 19**, after 10:30 service.

**Choir Practice**, Wed, **Jan 22**, 6:30.

**Christian Men's Fellowship Luncheon Meeting**, Sunday, **Jan 26**, Crossroads Center after 10:30 service. Don Kirk will give a program on Faith and Finances, talking about his own experiences walking faithfully through the ups and downs of personal finance. Sign up near the coffee table or contact the office if you plan to attend so we have enough food prepared. All men in the church family are invited!

**Elder Meeting**, Tues, **Jan 28**, 6:00.

**Congregational Meeting**, Sunday, **Feb 2**, immediately after 10:30 service. Agenda includes 2024 review and building update.

**Valentine's Day Dinner Party, Feb 16, 5:00.**

Youth Fundraiser! The cost is \$20 per plate. Your ticket will include a delicious meal of marinated pork chops, green beans, salad, baked potato, rolls, and desserts!

Entertainment throughout the evening! The best servers around will wait on you, and you can even tip them if they are up to par (The youth).

This fundraiser is an event that brings us all together to fellowship, have fun, and allows the students the opportunity to serve those who support them all year! The dinner will be held in Crossroads Center. There will be no carry out dinners. You won't want to miss out on this lovely dinner experience.

Contact the office or Christian Ed Coordinator Niki Dixon to purchase your tickets. Seating placement will not be assigned.

*We want to thank Pastor Michael and our church family for prayers and concern during the passing of Sharron. We also want to thank the CWF ladies for providing the wonderful meal after the service.*

*In Christian Love,  
The Sharron Houchins Family*

Volunteers are needed for a **workday** at the church building to remove walls in the office area in preparation for the remodel. Contact Brad Losch if interested.

Parents: Be sure to watch the Kids@FCC Facebook page for the latest news and events!

The **Thursday noon study** has resumed at Crossroads Center.

The **walking track** at Crossroads Center is open to the public Mon-Thurs, 8-10 a.m. There will be an attendant in the gym office during that time.

**Giving records** for 2024 will automatically be mailed prior to Feb 1 to those who have requested them in prior years.

The 2025 designated offering envelopes can be found near the coffee table. Let Rebecca know if you would like to start using your own box for 2025.

## Expanding Our Relationships: Jesus, Individuals, and Our Church

By the time the ink dries and you get this Newsletter, most of us will have stopped putting 2024 in the date line for checks and other mail. It is likely that we will have experienced the coldest low temperature for 2025, and we will have logged two snow events for the new year. Some of you have had the first declared "Virtual Cookie Sunday" ever at FCC, and others will have experienced the only month with two actual "Cookie Sundays" in a row. With all the events, activities, and busyness already going on in 2025, I want to remind each member of the opportunities for continued growth that are available. To be clear, it is not works that get us to Heaven, but fellowship and accountability to our Savior, other people and our Church improve relationships and please our God.

From our organizational documents, "First Christian Church of Pittsfield is a Bible-based fellowship called to **reach** the lost and hurting, **teach** and disciple believers to apply God's word in their lives, and **empower** them to be Spirit-filled and led believers who are faithfully serving in their unique calling to ministry." This proclamation supports the message taught by Jesus in Mathew 25. When "the King" returns to separate the sheep from the goats he will make the statement, "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did it also to me." With that lesson in mind, I want to highlight the principal ministry pillars that are recognized by FCC leadership. I will emphasize the appointed Elder for 2025 who serves in addition to the Executive Committee, Pastor and staff, the Church Board, Deacons, and standing and appointed church committees.

**Administration:** Church Board and Staff caring for Property, Crossroads Schedules and use, and Community Outreach (Bob Clark)

**Public Relations:** Message broadcasts, Website, Greeters, Ushers, Mailings and Coffee host (Roger Brokaw)

**Fellowship:** CMF, CWF, Funeral Meals, Special Events, Kitchen Crew, Family Meals, Cookie Sunday (Charlotte Dunham)

**Christian Education:** Sunday School, Youth Ministries, VBS, Connection Groups, Leadership Training, MVCSC, Bible Studies (Wayne Chamberlain)

**Worship and Intercession:** Vesper Choir, Music Teams, Cantata, Stage Crews and Decorating, Drama, Alter Prayer (Matt Saxe)

**Evangelism, Missions, and Outreach:** Missionaries, Unmet Needs, Local Outreach, Adopt-a-family, Shoebox, and Disaster Ministries (Alicia Tate)

**Stewardship:** Annual Budgets, Giving, Trustees, Fundraising, Investments, Insurance, Memorials, Scholarships (Zack Boren)

**Shepherding:** Counseling, Card care, Communion to Shut-ins, College Contacts, Meals for Health and Recovery, Pastoral Care, Baby Dedications (David Bishop)

**Long-Range Planning:** Research and Development, Future Plans and Strategies, Projects and Facilities Development (Steve Tharp)

All of the Elders recognize the leaders of standing and appointed committees and those who actively support the long list of essential activities. The upcoming Annual Report will include a synopsis of each committee and the names of contacts. Each of us welcome your inputs and participation as much as possible.

Respectfully Submitted:

David Bishop  
Elder

**First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois**

Church Building: 225 N. Memorial Street  
 Crossroads Center: 125 W. Jefferson Street  
 Offices: 115 W. Jefferson Street  
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 E-mail: info@fccpittsfield.org

**Staff:**

Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor  
 Niki Dixon, Christian Education  
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary  
 Grace Henthorn, Custodian  
 Bob Clark, Audio/Video/Maintenance  
 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:** Carolyn Casteel, Craig Collver, Richard Decker, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Roger Dunham, Sue Evans, Joan Halsey, Jeanne Howard, Bill Jenkins, Jim Kallal, Sharon Rahe, Tom Robinson, Rusty & Jeana Sealock, Howard Staffy, Larry Wigington, Linda Armstrong (Carol Schwartze's sister), Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Dugan Graham (Friend of Barber family), Dennie Hull (Jack Hull's brother), Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister), Earl Phillips (Eleanor Jenkins' family), Steve Young (Friend of Bev White)  
*With Sympathy: Melba Foster*

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b>12/30-1/5</b>	<b>1/6-12</b>
Operational	\$7,241.51	\$7,825.93
Property Improvement	10.00	10.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	5,278.01	239.91
Unmet Needs	0.00	200.00
Youth Group	100.00	0.00
Outreach-General	<u>5.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,704.52</b>	<b>\$8,370.84</b>

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

Received Last 7 Days \$7,241.51 \$8,275.93  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$10,568

**Serving Schedule:**

Jan 19: Elders: Roger Brokaw, Charlotte Dunham  
 8:00 Communion: Brad & Kathy Willman  
 10:30 Communion: Larry & Sandy Wigington  
 Children's Church: Kay Sealock, Mike & Julie Boren  
  
 Jan 26: Elders: Wayne Chamberlain, Zachary Boren  
 8:00 Communion: Greg & Kim Bonnett  
 10:30 Communion: Gary & Noah Mendenhall  
 Children's Church: Grace Henthorn, Katie McDevitt

**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.

The collection boxes for greeting card fronts and reading glasses are at the annex.

The December, January, February edition of **Our Daily Bread** devotional can be found on the sanctuary mantels.

**Lectionary**

**1/19:** Isa 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10; 1 Cor 12:1-11; John 2:1-11  
**1/20:** Psalm 145; Isaiah 54:1-8; Romans 12:9-21  
**1/21:** Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-17  
**1/22:** Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:9-5:1; Luke 5:33-39  
**1/23:** Psalm 19; Isaiah 61:1-7; Romans 7:1-6  
**1/24:** Psalm 19; Nehemiah 2:1-10; Romans 12:1-8  
**1/25:** Psalm 19; Nehemiah 5:1-13; Luke 2:39-52  
**1/26:** Neh 8:1-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21  
**1/27:** Psalm 119:89-96; Jer 36:1-10; 1 Corinthians 14:1-12  
**1/28:** Psalm 119:89-96; Jer 36:11-26; 2 Corinthians 7:2-12  
**1/29:** Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:27-32; Luke 4:38-44  
**1/30:** Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 34:1-7; Acts 10:44-48  
**1/31:** Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 35:20-27; Acts 19:1-10  
**2/1:** Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21; John 1:43-51

**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!

**Wishes & Wants**

None at this time.

	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>1/5</b>	<b>1/12</b>
8:00		41	106
10:30		<u>X</u>	<u>167</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>273</b>
	<b>Christian Education</b>		
Youth	X		48
Disciples	X		11
Sermon Study	X		10
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>X</u>		<u>9</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>78</b>