


The Pittsfield Christian

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<p>Cookie Sunday! March 2</p>	<p>Coffee Talk Tues, March 4 10:00 @ annex Stop by for conversation with Pastor Michael while enjoying a hot cup of coffee!</p>	<p>Circle V Meeting Thurs, March 6 2:00 Crossroads Center</p>
<p>Board Meeting Tues, March 11 6:00 Packets will be ready March 9</p>	<p>Circle IV Meeting Thurs, March 13 9:30 Cardinal Inn</p>	<p>The 2025 camp dates are now posted on the Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp website. Check it out!</p>
		<p>CMF is inviting all men in the church family to sign up near the coffee table for the Iron Sharpens Iron event! The registration for all high school boys will be paid for by CMF. See the website https://rpmfm.org/springfield/ for more details or contact Zachary Boren.</p>
<p>Disciple Heritage Fellowship National Conference May 7-8 First Christian Church of Decatur To register and for more details visit discipleheritage.org/conference Registration includes 2 day conference admission and 3 meals.</p>		<p>Vacation Bible School July 13-16</p>
<p><i>We want to thank the many volunteers who donated time and food to the funeral dinner for the family of Roger Dunham. We are very grateful for your support.</i> -CWF Bereavement Ministry</p>		<p><i>Thank you head cook Judy Ferguson and all worker bees who were able to help with the Rotary Ag Luncheon on Feb 26. We appreciate your time and flexibility with the weather related rescheduled date!</i></p>

*I can do ALL THINGS
through Christ
who STRENGTHENS me.*
—Philippians 4:13

Excerpts from February 11, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 6 p.m. by Moderator Kathy Hull. Quorum of 8 met. Roger Brokaw led the meeting in a devotion and prayer. Minutes from the January 14, 2025, meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor's Report: Minister's report was attached and discussed. Highlights include: CPR training for security personnel and others. Conducted Elder training. Pre-Marriage work with 3 couples. Working with the contractor manager on building project. Bob Clark and Rebecca Rhodes are working on the transition of the web hosting software. There will be a guest speaker the last Sunday of February who will speak about the persecution of Christians in the countries where he has ministered including the Middle East, Egypt, India and Lebanon.

Treasurer: Eleanor Jenkins presented information from the report as of January 31, 2025. Unrestricted Operating Checking \$100,000. The total transfer to the building fund in January was \$4,201.39.

Trustees: Justin Poor submitted a Trustee's Report. There was a discussion about the need for new pew cushions or replacement of pews. More information will be gathered on different options. Mention was also made that the Crossroads dining room chairs as well as the carpet in the annex need to be cleaned. Wayne Chamberlain made a motion to use Trustee funds to have this cleaning done and Eleanor Jenkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Michael Ten Eyck moved to approve the Trustee's Report. Bob Clark seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Christian Education: Niki Dixon is looking into other options to the curriculum currently being used in Sunday School classes. Teachers are looking for more Bible stories and scripture in the teachings. Children's Church leaders will be using the same memory verse throughout the month and lessons will be based on that memory verse. Leaders will have access to a Google document allowing them to share lessons and ideas. The security person will now be leading students across the street. If there is only one leader in attendance, the security person will be staying until dismissal.

Music: Making adjustments due to weather, etc.

Crossroads Center: Shari Clark reported that in addition to her report the Rotary dinner scheduled for 2/12/25 will be postponed due to incoming weather. There have been 10-15 walking nearly every day. Volleyball will also be on Tuesday evenings for two months. JWCC has scheduled the RSVP recognition luncheon in April.

Justin Poor made a motion to join the Pike County Chamber of Commerce. Zach Boren seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Clark reported that some repairs have been made to the gym furnaces at Crossroads. Peters Heating & Air will make another repair soon. Bob suggested that this repair is temporary and we should begin budgeting for replacement of those systems.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries 1 Bill & Mary VanHoose; 2 Dave Awbrey; 3 Joan Hagerbaumer, Lucas Wombles; 4 Jenna Hull, Niki Dixon; 5 Bill & Carol Schwartze, Alba McNulty; 7 Wayne Chamberlain, Eddie White, Arthur Knake; 8 Brad & Judy Losch; 9 Colby Hayes; 10 Bonnie Dain; 11 Walter & Marge Lamb, Kevin & Kelly Masters; 12 Richard Decker, Ezra Boren, Lucas Wagoner; 13 Jacob Hull; 14 John & Jane Calaway, Maci Neff, Mariska Sheurman; 16 Christie Mendenhall, John Schoenherr, Rokettia Brokaw, Ashlyn Havens; 18 Claire Tate; 19 Ashley Grimes; 21 Carolyn Barber; 22 Larry & Jeannie Howard, Joseph Pursley, Ethan Palmer; 23 Jim Kallal; 24 Roger Yaeger; 25 Abigail Cox, Henry Knake; 26 Spencer Boren, John Havens, Carol Cooley; 29 Jeremy Tate, Cherie Wagoner; 30 Lisa Pennock, Natilee Grimes; 31 Bill Earls, Hannah Roig.

Elder Corner

After years of praying, planning, pledging, and preparation, we are set to begin building the addition to the church building. Lord willing it will start as soon as the weather warms up with the anticipation that it will be complete by the end of the year. I know many of you have been praying for the Lord's will to be accomplished in this project. I encourage you to continue those prayers as the work begins. It's been mentioned several time but let me repeat it. This is about more than a building. This is about furthering God's work in our community. As Solomon says in Psalm 127:1 "*Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.*" We have been praying for the Lord to bring this about in His time and we believe He has. As we proceed there are still some things we can be praying for. This won't be an exhaustive list just some things that are on my mind.

Let's pray for Jesus to be glorified in the building of this addition.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to be moving on the hearts of those who work on it, drawing them to Jesus.

Pray for the safety of those who will be working on it.

Pray for effective communication between all involved.

Pray for God to provide quality materials as needed to complete the work.

Pray for the contractors to be blessed as they work on it, spiritually and financially.

Pray for God to give the contractors wisdom as they plan each stage.

Pray for God to use this as opportunity to help grow us in unity as a church.

Pray for God to not allow the enemy to bring division.

Pray that it will be a place that will have a positive impact on the church and the community.

I'm sure you can add to this list. Please be praying. As Michael has said many times - prayer is the engine that leads, not the caboose that follows. Thank you!

In Him,
Roger

Valentine Dinner was a night full of laughter, joy and delicious food! I want to thank all who came and supported uth@1st. Thank you for your flexibility as many changes were made to the evening! I love how our church family envelopes our students especially during these last couple weeks. The Valentine Dinner was the ray of sunshine we all needed.

I want to thank all those who helped make the dinner a great evening. Jenny Tate did an outstanding job as head cook. She held my hand through my first Valentine Dinner and helped make decisions when everything was changing so quickly. She brought peace in every conversation. A huge thanks to her team who had smiles on their faces the whole night...Joyce Lemons, Judy Ferguson, Mary Gates and Matt and Faith Saxe.

No one can pull off a plastic apron quite like Justin Poor and Caleb Dixon. These 2 gentlemen kept dishes and cooking utensils clean for our kitchen help. Thank you so much for your hard work behind the scenes. Massive thank yous to Ren-na Walters, Bethany Dunham, Amber Poor and Katie Sidwell. Ladies, you were outstanding, all of your work was greatly appreciated.

Rebecca Rhodes and Shari Clark, thank you for all of your support before, during and after the dinner. A million times thank you!

Bob Clark and John Hull, thank you for your guidance through all the tech details and for the time and energy you poured into the evening.

Our uth@1st students are remarkable and I am incredibly grateful for all their efforts - from serving to decorating and making me laugh during stressful moments. Our students impress me so much. Each person brought their special gifts and turned the evening into a joyful and beautiful night.

I thank everyone with all of my heart!
Niki

<p>First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois Church Building: 225 N. Memorial Street Crossroads Center: 125 W. Jefferson Street Offices: 115 W. Jefferson Street Phone (217) 285-4129 E-mail: info@fccpittsfield.org</p> <p>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</p> <p>Office Hours: M-TH 8:00am–3:30pm; F 8:00am-Noon Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am</p>	<p>PRAYER CONCERNS: Carolyn Casteel, Craig & Caree Collver, Richard Decker, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Joan Halsey, Jeanne Howard, Jim Kallal, Jill Kunzeman, Wally & Marge Lamb, Sharon Rahe, Bill Schwartz, Rusty & Jeana Sealock, Larry Wigington, Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Dennie Hull (Jack Hull's brother), Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister), Earl Phillips (Eleanor Jenkins' family), Gail Walston (Laura Grimsley's sister), Robert Wilson (Rachel Cawthon's father), Steve Young (Friend of Bev White) <i>With Sympathy: Roger Dunham, Scott Dunham (Preston Dunham's father), Thelma Hammitt (Larry Wigington's aunt), Reese Ramsey, Cindi McKenna</i></p>																																	
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<p>The walking track at Crossroads Center is open to the public Mon-Thurs, 8-10 a.m.</p>	<p>Ways To Watch/Listen fccpittsfield.org - Ministries, Live Stream <u>or</u> 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.</p>																																	
<p>The collection boxes for greeting card fronts and reading glasses are at the annex.</p>	<p>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.</p>																																	
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<p>Lectionary 3/2: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99; 2 Cor 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43 3/3: Psalm 35:11-28; Exodus 35:1-29; Acts 10:9-23a 3/4: Psalm 35:11-28; Ezekiel 1:1; 2:1; Acts 10:23b-33 3/5: Joel 2:1-17; Ps 51:1-17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:10; Matt 6:1-21 3/6: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 5:10-23; Acts 7:30-34 3/7: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 6:1-13; Acts 7:35-42 3/8: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; John 12:27-36 3/9: Deut 26:1-11; Ps 91:1-16; Rom 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13 3/10: Psalm 17; 1 Chronicles 21:1-17; 1 John 2:1-6 3/11: Psalm 17; Zechariah 3:1-10; 2 Peter 2:4-21 3/12: Psalm 17; Job 1:1-22; Luke 21:34-22:6 3/13: Psalm 27; Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18; Philippians 3:2-12 3/14: Psalm 27; Genesis 14:17-24; Philippians 3:17-20 3/15: Psalm 27; Psalm 118:26-29; Matthew 23:37-39</p>	<table><tr><td>FCC has a presence on the YouVersion Bible app. Check it out!</td><td>Worship Service <u>2/16</u></td><td><u>2/23</u></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>8:00</td><td>93 70</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>10:30</td><td><u>146</u> <u>159</u></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>239 229</td></tr><tr><td>Wishes & Wants For Sale: Gray sofa, good condition, \$50. In a ground level apt. Jimmy Belford 217.285.3222.</td><td>Christian Education</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Youth</td><td>34 45</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Disciples</td><td>10 8</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Sermon Study</td><td>11 11</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>C.O.F.F.E.E.</td><td><u>6</u> <u>13</u></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>61 77</td></tr><tr><td>Parents: Be sure to watch the Kids@FCC Facebook page for the latest news and events!</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	FCC has a presence on the YouVersion Bible app. Check it out!	Worship Service <u>2/16</u>	<u>2/23</u>		8:00	93 70		10:30	<u>146</u> <u>159</u>		Total	239 229	Wishes & Wants For Sale: Gray sofa, good condition, \$50. In a ground level apt. Jimmy Belford 217.285.3222.	Christian Education			Youth	34 45		Disciples	10 8		Sermon Study	11 11		C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>6</u> <u>13</u>		Total	61 77	Parents: Be sure to watch the Kids@FCC Facebook page for the latest news and events!		
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