

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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So many exciting things are happening with Christian Ed! Check out kids@FCC Facebook page to stay up on all the happenings at FCC.

*Mission Trip - Parent meeting following 2nd service Sunday, **March 16th**.

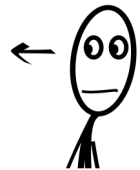
*Hangout 45 - Sunday, **March 30th**, following 2nd Service...Fishing, Food & Fun at King Park...parents please pack a lunch for your kiddo...pick up at 1:30 in front of Crossroads.

*uth@1st Small Groups - Sunday, **March 30th**

Guys - Meet at Crossroads Center at 2:00pm to leave for Siloam Springs...fishing, campfire, food & God.

Gals - Leave after 2nd service to head to Springfield...Buffalo Wild Wings, Scheels & worship night with Charlotte Dunham

*Sunrise Service - Mark your calendars for **April 20th** at 6:30am



Elder Meeting, Tues, **March 25**, 6:00.

We do not have Children's Church on 5th Sundays; therefore, **no Children's Church on March 30**.

Are you interested in being baptized and/or placing your membership with FCC? If so then plan to attend the **First Things First** class on Sunday, **April 6**, at 9:15 in the sanctuary. Let the office know if you are interested but unable to attend. We will have baptisms on Resurrection Sunday, April 20.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday, **April 13**
Regular service schedule.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, **April 17 & 18**
Details announced soon.

Resurrection Sunday, **April 20**
6:30 Sunrise Service in the gym led by Youth Group.
7:30 Breakfast.
8:45 Sunday School.
10:00 Worship Service in the sanctuary.



HOLY WEEK

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.

Vacation Bible School

July 13-16

Pastor Michael & FCC,

Thank you for going above and beyond for Dad and our family before, during, and after his passing. It was obvious and beautiful to see that we were not the only ones who loved him, and the support we felt from you all was so encouraging. I thank God for you and the way he has used you in my parents' lives. They have found fellowship with faithful believers, and I just wanted to say thank you for your Christian witness. Grateful for your church.

In Christ,

Craig Dunham

Hooray! The March 5 Blood Drive at Crossroads Center was a successful and busy day! We had 22 good donations with only 2 unable to donate. Lots of walk-ins which is wonderful! Red Cross will have more drives in Pittsfield at other locations throughout the year with Crossroads Center hosting in November.

The **Carol V. Baughman Scholarship Fund** is available for students pursuing a degree in teaching or religious studies. Contact the church office by **March 31** for more info or an application.

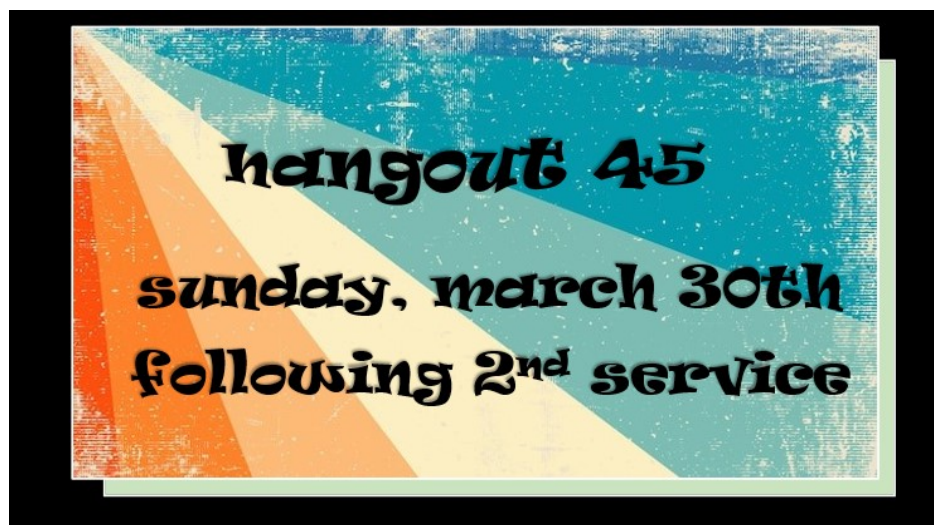
The 2025 camp dates are now posted on the Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp website. Check it out!



uth@1st mission trip
**STILL WATERS
YOUTH RANCH**
barbourville, ky.
june 1st – 6th

***10 spots open**
***must have**
completed 9th grade

parent meeting
march 16th
following 2nd service



hangout 45
sunday, march 30th
following 2nd service

Dear Church Family,

This past week, we had the chairs at the Crossroads Center professionally cleaned. Over the years, they had collected layers of spills, food stains, and countless handprints—some visible, some unnoticed. Though we had wiped them down occasionally, it wasn't until a deep cleaning took place that we truly saw how much dirt had built up. Watching the cleaner empty the murky water from the steam vacuum was shocking. We had no idea how much grime had accumulated!

Isn't that how sin works in our lives? We might recognize and address the obvious stains—harsh words spoken in anger, a selfish act, or a moment of dishonesty. But beneath the surface, there are often hidden layers of sin we fail to acknowledge. Over time, these unchecked sins accumulate, dulling our spiritual vibrancy and distancing us from God.

David understood this reality when he prayed, "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!" (Psalm 51:2, ESV). Like those chairs, we need more than an occasional surface wipe—we need the deep cleansing that only Christ can provide through prayerful repentance.

1 John 1:9 assures us, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." God desires to purify our hearts, to remove even the sins we have ignored or justified. When we come before Him daily, humbly seeking His cleansing, He washes us anew, restoring our joy and drawing us closer to Him.

Prayer is a vital part of this cleansing process. It is not simply a task to check off our daily list, but an opportunity to come before God with honest introspection. Prayer is honest relationship. It is far more than mere request, but a heart to listen, as we discussed last Sunday in the Jewish "Shema" that begins with "Listen..."

In prayer, we allow the Holy Spirit to reveal areas in our lives that need repentance. As we confess and seek His forgiveness, we experience His renewing grace. Just as the cleaner's steam vacuum extracted years of hidden grime, prayerful repentance removes the weight of sin we may not even realize we are carrying.

Let the cleaning of those chairs be a reminder for us all: regular maintenance is good, but only deep, intentional cleansing can truly restore. May we not let sin build up unnoticed in our hearts. Instead, let us seek the Lord in honest, repentant prayer, trusting in His promise to cleanse and renew us. Amen!

Loving you all,

Michael

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Church Building: 225 N. Memorial Street
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Staff:

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 Niki Dixon, Christian Education
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 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: Phoenix Bacon, Kent Bonnett, Carolyn Casteel, Craig & Caree Collver, Rick Curfman, Roger Curfman, Richard Decker, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, David Grimsley, Joan Halsey, Jeanne Howard, Jim Kallal, Jill Kunzeman, Wally & Marge Lamb, Heather Manwell, Sharon Rahe, Bill Schwartze, Rusty & Jeana Sealock, John & Grace Walker, Larry Wigington, Kevin Wombles
 Karen Birch (John Birch's sister),
 Dennie Hull (Jack Hull's brother),
 Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister),
 Earl Phillips (Eleanor Jenkins' family),
 Greg Piper (Ralph Piper's son),
 Gail Walston (Laura Grimsley's sister),
 Robert Wilson (Rachel Cawthon's father),
 Steve Young (Friend of Bev White)
With Sympathy: Kim Martin, Gene Nevius

Stewardship (Offering Only) 2/24-3/2	3/3-9
Operational \$31,675.57	\$10,405.63
Property Improvement 10.00	22.50
Outreach-Missionaries 40.00	100.00
DHF 30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation 229.91	144.91
Youth Group 320.00	400.00
Unmet Needs 325.00	0.00
Outreach-General 5.00	237.50
Total \$32,635.48	\$11,340.54

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$32,805.57 \$11,415.19
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$10,568

The **walking track** at Crossroads Center is open to the public Mon-Thurs, 8-10 a.m. through **March 31**.

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

The March, April, May edition of **Our Daily Bread** devotional can be found on the sanctuary mantels.

Lectionary

3/16: Gen 15:1-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
3/17: Psalm 105:1-42; Exodus 33:1-6; Romans 4:1-12
3/18: Psalm 105:1-42; Numbers 14:10b-24; 1 Cor 10:1-13
3/19: Psalm 105:1-42; 2 Chronicles 20:1-22; Luke 13:22-31
3/20: Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 2:8-11
3/21: Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 12:1-4; Revelation 3:1-6
3/22: Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 6:43-45
3/23: Isa 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-8; 1 Cor 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
3/24: Psalm 39; Jeremiah 11:1-17; Romans 2:1-11
3/25: Psalm 39; Ezekiel 17:1-10; Romans 2:12-16
3/26: Psalm 39; Numbers 13:17-27; Luke 13:18-21
3/27: Psalm 32; Joshua 4:1-13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5
3/28: Psalm 32; Joshua 4:14-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-15
3/29: Psalm 32; Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10

Serving Schedule:
 Mar 16: Elders: Charlotte Dunham, Matt Saxe
 8:00 Communion: Greg & Kim Bonnett
 10:30 Communion: Eric & Jill Kunzeman
 Children's Church: Kay Sealock, Mike & Julie Boren

 Mar 23: Elders: David Bishop, Steve Tharp
 8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
 10:30 Communion: Gary & Noah Mendenhall
 Children's Church: Grace Henthorn, Katie Wine

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 3/2	3/9	
	8:00	114	70
	10:30	129	172
	Total	243	242

Wishes & Wants

For Sale: Gray sofa, good condition, \$50. In a ground level apt. Jimmy Belford 217.285.3222.

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

Christian Education		
Youth	36	34
Disciples	11	11
Sermon Study	13	11
C.O.F.F.E.E.	14	11
Total	74	67