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<p>National Day of Prayer will be observed on the courthouse lawn on Thurs, May 1. Bring your lawn chair for the service which will begin at noon.</p>	<p>Circle V will meet Thurs, May 1, 2:00 at Crossroads.</p> <p>Circle IV will meet Thurs, May 8, 9:30 at Cardinal Inn.</p>
<p>There will be a workday at Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp on Sat, May 3, 8:00-Noon to clean the camp grounds in preparation for summer camps. Stop by during that time to lend a hand and you are welcome to stay for lunch!</p>	<p>Cookie Sunday! May 4.</p>
<p>CMF Luncheon, Sunday, May 4, 11:45 am at Crossroads Center. The meal will feature brisket. The program will feature discussion about outdoor activities. All men in the church family are invited!</p>	<p>The Crossroads Center tile floors will be refinished beginning Mon, May 5. Please be vigilant of signs posted to remain off the tile next week so the finish can cure.</p>
<p>Coffee Talk, Tues, May 6, 10:00 at the annex. Stop by for conversation with Pastor Michael and enjoy a fresh cup of coffee!</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>Mark your calendars for the CWF Spring Sale on Sat, May 24, 2025! Sale time is 8 AM – 12 PM with most everything half price beginning at 11:00. Items may be brought to the Crossroads gym Tues, Wed, and Thurs, May 20-22, from 8 AM – 5 PM, and Friday, May 23, from 8 AM – 12 PM. (If you need a special time, call Kathy 217-248-5214) For the Spring Sale we will accept most of the usual items including: household, decorations, outdoor, garden, plants, tools, kitchen ware, small appliances, small furniture, footwear, toys, jewelry, books (no encyclopedia sets) and clothing of all sizes. (No TVs, computers, printers, fax, etc.) We always have fun preparing for the sale and enjoy visiting with our shoppers as we welcome them into our lovely Crossroads Center!</p> <p>Please consider working with us as we set out and price items during the week, or come on sale day to help shoppers and add up/pack purchases. We especially need help after the sale as we box up everything that is leftover.</p> <p>Proceeds will be distributed among many worthy local non-profit organizations and charities.</p>	

The graduation season is almost upon us! In May we will be acknowledging the 8th Grade, High School, and College graduates in our church family. Please let us know **by May 12** if you have a graduate in your family.

The sermons will be played on the radio weekly at 10:30 on Sunday mornings beginning April 27 on radio station 97.5 FM. The sermon aired will be from the prior week.

Mark your calendars for
*****LIVE IT OUT VBS*****
July 13th through 16th
Interested in lending a hand?
contact Niki Dixon 417-392-0729



Coming This Fall

PreK thru High School classes

Begin the "Bible Walk Thru"

I am excited to announce this Fall we will begin the "Bible Walk Through" during our Sunday School hour! We will be focusing on all the major components of the Bible, both New & Old Testament, diving deeper into God's Word together!

Dear Church Family,

As previously stated, this year has been an exceptionally windy one. Week after week, the gusts seemed relentless, bending trees, stirring up dust, and testing my patience. I must admit, just a few weeks ago, I found myself grumbling against the endless wind, longing for a calm and peaceful day.

But God, in His gentle way, taught me a lesson.

This morning, as I took my usual walk, the air was still — blissfully still — but soon I was harassed by buffalo gnats. They're here...(cue the little girl in front of the TV). They swarmed and nipped, making what I had hoped would be a peaceful stroll into a battle. I burned as much energy waving my arms as moving my legs. It didn't take long for me to long for that very wind I had been lamenting not long before. As it turns out, the wind had been doing a hidden work: it had been keeping those pesky gnats at bay for the last few days.

How often does this happen in our lives? We grumble against the "winds" — the challenges, the hardships, the irritations — only to later realize they were serving a purpose we couldn't yet see. In the moment, the discomfort seems pointless. But in time, we see that God was working even through what we found unpleasant.

The Apostle Paul reminds us, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thesalonians 5:18, ESV). Notice Paul doesn't say to give thanks for all circumstances, but in them — trusting that God is using every gust of wind, every unexpected turn, for our good.

Romans 8:28 further strengthens this promise: "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose." Even the wind — literal and metaphorical — can be a blessing.

Let's be a people who cultivate thankfulness, not just when life is calm and easy, but even when the winds blow hard. God is always at work, often in ways we won't see until much later. May we trust Him in every season — windy or still — knowing His purposes are always for our good and His glory.

Loving you all,

Michael

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	PRAYER CONCERNS: Phoenix Bacon, Kent Bonnett, Craig & Caree Collver, Richard Decker, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Marjorie Gamble, Joan Halsey, Jeanne Howard, Jim Kallal, Wally & Marge Lamb, Deloras Martin, Bill Schwartz, Delbert Scranton, Rusty & Jeana Sealock, Kevin Wombles, Community of Chatham, IL Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Dave Dunham (Brokaw/Dyer family), Dennie Hull (Jack Hull's brother), Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister), Diana McCartney (Friend of Evans family), Freda Predmore (Sarah McNulty's grandmother), Gail Walston (Laura Grimsley's sister), Robert Wilson (Rachel Cawthon's father), Steve Young (Friend of Bev White)		
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			
Stewardship (Offering Only) 4/14-20 4/21-27 Operational \$10,112.09 \$17,911.52 Property Improvement 50.00 10.00 Outreach-Missionaries 40.00 40.00 DHF 30.00 30.00 Construction/Renovation 10,169.91 244.91 Youth Group 100.00 150.00 Unmet Needs 0.00 0.00 Outreach-General 5.00 225.00 Total \$20,507.00 \$18,611.43	Serving Schedule: May 4: Elders: Alicia Tate, Wayne Chamberlain 8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart 10:30 Communion: Barbara Fosco, Shari Clark, Scott Bacon, Dave Bryant Children's Church: Ali Curless, Molly Caughlan Fellowship Treats: Carolyn Capps, Sandy Wigington, Bethany Dunham, Kathy Lehr May 11: Elders: Wayne Chamberlain, Charlotte Dunham 8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes 10:30 Communion: Eric & Jill Kunzeman Children's Church: Stan & Jill Moss		
Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.) Received Last 7 Days \$9,849.47 \$17,911.52 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$10,568	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 2025 camp dates are now posted on the Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp website. Check it out!			
The collection boxes for greeting card fronts and reading glasses are at the annex.			
The <u>March, April, May</u> edition of Our Daily Bread devotional can be found on the sanctuary mantels.			
Lectionary 5/4: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 30; Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19 5/5: Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:1-25; Acts 9:19b-31 5/6: Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:26-2:1; Acts 26:1-18 5/7: Psalm 121; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11 5/8: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 11:1-25; Revelation 5:1-10 5/9: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 20:39-44; Revelation 6:1-7:4 5/10: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 28:25-26; Luke 12:29-32 5/11: Acts 9:36-43; Ps 23; Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30 5/12: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Revelation 15:1-4 5/13: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 45:1-9; Acts 9:32-35 5/14: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 50:17-20; John 10:31-42 5/15: Psalm 148; Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; Revelation 10:1-11 5/16: Psalm 148; Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 11:15 5/17: Psalm 148; Daniel 7:27; Revelation 11:16-19	Wishes & Wants Men's Wrangler jeans. New, washed once, never worn. 42x30. \$5. Carole Elledge 217.285.4929 Parents: Be sure to watch the Kids@FCC Facebook page for the latest news and events!		
	FCC has a presence on the YouVersion Bible app. Check it out!	Worship Service 4/20 4/27 8:00 258 68 10:30 206 159 Total 464 227	
		Christian Education Youth 12 43 Disciples 11 16 Sermon Study 6 8 C.O.F.F.E.E. 11 9 Total 40 76	