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<p>Hangout 45 will meet on Sun, June 29. <u>Meet at King Pool for swimming from 1-3:30.</u></p>	<p>Stop by for conversation with Pastor Michael at Coffee Talk on Tues, July 1, 10:00 at the annex.</p>
<p>Cookie Sunday! July 6</p>	<p>There will be an important VBS meeting for all helpers immediately after 10:30 service in the sanctuary on Sunday, July 6. Let Niki know if you cannot attend the meeting.</p>
<p>Youth Group will NOT meet on Sunday, July 6, due to the holiday weekend.</p>	<p>Board Meeting, Tues, July 8, 6:00.</p>
<p>The CWF Bible Study will meet Thurs, July 10, 9:30 at the Cardinal Inn.</p>	<p>Mark your calendars for ***LIVE IT OUT VBS*** July 13th through 16th Interested in lending a hand? Contact Niki Dixon 417-392-0729</p>
<p>The church family is invited to Crossroads Center on Sat, June 28, 1-3:00 for an open house celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of Glen and Carol Cooley!</p>	
<p>First Christian Church's Safety Team could use a few additional volunteers so that no one serves more than once a month. The Elders recently agreed it would be a good idea to invite women to serve on the Safety Team. So, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, this is your invitation to serve the important function of helping keep those who worship with us safe. If you want more information, please call or text me. -N.D. Harrison Cell: 217.370.1451</p>	<p>The 2025 camp dates are posted on the Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp website where you can also register your child. Our Christian Men's Fellowship will pay for one half of the camp fee for youth from FCC to attend. Volunteers are needed after 3:00 on June 26 & 28 to clean the facilities in preparation for the next camp. FCC has been assigned to clean the cafeteria/kitchen. Stop by and lend a hand!</p>
<p>GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief. The next 14 week series will begin Tues, July 15, 6-8P.M. at the Pittsfield Calvary Baptist Church. Facilitators will be Bill Durall, Brenda Booth, and Vicki Harshman (217.285.6520). It is not necessary to preregister but feel free to contact Vicki if you have questions. Your prayers for this series would be greatly appreciated.</p>	<p>Gather Up Sunday School will be during the month of June. Grades K-4th will be combined and meet at Crossroads Center.</p>
	<p>We will not have Children's Church at 10:30 service during June and July.</p>
	<p>We are excited to announce a new Sunday School curriculum! Beginning this September we will start an Old Testament Bible Walk Thru. We're so excited to guide our students on a deeper knowledge of God's Word. Please be in prayer as we start to develop lessons.</p>
<p><i>To Our First Christian Church Family, Thank you so much for the County Market gift card and all the love and support with the welcoming of our new baby girl. We can't wait to watch our kids grow up in the church! God Is So Good! With Love, Shanna & Ronald Ewers</i></p>	<p><i>Dear Christian Church Family, Thank you for your many cards sent to our mom, Marge Gamble, on her 100th birthday in April. She was amazed to have such support from you. Also, the cards of sympathy were appreciated in her recent passing. -Lisa Leahy & Julie Myers & Families</i></p>

Excerpts from June 10, 2025 Board Meeting

Call to order at 6 p.m. by Moderator Kathy Hull. Zach Boren led the meeting in a devotion and prayer. Minutes from May 13, 2025, meeting were approved by general consensus with one correction. Alicia Tate attended the May 13 meeting via phone.

Pastor's Report: Minister's report was attached and discussed. Pew cushions have been ordered. Foundation and floor are in for the building project. Pikeland Tragedy response—time counseling with students, teachers, families, and community.

Treasurer: Eleanor Jenkins presented information from the report as of May 31, 2025. The total transfer to the building fund in May was \$9,145.06. YTD Receipts \$234,681.76. YTD Disbursements \$178,626.57. Net Non-Budget Receipts/ Disbursements \$79,014.56. Average worship attendance through May 31, 2025 = 252.

Trustees: Justin Poor presented a Trustee's Report. Several old memorial funds were moved to the building fund per family instructions. This will streamline accounting for the building project. Motion made by David Bishop to approve activity. Seconded by Jill Moss, motion carried. The trustee report was approved by general consensus.

Christian Education: Mission trip completed. The students worked hard. They were great! Justin Poor and Steve Tharp went early to begin work. A big thank you to Jackie, the manager of Dollar General in Pittsfield, and the office of Speckhart & White Dentistry for the hygiene supplies for the students of Still Waters Ranch. Sunday School is flourishing. In June, they will begin promoting the Bible Walk Through which will start in September.

New Business:

The Kiddie Cushion chips were delivered and placed under the playground equipment.

The Trustees have offered to spend \$670 to purchase additional Bibles for students to use in Sunday School and for Youth Group. Funds will come from the Vivian Cloninger memorial designated to Christian education. Niki Dixon will work with Justin Poor to make the purchase.

David Bishop moved to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Steve Tharp seconded and all approved. Bob Clark closed the meeting in prayer.

Pardon our dust during the construction process.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries 1 Brad & McKenzie Tomhave, Marjie Guthrie; 2 Rome Bacon, Amy Speckhart; 3 Gina Bryant, Carlos Quirarte & Anna Speckhart; 4 John Calaway, Jenny Palmer, Jimmy Dain; 5 Silas Smith, Boone Ewers, Calvin & Charlene Anderson; 6 Charles & Mary Gates, Tom Robinson, Jim & Judy Kallal, Eric & Jill Kunzeman; 7 Delbert & Jeannine Robertson, Michael & Jessica Smith, Scott & Jaunae Bacon, Luke Fesler, Colin Seybold, Tucker & Avery Kunzeman; 8 Braycen Douglas; 9 Matt & Faith Saxe, Bob & Sue Evans; 10 Chad & Ashley Ferguson, Piper Henry; 11 Clinton Hayden, David & Marie Awbrey, Eric Kunzeman; 12 Joyce Harrison, Skylar Knake; 13 Jacque Walston, Ainsley Havens, Owen Lamb; 14 Tim & Linda Belford, Edith Gant, Knox Dunham, Cara Knake, Jim & Brittany Dain, Reagyn Apps; 15 Robert & Cara McNulty, Judy Dunham, Ron & Chris Phipps; 16 Luke Hart, Kason Brown; 17 David & Donna James, Donna James, Rimingtyn Dixon, Kamdyn Dixon; 18 Brandon Belford, Rick & Kathy Curfman, Kim Speckhart, Bill VanHoose; 19 Dan & Sue Speckhart, Rodney Gordley, Gary & Carol Sherwin, Jason & Erica Thomas; 20 Libby Boren, Frank & Elaine Hoaglin, Jamie & Sarah Sweeting; 21 Julie Myers, Isaac Ferguson, Brad & Kathy Willman, Jonas Anderson; 23 Matt & Brianne Sealock; 24 Randy Zimmerman; 25 Sydney Himmelman; 26 Chris Smith; 27 Greg Bonnett, Paul Borrowman; 28 Dave & Gina Bryant, Mike & Tammy Herren; 29 Jeffrey Schoenherr, Glen & Carol Cooley; 30 Amber Apps.

Dear Church Family,

On our recent trip to Maui, I was quickly struck by something unexpected—the speed of traffic. Or more accurately, the lack of it. Cars moved at a pace that felt almost painfully slow to someone used to the hustle of the mainland. At first, I found myself impatient. But as we left the city around the airport behind and the scenery opened up, my perspective began to shift. To my right stood majestic, green mountains that seemed to touch the sky. Clouds were pouring over its serene peaks. To my left, the coastline shimmered under the sun, waves gently rolling against the shore. I realized that if traffic had moved faster, I might have missed all of it.

We came to the city of Lahaina, where the damage from the fires was still tragically evident. There were memorials and tributes that I would have been oblivious to at my normal tempo.

That slower pace, once a source of frustration, became a gift. It reminded me of what Scripture teaches us about slowing down and truly seeing the world around us—the people, the beauty, and the opportunities God places in our path.

Psalm 46:10 reminds us, *“Be still, and know that I am God.”* In a culture that prizes busyness, God invites us to stillness. In slowing down, we find room to recognize His presence and handiwork. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, *“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”* The challenge is not just to find time, but to make time—to notice, to reflect, to be present.

Jesus Himself modeled this rhythm. In the midst of His active ministry, He often withdrew to quiet places to pray (Luke 5:16). He walked with people, noticed those others ignored, and was never in such a hurry that He missed a moment to show compassion or speak truth.

Returning to the mainland, I find myself already missing Maui’s forced pause. But perhaps we don’t need an island getaway to experience the same. Maybe it’s a walk without our phones, a conversation unhurried, or a few minutes spent in prayer and the Word before rushing into the day.

Unplug... and connect with what God has for you...

As we reflect on this, I’m reminded of the powerful moment last Sunday evening. Our youth gathered and visited the building project to write Scripture and prayers on the inside of the wall cavities. These words, Bible verses, and prayers will be forever embedded in the structure of our new space. It was beautiful to watch them slow down and take those moments to invest their faith into our foundation, literally and spiritually.

Let’s continue to pray for our building project—that it will not only be a structure of brick and wood but a sanctuary of God’s presence.

And let’s also pray that we, as a church family, would embrace the slower moments, where God speaks most clearly.

Loving you all,
Michael

July Birthdays & Anniversaries 2 Michelle Gates, Bev White; 4 Jimmy Dain, Stacey Helms, Brooks Richmiller, Jim Stark; 5 John & Ashlyn Havens; 6 Sue Speckhart, Charlie Hull, Myrtle Tharp, Sophia Gengler; 8 Cherise Sheurman, Michelle Hart; 9 Mike Boren, N.D. Harrison, 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; 21 David & Sonya Bishop; 22 Scott Bacon; 23 Teresa Bauer, Dan Chamberlain, Hamer & Jenny Tate, Jordyn Apps, Laura Grimsley, 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.

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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, John & Jane Calaway, Laura Chamberlain, Craig & Caree Collver, Richard Decker, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Bill Earls, Sue Evans, Lane Foster, Ruth Anne Goodin, Joan Halsey, Donnie Houchins, Jeanne Howard, Jim Kallal, Marge Lamb, Tristyn Ruzich, Bill Schwartz, Rusty & Jeana Sealock, Yvonne Stauffer, Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Darci Brooks (Deloras Martin's niece), Nancy Foster Donnell (Katie Wine's grandmother), Dave Dunham (Brokaw/Dyer family), Dennie Hull (Jack Hull's brother), Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister), Phil Lipcaman (Chris Phipps' brother), Diana McCartney (Friend of Evans family), Chris Nichols (Friend of Bob Evans family), Debbie Thomas (Jason Thomas' mother), Gail Walston (Laura Grimsley's sister), Robert Wilson (Rachel Cawthon's father)

Stewardship (Offering Only) 6/9-15 6/16-22

Operational	\$4,325.65	\$12,144.30
Property Improvement	50.00	210.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	239.91	191.91
Youth Group	200.00	0.00
Outreach-General	5.00	25.00
Total	\$4,890.56	\$12,641.21

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$4,325.65 \$12,794.30
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$10,568

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

The June, July, August edition of **Our Daily Bread** devotional can be found on the sanctuary mantels.

Lectionary

6/29: 2 Kings 2:1-14; 1 Kings 19:15-21; Gal 5:13-25; Luke 9:51-62

6/30: Psalm 75; 2 Kings 2:15-22; 1 John 2:7-11

7/1: Psalm 75; 2 Kings 3:4-20; Ephesians 5:6-20

7/2: Psalm 75; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Matthew 10:16-25

7/3: Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:8-17; Romans 7:14-25

7/4: Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:18-31; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

7/5: Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:32-37; Luke 9:1-6

7/6: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Isa 66:10-14; Gal 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-20

7/7: Psalm 6; 2 Kings 5:15-19a; Acts 19:21-27

7/8: Psalm 6; 2 Kings 5:19b-27; Acts 19:28-41

7/9: Psalm 6; 2 Kings 6:1-7; Luke 10:13-16

7/10: Psalm 82; Amos 1:1-2:3; James 2:14-26

7/11: Psalm 82; Amos 2:4-11; Acts 7:9-16

7/12: Psalm 82; Amos 2:12-3:8; John 3:16-21

Serving Schedule:

June 29: Elders: Matt Saxe, Wayne Chamberlain
 8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
 10:30 Communion: Barbara Fosco, Shari Clark
 Scott Bacon, Dave Bryant

July 6: Elders: Alicia Tate, Bob Clark
 8:00 Communion: Tom & Debbie Robinson
 10:30 Communion: Eric & Jill Kunzeman
 Fellowship Treats: Sonya Bishop, Jordan Lamb
 Judy Ferguson, Julie Dehart

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.

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.
97.5 FM - Sunday mornings at 10:30

FCC has a presence on the YouVersion Bible app.
 Check it out!

Wishes & Wants

None at this time.

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

Worship Service 6/15 6/22

8:00	82	68
10:30	114	159
Total	196	227

Christian Education

Youth	35	32
Disciples	6	10
Sermon Study	10	9
C.O.F.F.E.E.	8	11
Total	59	62