

# The Pittsfield Christian

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The following declared their faith in Jesus Christ and placed their membership with FCC on Sunday, August 3:

Marni & Josie Bradshaw; Kevin & Diana Dyer; Schuyler Spann; Cameron, Amanda, Ayden, & Abram Sledge; Jessica Speckhart.

Also, on Sunday, August 10, Colin Seybold was baptized and joined FCC.

Welcome everyone to the church family!

VBS was a huge success...the smiles...the laughter...the learning and the coming together to learn and worship our Lord. We experienced 3 amazing nights playing games, crafting, worshipping and Bible lessons. None of this would have been possible without the help of some spectacular people. These individuals sacrificed time and ministered to the students of our community. I am so appreciative of all their efforts.

-Thank You to Judy Ferguson, Jenny Tate, Joyce Lemons and our kitchen crew for making such delicious food and being so flexible with the weather.

-Matt Sealock, Billy Fitzmaurice, Evan Hart, Braycen Douglas, Konner Wombles, Cason Brown and Knox Dunham thank you for helping with our games.

-Beth Willman, Ali Curless, Maycee Douglas and Mariah Thomas many thanks for handling all the craziness of crafts.

-Josie Pennock, Piper Henry, Rimi Dixon, Emma Wombles, Madelyn Saxe you all did a fabulous job of teaching the lessons each night.

-Stella Bonnet, Rhoni Edwards, Josie Fesler, Clara Fitzmaurice, Bradyn Dixon, Bonnie Dain, Rorie Dunham, Harper Fesler and Kamdyn Dixon need a massive thank you for leading us in worship and lending a helping hand with all our age groups.

-Thanks to Bob Clark and Pastor Michael for keeping the music pumping.

-Kay Sealock, Charlotte Dunham, Cindy Chamberlain and Sue Miller thank you for running registration.

-To our group leaders that kept everyone on task and took care of our kids we're so grateful for each of you...Kathy Lehr, Brittany Dain, Amy Casto, Jordyn Lamb, Amy Harris, Molly Caughlan, Spencer and Kayla Boren...thank you thank you!

- Many thanks to David Bishop & Frazier Curless for helping out with Security during VBS. We felt safe knowing you both were there!

My heart is so full and I am excited for next year's "Light It Up" theme! Our memory verse will be John 8:12 "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

THANK YOU FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A special community **Back to School** event is being planned at Crossroads Center on **Aug 24**. More details coming soon!

**Elder Meeting**, Tues, **Aug 26**, 6:00.

**Hangout 45, Aug 31.**  
More details soon!

Youth Sunday School Classes will be **promoted** on Sunday, **Sept 7**.  
Old Testament Bible Walk Thru will begin that morning.

**Nominating forms** will be on the sanctuary mantels starting Sunday, Aug 24, for officers and officials who's term will begin Jan 1, 2026. **Due date to submit is Monday morning, Sept 8.**

**Who: Christian Men's Fellowship**

What: Luncheon

**When: Sunday, Sept 14, immediately after 10:30 service**

Where: Crossroads Center

Why: Gather together as men of faith.

Following the meal, there will be training for Kids Outdoor Zone which is an outdoor adventure ministry for boys. CMF will mentor the program.  
Contact Zack Boren or Ed Picone for more details.

On December 21 we will perform our 100<sup>th</sup> Christmas Cantata. Do you have a special memory or story from prior Cantatas that you would like to share? Pastor Michael has received several stories but we would like to have some more. Contact Pastor Michael.

*We want to thank everyone at church and the congregation for all of your love and prayers for Terry's 28 day stay in Quincy Blessing Hospital, and also for Carolyn's procedure. They are both doing well. We appreciate all of your continued thoughts and prayers for healing also.*

*Terry, Bryn, and Austin Fine  
Chuck and Carolyn Barber.*

Pardon our dust during the construction process.

Dear Church Family,

*“The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” – James 5:16 (ESV)*

Walking through the stores, I have noticed the sudden appearance of “Back to School” displays, and we find ourselves standing at the threshold of a fresh season. New schedules, new classrooms, new faces, and for many, new challenges await. For our students, teachers, staff, administration, and parents, this time brings excitement, nervousness, and also the weight of responsibility.

Before the backpacks are filled and the school chimes ring, we have an opportunity, and as Christ-followers, an obligation to cover the coming year in prayer. Prayer is not just a formality; it is our lifeline to the One who holds the future in His hands.

In **Philippians 4:6-7**, Paul reminds us, *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” We pray not because we are uncertain of God’s ability, but because we are confident in it.*

Let us pray for our **students**—that they would grow not only in knowledge but in wisdom and character (Proverbs 4:7). May they be lights in their schools, standing firm in their faith.

Let us pray for our **teachers**—that they would have patience, creativity, and joy in the calling God has given them (Galatians 6:9).

Let us pray for our **staff**—those who work behind the scenes to keep schools safe, clean, and running smoothly. May their labor be seen and appreciated (Colossians 3:23).

Let us pray for our **administration**—that they would lead with integrity, discernment, and a heart for both students and staff (Proverbs 11:14).

Let us pray for **parents**—that they would find strength and grace in guiding their children through this season of growth (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

As this year begins, let us also encourage our **families** to establish spiritual habits that will sustain them through the busy months ahead. Make traditions of praise, where you thank God for His blessings. Make traditions of petition, where you bring Him your needs. Establish the habit of intercession, where we pray for others, and of lamentation, where we honestly and openly bear our griefs to Him. Most importantly, may we learn the value of listening, where you pause to hear His still, small voice (Psalm 46:10). These moments can be woven into daily routines, at the breakfast table, in the car ride to school, or at bedtime. In doing so, seeking God becomes a rhythm as natural as breathing.

Prayer changes things, but more importantly, prayer changes us. When we bring our hopes, fears, and dreams to the Lord, He aligns our hearts with His will. As we step into this school year, may we be a church family that surrounds our community in prayer—before the first lesson is taught and long after the final bell rings.

Let’s begin now. Let’s pray together. And let’s watch God do what only He can do.

Loving you all,  
Michael

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**Staff:**

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 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:** Phoenix Bacon, Leslie Willard Bower, Jane Calaway, Craig & Caree Collver, Richard Decker, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Bill Earls, Sue Evans, Terry Fine, Ruth Anne Goodin, Joan Halsey, Donnie Houchins, Jeanne Howard, Jim Kallal, Marge Lamb, Rusty & Jeana Sealock, Bill Van Hoose, Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Terry Collins (Angie Ruebush's father), Denny Dell (Friend of Brokaw family), Nancy Foster Donnell (Katie Wine's grandmother), 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 Evans family), Chuck Seybold (Rob Seybold's father), Corda Suhling (Friend of Barber family), Gretchen Vahle (Pastor Michael Ten Eyck's sister), Beth Wade (Friend of Schwartze family), Gail Walston (Laura Grimsley's sister), Robert Wilson (Rachel Cawthon's father)  
 With Sympathy: Mary Lou Chamberlain, Aletha "Jo" Rhodes

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only) 721-27</b>	<b>7/28-8/3</b>	<b>8/4-10</b>
Operational \$18,132.22	\$10,705.52	\$8,812.85
Property Improvement 10.00	60.00	50.00
Outreach-Missionaries 40.00	60.00	40.00
DHF 30.00	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation 144.91	144.91	264.91
Youth 100.00	300.00	0.00
Unmet Needs 0.00	75.00	0.00
Outreach-General 205.00	205.00	205.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,662.13</b>	<b>\$11,580.43</b>

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

Received Last 7 Days \$18,207.22 \$10,705.52 \$9,353.85  
 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**

**8/17:** Isa 5:1-7; Jer 23:23-29; Heb 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56  
**8/18:** Psalm 74; Isaiah 5:8-23; 1 John 4:1-6  
**8/19:** Psalm 74; Isaiah 5:24-30; Acts 7:44-53  
**8/20:** Psalm 74; Isaiah 27:1-13; Luke 19:45-48  
**8/21:** Psalm 71:1-6; Jeremiah 6:1-19; Hebrews 12:3-17  
**8/22:** Psalm 71:1-6; Jeremiah 6:20-30; Acts 17:1-9  
**8/23:** Psalm 71:1-6; Jeremiah 1:1-3, 11-19; Luke 6:1-5  
**8/24:** Jer 1:4-10; Isa 58:9-14; Heb 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17  
**8/25:** Psalm 10; Jeremiah 7:1-15; Hebrews 3:7-4:11  
**8/26:** Psalm 10; Jeremiah 7:16-26; Revelation 3:7-13  
**8/27:** Psalm 10; Jeremiah 7:27-34; Luke 6:6-11  
**8/28:** Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Jeremiah 11:1-17; 1 Peter 3:8-12  
**8/29:** Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Jeremiah 12:1-13; 1 Peter 4:7-11  
**8/30:** Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Jeremiah 2:1-3, 14-22; Matthew 20:20-28

**Serving Schedule:**

**August 17:** Elders: Charlotte Dunham, David Bishop  
 8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes  
 10:30 Communion: B. Fosco, S. Clark, S. Bacon, D. Bryant  
 Children's Church: Kay Sealock, Mike & Julie Boren

**August 24:** Elder: Zachary Boren, Wayne Chamberlain  
 8:00 Communion: Tom & Debbie Robinson  
 10:30 Communion: Eric & Jill Kunzeman  
 Children's Church: Grace Henthorn, Katie Wine

**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!

<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>7/27</b>	<b>8/3</b>	<b>8/10</b>
8:00	99	125	93
10:30	92	128	176
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>269</b>
<b>Christian Education</b>			
Youth	19	28	43
Disciples	10	9	13
Sermon Study	9	13	12
C.O.F.F.E.E.	7	7	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>79</b>