

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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All men in the church are invited to **Christian Men's Fellowship Dinner Meeting** on Sunday, **March 15**, immediately after 10:30 service at Crossroads Center. The meal will be corned beef and cabbage catered by Courtyard Café. Zack Boren will give a presentation on the Illinois judiciary system.

The **Carol V. Baughman Scholarship** is available to students in the church family pursuing a degree in education or religious studies. Contact the church office for more info or an application **by March 20**.

Uth@1st Sunrise Service Practice Schedule

Sunday, March 22nd, 6-8pm
 Sunday, March 29th, 6-8pm

Elder Meeting, Tues, **March 24**, 6:00.

The sanctuary is open on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm through Holy Week. Everyone is encouraged to come for prayer and reflection.

Handbell Choir Practice, Wednesdays, 5:30. Ages junior high through adults. Bells will play on Good Friday, April 3. Contact Kathy with questions.

Choir Practice, Wednesdays, 6:30. Childcare is provided. Contact Kay or Kathy with questions.

Holy Week

April 2, 7:00pm, Maundy Thursday Service – Communion, Worship

April 3, 7:00 pm, Good Friday Service

Resurrection Sunday, April 5

6:30am Uth@1st Sunrise Service in gym

7:30am Breakfast

8:45am Sunday School

10:00am Worship Service in sanctuary



Disciple Heritage Fellowship National Conference

April 29-30

First Christian Church in Decatur

Cost \$149/person or \$199/married couple.

Check out early bird discounts or register at discipleheritage.org/conference

Uth@1st Mission Trip!!

Still Waters Youth Ranch of Appalachia

Barbourville, Kentucky

Sunday May 31st through Friday June 5th

Students must have completed 9th grade to attend.

If interested please contact Niki Dixon 417-392-0729

As you begin your spring cleaning, remember to save some goodies for our CWF Spring Sale, June 6! This sale includes everything except the kitchen sink! (Well, almost.) We hope to include many volunteers from June 2-5 in preparation, and on the big day as we greet our shoppers and help them find all the bargains! Watch here for more info.

**Vacation Bible School
 July 12-15
 2026**

The atrium east and west doors are open and will lead you to communion, bulletins, coffee, various displays, and the offering slot. Grass has been laid in the courtyard area so we ask that you use the sidewalks while it takes hold. The Lost & Found box will be on the coat rack in the atrium where we will keep items for 1 month.

Crossroads Center is open to the public for **walking** Monday through Thursday, 8-10:00 a.m.

Greetings! Most recently I was made aware of an opportunity to return to Ostróda, Poland, with the Global Outreach Mission Team of Northwoods Community Church in Peoria. Our mission is scheduled for June 4-19 as part of a team working with Send Me Ministries in Poland. The combined team, which will minister to Holocaust survivors, will love and care for God's Chosen People. We will have an opportunity to spend a week with non-Messianic Jewish people from Ukraine, showing them the love of Jeshua. For our guests we pray that this may become a time of healing and a time to find true rest in the Lord of rest.

Having been spiritually challenged in the past, our mission trips to Kentucky enabled us to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with youth in the Appalachian Mountains. In the country of Poland, we shared God's love by providing food supplies, clothing, and safe shelter for refugees from war-torn Ukraine. And while in Ukraine we ministered to the physical and spiritual needs of the Roma people.

As my compassion for the Ukrainian refugees has not waivered, neither has my empathy for the Holocaust survivors. In Matthew 25:39-40 Jesus answers the question of the righteous, "And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." We fulfill the implication of this verse by caring for those who are broken and oppressed.

Won't you consider becoming a part of my prayer team as I prepare for this journey? I ask that you pray for God to show me His will and that I will be spiritually equipped to honor Him in all things. I also covet your prayers for the health and safety of our team as well as the health and safety of our guests.

God bless you all – Cindy Chamberlain

On Feb 25 we hosted the Rotary Ag Luncheon at Crossroads Center. We want to thank the entire team of volunteers who helped prepare, serve, and clean for the event. Your time and dedication to provide our facility to the community is appreciated!

The March 4 Blood Drive was a great success! Barbara Fosco and her team were swamped with donors the entire time and sometimes had 3 or 4 waiting! At the end of the day they had 31 good donations. Four donors did the Power Red which gives 2 separate donations. Thank you to all donors and to the First Baptist Church for partnering with us!

We want to thank all of the volunteers who were able to lay the grass sod around the atrium courtyard earlier this week. Your help enabled us to get the task finished before the timely rain!

THIS IS MY CHURCH

It is composed of people like me.
We make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am friendly.
Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes,
If I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship
if I bring them.
It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith,
and a church with a noble spirit
—if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.
Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task
of being all the things I want my church to be.



Dear Church Family,

Last week we spent time in the Word talking about the importance of belonging to the body of Christ. The church is not simply a place we attend on Sundays. Scripture describes it as a living body where every believer has a role to play. *“For just as the body is one and has many members... so it is with Christ”* (1 Corinthians 12:12, ESV). Each of us is called to grow together, serve together, and participate in the work God is doing through His church.

At First Christian Church, we want to make both involvement and membership clear and accessible for everyone.

There are many ways to begin serving and participating in the life of the church. One of the best ways to stay informed is by signing up to receive Steeple Points, where we keep the congregation updated on current projects, ministry opportunities, and upcoming work days around the church.

If you are interested in getting involved, simply contact any elder or the church office. They will gladly help connect you with areas where your gifts, time, and passion can serve the body of Christ. Whether it is helping with projects, serving in ministry, or participating in outreach, there is always meaningful work to do together for the Kingdom.

If you feel led to make First Christian Church your church home, the process is simple and welcoming.

The first step is to connect with Pastor Michael or any of our elders and go through First Things First, our membership information class. This class walks through who we are as a church, what we believe, and how we live out our mission together. The class is also available on our church website if you would like to review it there.

If you have never been baptized, we will gladly work with you to schedule your baptism as part of your step of faith and commitment to Christ. Pastor Michael offers baptism classes periodically and as requested.

Finally, when you are ready to join, you can simply give Pastor or an Elder a heads up, come forward during the invitation time at a Sunday service, and we will welcome you into membership with the church family.

Church membership is not about signing a form. It is about committing to walk together in faith, encourage one another, and labor side by side for the work of the Gospel.

At First Christian Church, we believe the Christian life is meant to be lived in community. So if you have been thinking about taking that next step, we would love to walk alongside you.

Let's grow together, serve together, and get involved in Kingdom work.

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

Staff:

Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor
 Niki Dixon, Christian Education
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary
 Grace Gordley, Custodian
 Bob Clark, Audio/Video/Maintenance
 Jenna Hull, Event Coordinator

Office Hours: M-TH 8:00am-3:30pm; F 8:00am-Noon
Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

PRAYER CONCERNS: Marie Awbrey, Chuck Barber, Brenda Bonnett, Richard Decker, Tressa Dickerson, Braycen Douglas, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Joan Halsey, Mary Harshman, Elaine Hoaglin, Donnie Houchins, Sally Humphrey, Jim & Judy Kallal, Rusty Sealock, Jim Stark,
 Bernall Ackerman (Friend of TenEyck family) Diana Bentley (Jane Calaway's sister)
 Karen Birch (John Birch's sister) Christine Creamer (Calvin Anderson's mother)
 Denny Dell (Friend of Brokaw family) Vivian Dyer (Kevin Dyer's sister-in-law)
 Bob & Phyllis Hammitt (Larry Wigington's brother) Sue Holcomb (Friend of Bev White)
 Dennie Hull (Jack Hull's brother)
 Rhonda Johnson (Kathy Willman's sister)
 James Kallal (Jim's Kallal's father)
 Kevin Kingery (Friend of Nathen Lothridge)
 Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister)
 Billy Lowe (Barbara Fosco's nephew)
 Steve Newbery (Friend of Wilson family)
 Roger Phoenix (Jaunae Bacon's father)
 Raylan Turnbull (Friend of VanHoose family)
 Robert Wilson (Rachel Cawthon's father)

*Sympathy: Becky Ghrist
 (Alice Ghrist's daughter-in-law)*

Stewardship (Offering Only) <u>2/23-3/1</u> <u>3/2-8</u>		
Operational	\$14,008.84	\$10,495.61
Property Improvement	115.00	15.00
Outreach-Missionaries	45.00	65.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	124.91	205.91
Youth	100.00	100.00
Unmet Needs	0.00	0.00
Outreach-General	<u>210.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$14,633.75	\$10,961.52

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$14,081.60 \$12,857.61
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$11,030

Serving Schedule:
March 15: Elder: Wayne Chamberlain, John Hull
 8:00 Communion: Michael & Jessie Smith
 10:30 Communion: Jason & Erica Thomas
 Children's Church: Kay Sealock, Mike & Julie Boren
 Infant-Age2 Assist: Elliot Alger, Crystal McClintock
 PreK Assist: Amy Harris, Kamy Dixon
 Safety 8:00: Michael Smith, Patrick Lamb
 Safety 10:30: Bill Grimsley, Larry Wigington, Steve Lehr
 Sunday School Superintendent: Kay Sealock
March 22: Elder: Bob Clark, Alicia Tate
 8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart
 10:30 Communion: Larry & Sandy Wigington, Justin & Amber Poor
 Children's Church: Niki Dixon
 Infant-Age2 Assist: Shanna Ewers, Emma Wombles
 PreK Assist: Amy Harris, Bonnie Dain
 Safety 8:00: John Havens, Stan Moss
 Safety 10:30: Caleb Dixon, Jeremy Tate, Eli Smithers
 Sunday School Superintendent: Vickie Tharp

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
 3/15: 1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
 3/16: Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20
 3/17: Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14
 3/18: Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34
 3/19: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Rev 10:1-11
 3/20: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19
 3/21: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53
 3/22: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
 3/23: Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12
 3/24: Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10
 3/25: Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matt22:23-33
 3/26: Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Sam 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11
 3/27: Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30
 3/28: Psalm 31:9-16; Lam 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34

- 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

Wishes & Wants	Worship Service	
Needed: Old sheet music and used/broken guitar strings.	8:00	<u>3/1</u> 102
Sonya Bishop 910.874.1535	10:30	<u>3/8</u> 187
	Total	289
	Christian Education	
	Youth	43
	Disciples	12
	Sermon Study	8
	C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>18</u>
	Total	81

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