

The Pittsfield Christian

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On Sunday, May 24, we celebrated Zac Swan's decision to declare his faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized during 10:30 service. Zac is a 2026 PHS graduate and we welcome him to the church family!

Sew 'n Share: Please pass the word — this group is open to **anyone** -- not just church members. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the Annex. Come for the whole day or just drop in when you can. We will break for lunch at noon — bring your own or we'll go out and grab something quick. Any level of experience is welcome! For more info please contact **Linda Belford – 217-779-2945**.
The next two gatherings will be June 11 & 25, 9AM-3PM.



The **choir** will practice on Wed,
June 17 and **July 1**, 6:30.
The choir will sing Sunday, **July 5**.



Elder Meeting, Tues, **June 23**,
6:00.



It is time to complete the **Sunday Fellowship Treat schedule** for July 2026 – June 2027. Let the office know by **June 26** if you would like to be added to the schedule or need to be removed. We ask that you bring approx 5 dozen cookies/treats when it is your turn on the rotation.



LIGHT IT UP! VBS 2026.
Kick-off celebration will be July 12
following 10:30 service.
VBS Mon, July 13 - Wed, July 15.
Contact Niki if you are interested
in volunteering! 417.392.0729



Grown Up VBS! July 13-15
Same time as kids VBS.
Women of all ages are welcome!
Crafts, Laughter, Jesus!
Contact Renna Walters
931.217.6842



The **CWF Bible Study** will take a break for the summer due to scheduling conflicts and will resume meeting in Sept.

See the Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp website for 2026 summer camp dates.
Online registration is available. Our Christian Men's Fellowship will pay one half the cost of youth in our church family to attend the camp.



Braxton and Laura Boren are parents of son Pascal Bruce Boren, born June 6, 9 lbs, 22 inches. Grandparents are Roger & Rokettia Brokaw and Mike & Julie Boren. Congratulations to all!

The CWF Garage Sale was a great success! We want to thank the army of volunteers who helped make it happen. No matter if you brought donations, organized, priced, helped shoppers, or cleaned up at the conclusion - your participation was greatly appreciated! Proceeds were over \$2,400.

The CWF bereavement meals are a very important ministry of the church that allow us to serve families in their time of need following a funeral. Mary Gates has been a faithful servant organizing these meals and contacting volunteers since 2006. She has decided it is time to pass the baton which has been picked up by Debbie Robinson. We want to thank Mary for her many years and hours of dedication to serving in this area! If you would also like to help with these meals by providing a dish and/or volunteering your time in the kitchen, then contact Debbie and she will add you to the contact list.

We want to thank the volunteers who recently helped in any way with the Don Chamberlain funeral dinner. Your help is greatly appreciated!

The Kentucky Mission Trip was a huge success! Huge thank you's go out to Justin Poor, Jason Thompson & Caleb Dixon for helping! We're so thankful for the Tracy Foundation & their donation. Our student's are so grateful for those who donated money to offset the cost. To our Junior High Students & teachers thank you for the hygiene kits, the kiddos were so excited. We appreciate FCC for covering this trip in prayer & support.



Dear Church Family,

As we continue to check items off our project punch list, I have been excited to see the new sod take root in front of the Atrium. After months of dreaming, construction, and the inevitable delays, the mud that surrounded the new building has given way to a sea of green grass. It is amazing how something as simple as new grass can make the whole entrance look and feel different. It feels finished!

But the other day, as I was looking over that beautiful sea of green, I noticed something odd. Right there in the middle of the new yard was one little clump of newly sprouted clover. I was puzzled and thought to myself, "Where in the world did that come from?"

The rest of the newly sodded yard is clean. It is beautiful green grass, without weeds. So how did that one little patch of clover get there?

At first, I could not figure it out. Then it finally dawned on me. We have quite a bit of clover growing in some of the other grassy areas around the church property. Most likely, a small clump of grass clippings from another part of the yard had fallen off the mower deck as it passed over the new sod. That little clump most likely contained just enough clover seed to take root.

That is all it took.

One small clump. One unnoticed deposit. One random clod containing a few seeds, and the next thing you know, one has unwelcomed weeds.

I was reminded of the parable Jesus told in Matthew 13 about a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while everyone was sleeping, an enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat. The field had been planted with good seed, but something destructive was introduced into the soil. And once it was there, it began to grow.

That little patch of clover reminded me how careful we must be to guard not only our yard, but our hearts.

Most of the "weeds" in our lives will not arrive intentionally, but rather stealthily. They come as things that attach themselves to us in our journey in this world. A negative conversation that we refused to excuse ourselves from, that careless habit we refuse to address, the grudge we refuse to let go of, or that unhealthy influence we just can't seem to eliminate. These little compromises coagulate on life's mower deck and distribute themselves randomly throughout the yard of our soul.

At first, it may seem small and harmless, but if it finds a place to take root, it begins to grow.

Proverbs 4:23 says, *"Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."* That is not a call to fearful isolation, but to faithfulness, soul-stewardship. We belong to Christ, and by His grace, He calls us to bear good fruit, not weeds. With this in mind, we must pay attention to what we allow to settle into the soil of our hearts.

The new grass in front of the Atrium is beautiful, and we want to care for it well. But far more importantly, we must tend to the ground of our souls with meticulous care.

Ask the Lord to show us what does not belong. Let's be quick to pull up bitterness, pride, and spiritual compromise before they spread. May the good seed of God's Word take root in us, producing a harvest that brings glory to Him.

Loving you all,
Michael

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Marie Awbrey, Richard Decker, Greg Dickerson, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Mary Gates, Alice Ghrist, Joan Halsey, Mary Harshman, Jim & Judy Kallal, Janet Scranton, Jim Stark, Karen Birch (John Birch's sister)
 Weston & Maddi Campbell (Elledge family)
 Martha Chamberlain (Dan Chamberlain'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)
 Chaddam Johnson (Friend of Wilson family)
 Kevin Kingery (Friend of Nathen Lothridge)
 Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister)
 Steve Newbery (Friend of Wilson family)
 Jim Rowland (Joyce Lemons' son-in-law)
 Michael Sleight (Kathy Wainman's son)
 Tim Vahle (Friend of Ten Eyck family)

*With Sympathy:**Don Chamberlain**David Fitzmaurice**(Billy Fitzmaurice's father)**Sam Rayfield**(Carol Schwartz's cousin)*

Billy Lowe (Barbara Fosco's nephew)

Lucas Rife (Commission Encounter)

Mike Slayden (Friend of Pennock family)

Melinda Upchurch (Friend of Schwartz family)

Stewardship (Offering Only)	5/18-24	5/25-31	6/1-7
Operational	\$5,298.22	\$10,769.27	\$12,840.91
Property Improvement	15.00	15.00	15.00
Outreach-Missionaries	45.00	65.00	45.00
DHF	30.00	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	124.91	324.91	124.91
Youth Related	0.00	325.00	200.00
Outreach-General	110.00	10.00	290.00
Total	\$5,623.13	\$11,539.18	\$13,545.82

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$5,553.22 \$11,764.27 \$12,804.91
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$11,030

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

Lectionary

6/7: Gen 12:1-9; Hosea 5:15-6:6; Rom 4:13-25; Matt 9:9-26
 6/8: Psalm 119:41-48; Genesis 16:1-15; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:2
 6/9: Psalm 119:41-48; Genesis 17:1-27; Hebrews 13:1-16
 6/10: Psalm 119:41-48; Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 12:1-8
 6/11: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 3:1-6
 6/12: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:1-9; Acts 7:35-43
 6/13: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:10-52; Mark 7:1-13
 6/14: Gen 18:1-15; Ex 19:2-8; Rom 5:1-8; Matt 9:35-10:8
 6/15: Psalm 126; Genesis 23:1-19; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5
 6/16: Psalm 126; Genesis 25:7-11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
 6/17: Psalm 126; Nehemiah 9:1-8; Luke 6:12-19
 6/18: Psalm 86:1-10; Exodus 12:43-49; Hebrews 2:5-9
 6/19: Psalm 86:1-10; Genesis 35:1-4; Acts 5:17-26
 6/20: Psalm 86:1-10; Ezekiel 29:3-7; Luke 11:53-12:3
 6/21: Gen 21:8-21; Jer 20:7-13; Rom 6:1-11; Matt 10:24-39
 6/22: Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 16:1-15; Revelation 2:1-7
 6/23: Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 25:12-18; Revelation 2:8-11
 6/24: Psalm 86:11-17; Jeremiah 42:18-22; Matthew 10:5-23
 6/25: Psalm 13; Micah 7:18-20; Galatians 5:2-6
 6/26: Psalm 13; 2 Chronicles 20:5-12; Galatians 5:7-12
 6/27: Psalm 13; Genesis 26:23-25; Luke 17:1-4

Serving Schedule:

June 14: Elder: Bob Clark, Matt Saxe
 8:00 Communion: Tom & Debbie Robinson
 10:30 Communion: Larry & Sandy Wigington, Justin & Amber Poor
 Children's Church: Kay Sealock, Mike & Julie Boren
 Infant-Age2 Assist: Linda Belford, Madelyn Saxe
 PreK Assist: Amy Harris, Rorie Dunham
 Safety 8:00: David Bishop, Steve Tharp
 Safety 10:30: Sonya Bishop, Billy Fitzmaurice, Keenan Wine
 Sunday School Superintendent:: Kathy Lehr

June 21: Elder: Alicia Tate, Brad Willman
 8:00 Communion: Michael & Jessie Smith
 10:30 Communion: Rokettia Brokaw, Joyce Harrison
 Children's Church: Stan & Jill Moss
 Infant-Age2 Assist: Elliot Alger, Rimi Dixon
 PreK Assist: Amy Harris, Kamy Dixon
 Safety 8:00: Kevin Wombles, Patrick Lamb
 Safety 10:30: Bill Grimsley, Scott Bacon, Thomas Hull
 Sunday School Superintendent:: Joyce Lemons

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

None at this time.

Worship Service	5/24	5/31	6/7
8:00	90	80	66
10:30	121	104	170
Total	211	184	236
Christian Education			
Youth	23		42
Disciples	12	11	13
Sermon Study	9	7	10
C.O.F.F.E.E.	8		12
	52	18	77

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