

The Pittsfield Christian

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The **Disciples Class** has begun a study in the book of Acts in the Long Room at 9:15. All are welcome for a study of the beginnings of the Church.

Sew 'n Share, Thurs, Aug 13 & 27, 9AM-3PM, annex.

Elder Meeting, Tues, Aug 25, 6:00.

Promotion Sunday will be **Sept 6** when youth will move to their next class level.

Nominating forms are on the sanctuary mantels for officers and officials who's term will begin Jan 1, 2027. **Due date to submit is Monday morning, Sept 14.**

The **Thursday Noon Bible Study** will resume on **Sept 17** at Crossroads Center in the book "Praying with Women of the Bible for 30 Days" by Sherry Harney. Contact Cindy Chamberlain if you plan to attend so we can order enough books.

Attention parents! PLEASE contact Alicia Tate or the office with your college student's new address! Our **College Student Ministry** will soon prepare back to school care packages.

Pastor Michael will be out of the office August 13-24. Our elders are available should you have a need.

Choir members – please return your folder to the office so that we can prepare them for cantata practice.

Thank you volunteers who were able to help with the luncheon on Wed, Aug 12. Your time is appreciated!

Elder Corner

I've been thinking a lot lately about my everyday interactions with other people. The question that keeps coming to my mind is this: Do the people that I interact with throughout the day know that I'm a Christian? Would they be surprised if I told them?

In John 13:34-35, we read that Jesus said, *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

Have you ever known someone that is almost always good? And joyful, kind, patient, gentle, ... (you know, all of the fruits of the spirit)? Early in my career, I had a co-worker like that. There was just something about Don. I almost always felt better after interactions with Don. We hadn't talked about faith, but I just knew that there was something different about him. When I moved to the suburbs I searched online for a nearby church to try, and that first Sunday I ran into Don and his wife and family! Don is retired now, but he was a wonderful example for me early in my career of how to show love for others while still being effective in the workplace.

I'm not sure that I always live up to Jesus' command to "love one another." In addition to the workplace, here are some other challenging settings for me:

- Ballgames – I wonder if the ref, umpire, players, or other fans look at me and think, I bet she's a Christian.
- Restaurants – Am I always as kind as I should be to the staff?
- Traffic – You all know about my struggles with traffic...
- Wal-Mart (or other stores) – Do the other shoppers or the cashiers feel loved?

I'm almost never harsh. I'm not unkind, but am I actually kind? If I do an honest self-assessment, my guess is that many of the people that I interact with don't actually feel love from me. They may not experience joy or patience from me.

If the people that I interact with on a daily basis knew that I call myself a Christian, would it make them more or less likely to open their hearts and minds to God? I want my interactions with others to always reflect God's love. I'm not perfect, but I'm trying to be better.

FCC, let's work together on this. Let's love each other and our neighbors in all of our everyday interactions so that everyone will know that we are followers of Jesus.

In Christian Love,
Alicia Tate, Elder

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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, Edna Baughman, Zack Boren, John Calaway, Richard Decker, Greg Dickerson, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Cameo Fesler, Charlie & Mary Gates, Joan Halsey, Laynie Hart, Donnie Houchins, Jim & Judy Kallal, Zane Schlieper, Janet Scranton, Jim Stark, Flora Campbell (Elledge great granddaughter), Martha Chamberlain (Dan Chamberlain's sister), Christine Creamer (Calvin Anderson's mother), Evelyn Dehart (Harold Loyd's sister), Denny Dell (Friend of Brokaw family), Vivian Dyer (Kevin Dyer's sister-in-law), Bill Freesmeyer (Edith Gant family), Adam & Angie Hammitt (Larry Wigington's family), Bob & Phyllis Hammitt (Larry Wigington's brother), Carol Hark (Friend of Belford family), Sue Holcomb (Friend of Bev White), Dennie Hull (Jack Hull's brother), Chaddam Johnson (Friend of Wilson family), Pat Lehr (Steve Lehr's sister), Steve Newbery (Friend of Wilson family), Lucas Rife (Commission Encounter), Michael Sleight (Kathy Wainman's son), Tim Vahle (Friend of Ten Eyck family), Donna Wade (Grace Gordley's grandmother)

Stewardship (Offering Only) 7/27-8/2	8/3-9
Operational	\$13,596.70 \$9,012.41
Property Improvement	65.00 15.00
Outreach-Missionaries	65.00 45.00
DHF	30.00 30.00
Construction/Renovation	124.91 124.91
Youth	100.00 100.00
Outreach-General	<u>10.00</u> <u>210.00</u>
Total	\$13,991.61 \$9,537.32

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
Received Last 7 Days \$13,541.70 \$9,075.41
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$11,030

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.

Serving Schedule:

Aug 16, 2026

Elders: John Hull, Wayne Chamberlain
8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart
10:30 Communion: Larry & Sandy Wigington, Justin & Amber Poor
Children's Church: Kay Sealock, Mike & Julie Boren
Infant-Age2: Judy Ferguson, Rimi Dixon
Pre-K Assist: Amy Harris, Bradyn Dixon
Safety 8:00: Brad Losch, John Havens
Safety 10:30: Caleb Dixon, Steve Lehr, Thomas Hull
Sunday School Superintendent: Kay Sealock

Aug 23, 2026

Elder: Alicia Tate, John Hull
8:00 Communion: Brad & Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Jeremy & Alicia Tate
Children's Church: Debbie Robinson, Sue Miller
Infant-Age2: Crystal McClintock, Linda Belford
Pre-K Assist: Amy Harris, Rorie Dunham
Safety 8:00: Kevin Wombles, Michael Smith
Safety 10:30: Billy Fitzmaurice, Jason Thomas, Larry Wigington
Sunday School Superintendent: Vickie Tharp

Lectionary

8/16: Gen 45:1-15; Isa 56:1-8; Rom 11:1-2, 29-32; Matt 15:10-28
8/17: Psalm 130; Genesis 43:1-34; Acts 15:1-21
8/18: Psalm 130; Genesis 44:1-34; Romans 11:13-29
8/19: Psalm 130; Genesis 45:16-28; Matthew 8:1-13
8/20: Psalm 124; Genesis 49:1-33; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
8/21: Psalm 124; Genesis 49:29-50:14; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18
8/22: Psalm 124; Genesis 50:15-26; Matthew 16:5-12
8/23: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Isa 55:1-6; Rom 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20
8/24: Psalm 8; Exodus 1:1-7; Romans 2:1-11
8/25: Psalm 8; Exodus 2:11-15a; Romans 11:33-36
8/26: Psalm 8; Exodus 2:15b-22; Matthew 26:6-13
8/27: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 2:23-24; Eph 5:1-6
8/28: Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 3:16-22; 2 Thess 2:7-12
8/29: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 4:1-9; Matthew 8:14-17

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

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.

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

Church yearbooks are at the annex and available for viewing.

Worship Service 8/2 8/9

8:00	90	78
10:30	<u>127</u>	<u>159</u>
Total	217	237

Christian Education

Youth	29	40
Disciples	11	13
Sermon Study	9	9
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>
	63	75