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ImpactLife will hold a **Blood Drive** on Tues, **Sept 29**, 1-5:00 at Crossroads Center. To schedule an appt, call 800.747.5401. Please eat/hydrate well prior to donating and bring photo ID. Last date to donate elsewhere was August 4. Successful donors get choice of egift card, donation to charity, or bonus points to use in their Donor Rewards Store!

5th Quarter Party, Fri, **Oct 2**, 9:30-11:00, High School Students only. Food and inflatables.

Wild Faith: Catch, Clean, Fry, Pray. Fishing Day for all boys grades 4th – 12th in the church family on Sat, **Oct 3**. Meet at the church at 8:30; return by 1:00. Hosted by CMF. Be men who follow God. Christian in public; faith in action. Contact any CMF officer with questions – Dave Bryant, Spencer Boren, Hamer Tate, Mike Boren.

Coffee Talk, Tues, **Oct 6**, 10:00 at atrium. Stop by for conversation and a hot cup of coffee with Pastor Michael!

Choir/Cantata Practice will start on Wed, **Oct 7**, 6:30. Childcare will be provided.

Sew N Share, **Oct 8 & 22**, 9-3:00, annex. Contact Linda Belford with questions.

Christian Women's Fellowship Bible Study, Thurs, **Oct 8**, 9:30 at Cardinal Inn. Contact Joyce Lemons with questions.

The fall wiener roast and Vesper Service will be at the Hamer & Jenny Tate farm on Sunday, Oct. 11. Like a family meal, all food will be provided with donations in the box to help offset expenses. All you need to bring is your cooking fork if you have one, and your lawn chair. The fire should be ready for roasting by 4:30. If you want to fish, paddle boat, play, or just have some relaxing time, feel free to come on down any time after 3:00.

Board Meeting, Tues, **Oct 13**, 6:00, annex. Packets will be available on Sunday, Oct 11.

Sunday, **Nov 1**, **Youth Group Hayride and cookout** at the Charlotte Dunham Farm.

The **Thursday Women's Bible Study** meets at noon at Crossroads Center. Contact Cindy Chamberlain for more info.

Youth – Xtreme Winter Conference, Dec 27-29. \$50 per student. Contact Niki with questions or to sign up!

Cindy Chamberlain and Jenna Hull have worked diligently to create a digital display highlighting the various **missions that FCC supports throughout the year.** Be sure to check it out in the atrium on the TV above the coffee bar!

October Birthday & Anniversaries **1** Jane Calaway, C.J. Hayes, J.P. Richmiller, Mae Heavner, Linda Baumer; **2** Tracey Reel; **3** Ann Ferguson, Caleb & Hayley Wombles; **4** Larry Howard, Linda Decker, Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain; **5** Jim Dehart; **6** Jenny Tate, Preston & Bethany Dunham, Brian & Marina Bradshaw; **7** Michael & Julie Boren, Cindy Chamberlain, Ed & Rosi Picone, George & Georgia Ruble; **8** Bill Grimsley; **9** Korey & Lisa Wombles; **10** J.P. & Cassie Richmiller; Josie McClintock, Xander Sidwell; **11** Robert Crowder, Don Houchins; **12** Chuck Barber, Cathy Lacey, Steve & Betty Hayden, Erica Thomas; **14** Deloras Martin, Ashley Ferguson, Hudson Moss; **15** Helen Earls; **16** Buddy & Chris Crowder, Cade Tomhave; **17** Gary & Christie Mendenhall; **18** Cindy Morrow; **19** Alex & Katie Sidwell; **20** Larry & Sandy Wigington, Chris & Cherie Wagoner, Steve & Kathy Lehr, Jaunae Bacon, Madilyn Wombles; **22** Mary Gates; **23** Will & Marci Freesen; **26** Elaine Hoaglin, McKenzie Tomhave, Brian & Hannah Roig; **27** Scott Palmer; **28** Brianne Sealock; **29** Linda Belford, Judy Sweeting, Aidan Poor, Bill & Eleanor Jenkins; **30** Roger & Dorothy Yaeger; **31** Sarah Tharp, Craig Gengler.



Sept 29



Oct 3



Oct 11

Board Meeting Excerpts from September 8, 2026

Call to Order: 6 p.m. by Moderator Brad Losch.

Elder Devotion and Opening Prayer: Bob Clark led the meeting in a devotion and prayer.

Minutes from Last Meeting: Minutes from the August 11, 2026, meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor's Report: Minister's report was attached and discussed. Highlights include: Conducted 2 interviews with a candidate for Associate Minister job opening. Offered phone support to some clergy responding to the tragedy in Pleasant Hill.

Treasurer: Michelle Hart highlighted.

The total transfer to the GR—Extra Ministries-Elder Discretion Fund in August was \$25,264. Extra Ministries—Elder Discretion Fund \$54,641+\$25,000(invested in CD). Total General Checking \$374,129. Total Funds Available for Construction/Renovation \$932,644. YTD Receipts \$367,248; YTD Budgeted \$386,044; Difference \$18,795. YTD Disbursements \$307,475; YTD Budgeted \$373,306; Difference \$65,830. Average worship attendance through August 31 = 235. David Bishop made a motion which was seconded by John Hull to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Trustees: Justin Poor submitted a Trustee's Report. Memorials received in the name of Martha Chamberlain. Mention was made that an air conditioner at Crossroads needs repair/replacement. Because both units are 20+ years old, we're looking into replace both of them.

Christian Education: Niki Dixon submitted a report. Niki submitted a breakdown of the costs for youth to attend the Xtreme Winter Conference in December. Approximately 20 students & 5 adults are expected to attend. Participants to pay \$50 with the church paying the remainder, approximately \$118 per student. Motion carried.

Music: Choir will be starting soon with Cantata practice beginning the first Wednesday of October.

Crossroads Center: Jenna Hull submitted a report showing a busy schedule starting this month.

Building Team: Pastor Michael said that Kirk Speckhart is finishing the work on the door system.

Old Business: Michael has been in continued discussion with Communio.

New Business:

The following were appointed as the nominating committee: John Hull (chairman), Alicia Tate, Amber Poor, Sue Speckhart, Matt Sealock and Rebecca Rhodes. David Bishop made a motion which was seconded by Michael Ten Eyck to approve this committee.

The board was also challenged to thinking about the upcoming budget process as consideration must be made if an Associate Pastor is hired and what the salary package might include.

A motion was made by Michael Ten Eyck and seconded by John Hull to donate \$500 to Access Illinois. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Justin Poor made a motion at 6:37 p.m. which was seconded by Zack Boren to adjourn.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Michael closed the meeting in prayer.

SUMMER TIME

I enjoy the different seasons, and summer is at the top of the list. Lots of outdoor activities, vitamin D, green corn and soybeans, great smells, cookouts, sitting outside during the late evening, watching the stars come out.

One of the top activities is eating homemade ice cream – what a treat! Growing up as a kid in the country our neighbors would have potluck dinners on a Saturday evening. We would take turns going to someone's home for dinner, and during the summer there was always homemade ice cream for dessert! We had vanilla, chocolate, peach, raspberry – all with real cow's milk – many different recipes to enjoy along with a few ice cream headaches.

My folks had one or two recipes that we enjoyed which were passed on to Cindy and me when we were first married. However, we or I had a problem getting the ice cream to harden up to the right consistency. At one of our family get togethers, I told my uncle about my problem, and without any hesitation he told me that I wasn't using enough salt. His suggestion was a layer of ice, layer of salt, then ice again and salt, repeat ice and salt, and top it off with another layer of ice and one more layer of salt. The next batch we made I used his instructions, and within 20-25 minutes, the ice cream was getting harder to crank and was setting up. What a difference a little salt put in the right spot makes!

Well, I am telling this story about making ice cream to compare it with my prayer life and Bible study. In a recent elders meeting, Michael asked us to share something that was going on in our faith. I expressed that my prayer time had become a little lax and that I needed to step up and make an improvement. During that evening meeting it was suggested to start meeting again on Tuesday evenings with singing and prayers and asking God to speak not only to us but to our whole church family. We started August 4th. This time is open to anyone. I look forward to seeing and hearing what God wants to reveal to those who want to hear.

Just like the ice and salt in layers making the freezing process faster, putting prayer and Bible study together builds our communication with God. We will feel that He is near us. He helps us overcome temptation. God is a weapon against evil and brings us peace not panic. We will want to praise Him and give Him glory. All of this combined together will firm us into God's people of which He desires.

Hoping you enjoy the pleasures of summer and the blessings of prayer and being in His word.

Wayne Chamberlain,
FCC elder

PRAYER CONCERNS: Marie Awbrey, Edna Baughman, Zack Boren, Richard Decker, Greg Dickerson, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Charlie & Mary Gates, Joan Halsey, Laynie Hart, Donnie Houchins, Jim & Judy Kallal, Zane Schlieper, Carol Schwartze, Janet Scranton, Jim Stark, Flora Campbell (Elledge great granddaughter), 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), 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), Gus Macy (Friend of Joyce Lemons family), Dawn Alloway Miller (Friend of Rhodes family), Steve Newbery (Friend of Wilson family), Patty Peterson (Larry Howard's daughter), Lucas Rife (Commission Encounter), Michael Sleight (Kathy Wainman's son), Tim Vahle (Friend of Ten Eyck family), Donna Wade (Grace Gordley's grandmother), Debby Wilder (Brandi Pennock's mother)

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Church Building: 225 N. Memorial Street
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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

Stewardship (Offering Only)	<u>9/7-13</u>	<u>9/14-20</u>
Operational	\$8,276.03	\$7,364.89
Property Improvement	15.00	15.00
Outreach-Missionaries	45.00	45.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	124.91	124.91
Youth	125.00	0.00
Unmet Needs	20.00	20.00
Outreach-General	<u>210.00</u>	<u>290.00</u>
Total	\$8,845.94	\$7,889.80

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$8,242.03 \$7,364.89
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.

Lectionary

9/27: Ex 17:1-7; Ezek 18:1-4, 25-32; Phil 2:1-13; Matt 21:23-32
9/28: Psalm 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14
9/29: Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21
9/30: Psalm 42; Exodus 19:9b-25; Matthew 9:2-8
10/1: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Colossians 2:16-23
10/2: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:14-19; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a
10/3: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52
10/4: Exod 20:1-20, Isa 5:1-7; Phil 3:4-14; Matt 21:33-46
10/5: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 1 Peter 2:4-10
10/6: Psalm 119:49-56; Deut5:22-6:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
10/7: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; John 11:45-57
10/8: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:1-8; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14
10/9: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:9-11; James 4:4-10
10/10: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:12-18; Mark 2:18-22
10/11: Exod 32:1-14; Isa 25:1-9; Phil 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14
10/12: Psalm 97; Exodus 32:15-35; Jude 17-25
10/13: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:1-6; Philippians 3:13-4:1
10/14: Psalm 97; 2 Kings 17:7-20; John 6:25-35
10/15: Psalm 99; Exodus 33:7-11; 3 John 9-12
10/16: Psalm 99; Exodus 31:1-11; 1 Peter 5:1-5
10/17: Psalm 99; Exodus 39:32-43; Matthew 14:1-12

Serving Schedule:

Sept 27, 2026

Elder: David Bishop, Wayne Chamberlain
8:00 Communion: Michael & Jessie Smith
10:30 Communion: Eric & Jill Kunzeman
Children's Church: Debbie Robinson, Sue Miller
Infant-Age2: Amy Ruebush, Renna Walters
Pre-K Assist: Amy Harris, Bonnie Dain
Safety 8:00: Brad Losch, Stan Moss
Safety 10:30: Sonya Bishop, Jeremy Tate, Scott Bacon
Sunday School Superintendent: Vickie Tharp

Oct 4, 2026

Elders: Zack Boren, Matt Saxe
8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart
10:30 Communion: Jeremy & Alicia Tate
Children's Church: Ali Curless, Molly Caughlan
Infant-Age2: TBA
Pre-K Assist: Amy Harris, TBA
Safety 8:00: John Havens, Patrick Lamb
Safety 10:30: Bill Grimsley, Larry Wigington, Steve Lehr
Sunday School Superintendent: Cindy Chamberlain
Fellowship Treats: Amy Casto, Kathy Curfman, Lynn Curry, Heather Evans

Oct 11, 2026

Elders: Charlotte Dunham, Zack Boren
8:00 Communion: Brad & Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Jason & Erica Thomas
Children's Church: Stan & Jill Moss
Infant-Age2: Carol Cooley, Cindy Chamberlain
Pre-K Assist: Amy Harris, Evan Hart, Konner Wombles
Safety 8:00: Kevin Wombles, Steve Tharp
Safety 10:30: Caleb Dixon, Keenan Wine, Thomas Hull
Sunday School Superintendent: Kathy Lehr

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

Needed: Scrap fabric
&/or old clothes,
preferably fall colors for
art project. Sonya
Bishop 910.874.1535

Parents: Watch the
Kids@FCC Facebook
page for the latest
news and events!

Worship Service 9/13 9/20

8:00	82	81
10:30	<u>184</u>	<u>147</u>
Total	266	228

Christian Education

Youth	33	32
Disciples	14	9
Sermon Study	9	9
C.O.F.F.E.E.	11	8
Women's Group	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
	74	63