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Reach Teach Empower

Mark Allen and his grandson Konner Allen were both recently baptized at the church. We celebrate their declaration of faith in Jesus Christ!

Sew 'n Share, Thurs, **Oct 22**, 9AM-3PM, annex.

Elder Meeting, Tues, **Oct 27**, 6:00.

Choir/Cantata Practice has begun on **Wednesdays** at 6:30. The Cantata will be Sunday, Dec 20.

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

The November Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, November 1 after 10:30 service. Agenda includes voting on the proposed 2027 officers and the 2027 budget.

CMF Luncheon, Sunday, **Nov 8**, after 10:30 service.

Cantata Kids Choir! K-5th grade. Practice beginning Wed, **Nov 18th,** 6-6:30pm.

We will host the **Community Thanksgiving Service** on Sunday evening, **Nov 22**.

Do you like to cook? We are seeking more volunteers to be certified cooks in our kitchen during events. It is a great way to fellowship with your church family and the community! Contact Jenna if interested!

GriefShare will begin a special class, “Surviving the Holidays” on Tues, Oct 20, 6-8pm at the Pittsfield Assembly of God Church. Please use the north door. There will be a video and booklet. There will also be info on how to help children cope with the holidays. Attendees do not have to talk, and confidentiality about what is said in class is stressed. Contact Vicki Harshman for more info 217.285.6520.

ImpactLife held their first blood drive at the Crossroads Center on Sept 29 with 11 donations viable. Attendance was down a bit this is a busy time of year. Another blood drive is being planned after the first of the year.

A great time was had at the Vesper Service at the Tate Farm on Oct 11. The fellowship and food were great and the weather certainly cooperated!

The family of Elaine Hoaglin would like to invite her church family to celebrate her 80th birthday at an open house on Sunday, Nov 1, 2-4pm at the Senior Citizens Center. Happy Birthday Elaine!

Thank you Hamer & Jenny Tate for allowing Wild Faith fish at your farm on Oct 3. The boys, and men, had a great morning fishing and enjoying the fruits of their labor!

Last week the Health Dept inspected the kitchen and we earned a perfect score. We want to thank everyone for working so diligently in the kitchen and keeping our facility in good condition!

Dear Church Family,

Recently I had the opportunity to attend the Spire conference in Indianapolis. The theme image was adorned in large words on either side of the platform and throughout the campus…"Bold and Beautiful."

Not to worry, this was not a soirée into soap-opera land. There were no long-lost twins, episodes of amnesia with dramatic hospital recoveries, or mysterious characters with eye patches returning after everyone thought they had died at sea fifteen years ago. Instead, "Bold and Beautiful" was a challenge to the Church.

As I listened to the stories and allowed the theme to work its way into my heart, I thought about Paul's words in Romans 1:16: *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes."* The Gospel is where the boldness begins. This is a boldness that is not arrogant or overbearing, but rather humble and committed.

Throughout the conference, I was also reminded of just how beautiful the Gospel is as well. I was especially moved by the testimonies of individuals whom God had rescued from terrible situations. We heard stories involving substance abuse, physical abuse, human trafficking, broken families, and lives that had been swallowed by darkness. The darkness was met with the boldness of the Gospel and again and again, we heard how God brought healing, restoration, and so much more. God gave people a glorious and fulfilling purpose. These stories went far beyond survival, they were testimonies of redemption, and that is the beauty of the Gospel. God does not merely pull people out of the pit. He gives them new life, new identity, and a new reason to live.

We live in a world that often compels us to hide our struggles. We learn to smile, keep up appearances, and make sure everyone thinks we are doing just fine. Shame tells us to keep the broken places hidden, but freedom comes when those things are brought into the light.

The Gospel gives us the courage to be honest about our brokenness because grace meets us right there. That is what makes the Gospel both bold and beautiful.

Bold enough to tell the truth about sin and brokenness, yet beautiful enough to proclaim grace, healing, restoration, and hope.

Here is my challenge: Do you really believe the Gospel is beautiful? Is Christ's message of hope still good news for the broken, the wandering, the ashamed, the addicted, the abused, the lonely, and the lost? Do you truly believe Jesus still forgives, restores, redeems, and makes people new?

If so, our response should be more than quiet agreement; it should be a Spirit-inspired boldness to share and care.

If the Gospel really is beautiful, then it is far too beautiful to keep to ourselves. Be Bold!

Loving you all,

Michael

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PRAYER CONCERNS: Bernal Ackerman, Edna Baughman, Zack Boren, Richard Decker, Greg Dickerson, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Charlie & Mary Gates, Joan Halsey, Donnie Houchins, Jim & Judy Kallal, Carol Schwartze, Janet Scranton, Jim Stark, Jack Barber (Chuck Barber's brother), Flora Campbell (Elledge great granddaughter), Christine Creamer (Calvin Anderson's mother), 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), Lucas Rife (Commission Encounter), Marita Roberts (Randy Roberts' wife – DHF), Tim Vahle (Friend of Ten Eyck family), Debby Wilder (Brandi Pennock's mother)
With Sympathy: Patty Howard Peterson (Larry Howard's daughter)

Stewardship (Offering Only)	**9/21-27**	**9/28-10/4**	**10/5-11**
Operational	$8,453.72	$14,881.35	$15,940.38
Property Improvement	95.00	265.00	15.00
Outreach-Missionaries	45.00	55.00	45.00
DHF	30.00	30.00	30.00
Construction/Renovation	124.91	124.91	124.91
Unmet Needs	220.00	20.00	0.00
Youth	100.00	650.00	0.00
CMF	0.00	150.00	0.00
FCA	0.00	300.00	0.00
Outreach-General	10.00	10.00	210.00
Total	$9,078.63	$16,486.26	$16,365.29

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
Received Last 7 Days $9,227.72 $15,531.35 $16,384.38
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget $11,030

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

Serving Schedule:
Oct 18: Elders: John Hull, Hamer Tate
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
10:30 Communion: Wigington, Poor
Children's Church: Kay Sealock, Mike & Julie Boren
Infant-Age2: Jordan Lamb, Elliet Alger
Pre-K Assist: Amy Harris, Evan Hart
Safety 8:00: Brad Losch, Michael Smith
Safety 10:30: Sonya Bishop, Billy Fitzmaurice, Jason Thomas
Sunday School Superintendent: Kay Sealock
Oct 25: Elder: Bob Clark, Zack Boren
8:00 Communion: Greg & Kim Bonnett
10:30 Communion: Rokettia Brokaw, Joyce Harrison
Children's Church: Debbie Robinson, Sue Miller
Infant-Age2: Crystal McClintock, Amy Ruebush
Pre-K Assist: Amy Harris, Bonnie Hart
Safety 8:00: John Havens, Stan Moss
Safety 10:30: Jeremy Tate, Larry Wigington, Scott Bacon
Sunday School Superintendent: Vickie Tharp

Lectionary
10/18: Ex 33:12-23; Isa 45:1-7; 1 Thess 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22
10/19: Psalm 63:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20
10/20: Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 12:1-9; Revelation 18:21-24
10/21: Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 13:1-2, 17-14:9; Matthew 17:22-27
10/22: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 31:14-22; Titus 1:5-16
10/23: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deut 32:1-14, 18; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
10/24: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; John 5:39-47
10/25: Deut 34:1-12; Lev 19:1-18; 1 Thess 2:1-8; Matt 22:34-46
10/26: Psalm 119:41-48 ; Numbers 33:38-39; James 2:8-13
10/27: Psalm 119:41-48; Exodus 34:29-35; James 2:14-26
10/28: Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 26:16-27:7; Matthew 19:16-22
10/29: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 1:1-11; Romans 2:17-29
10/30: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:1-14; 2 Peter 2:1-3
10/31: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:15-24; Matthew 23:13-28

Ways to Give
- Mail: PO Box 306, Pittsfield, IL 62363
- Online: Website fccpittsfield.org then Resources
- At the Office: 115 W. Jefferson Street
- Atrium: Giving slot.

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

Worship Service	**9/27**	**10/4**	**10/11**
8:00	91	89	89
10:30	137	152	157
Total	228	241	246
Christian Education			
Youth	32	34	33
Disciples	10	10	11
Women's Group	8	9	7
Sermon Study	11	9	9
C.O.F.F.E.E.	10	9	10
	71	71	70