



# The Pittsfield Christian

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## Coming Events

Date	Event
<b>2/10</b>	<b>Dining Room Rental</b>
	7:00pm <b>Choir Practice</b>
	6:30pm <b>Connection Group</b>
<b>2/11</b>	7:00pm <b>Connection Group</b>
	9:30am <b>Circle IV Meeting</b>
<b>2/13</b>	<b>Dining Room Rental</b>
<b>2/14</b>	<b>8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship</b>
	<b>8:00, 9:15 Sunday School</b>
	6:00pm <b>Valentine Dinner</b>
<b>2/15</b>	8:00pm <b>Fellowship Hall Rental</b>
<b>2/16</b>	<b>Dining Room Rental</b>
<b>2/17</b>	7:00pm <b>Choir Practice</b>
	6:30pm <b>Connection Group</b>
	6:30pm <b>Fellowship Hall Rental</b>
<b>2/18</b>	7:00pm <b>Connection Group</b>
	5:30pm <b>Children First Board Meeting</b>
<b>2/19</b>	7:00pm <b>Fellowship Hall Rental</b>
<b>2/21</b>	<b>8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship</b>
	<b>8:00, 9:15 Sunday School</b>
	5:00pm <b>Youth Group Meeting</b>
	6:00pm <b>Fellowship Hall Rental</b>
<b>2/22</b>	8:00pm <b>Fellowship Hall Rental</b>
	1:00pm <b>Blood Drive</b>

Date	Event
<b>2/23</b>	6:00pm <b>Elder Meeting</b>
<b>2/24</b>	4:30pm <b>Choir Event/Boren Fundraiser</b>
<b>2/25</b>	7:00pm <b>Connection Group</b>
<b>2/28</b>	<b>8:00, 9:15 Sunday School</b>
	<b>8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship</b>
	5:00pm <b>Youth Group Meeting</b>

## Lectionary Scriptures

February 10 **Luke 1:26-38**  
 February 11 **Luke 1:39-45**  
 February 12 **Luke 1:46-56**  
 February 13 **Luke 1:57-80**  
 February 14 **Luke 2:1-7**  
 February 15 **Luke 2:8-21**  
 February 16 **Daniel 3:8-28**  
 February 17 **Daniel 4:28-37**  
 February 18 **Daniel 7:9-18**  
 February 19 **Daniel 9:1-10,17-19**  
 February 20 **Hosea 2:14-20**  
 February 21 **Hosea 4:1-11**  
 February 22 **Hosea 6:1-6**  
 February 23 **Luke 2:22-40**

## Youth Group Fundraiser

The Youth Group Valentine Dinner fundraiser will be Sunday, **Feb 14**. We hope to have everyone seated by **6:00**. Chicken breast will be \$14 and steak will be \$18. Both plates include baked potato, green beans, lettuce salad and dessert. Carryout will be available for pick up at 5:30. Check with Helen on Sunday for reservation availability.

## Kitchen Crew Needed

We will serve the Republican dinner meeting **Feb 16** at Crossroads. Please sign up at the fellowship table if you are able to help or call Joyce, 285.4862.

## Blood Drive

CWF will host an American Red Cross blood drive at Crossroads **Feb 22**. Sign up at the fellowship table if you can prepare cookies or help in other areas. Contact Barbara Fosco for more info.

## Vesper Choir Event

The Vesper Choir plans to have a Soup and Sandwich Dinner with the proceeds going to Emmett Boren's medical expenses. The event will be **Feb 24** from 4:30-7:00 at the Crossroads Center and will be served on a donation basis. Plans are under way to have musical entertainment by various musicians periodically throughout the evening. There will be games for all ages in the gym with no additional charge.

A Bake Sale will also be set-up so we encourage you to purchase goodies to take home. If you would like to donate items (pies, cakes, candy, cookies, etc.) please get them to Crossroads between noon and 4:00 on the 24th.

Soups to be served are chicken noodle, chili, and Brown Jug. Sandwiches are to include baked

ham, pimento cheese and p.b.&j. as well as a relish tray, cookies/brownies and tea/water.

The choir hopes you will come to help them help the Borens.

### **Blood Pressure Screening**

One of our trained volunteers will be in the church building office area performing free blood pressure screening on **Feb 14**.

### **Christian Church Revival Meeting**

(Pike County Democrat, Jan. 29, 1891) The interesting revival meetings still continue at the (new) Christian church under the preaching of Elder Corwin of New London, Mo., assisted by the pastor, Elder Meloan. Sixteen made the confession Tuesday night, bringing the whole number since the meetings started, January 5, up to one hundred and thirty-four. The interest in the meetings seems to be on the increase.

### **Children First Board Meeting**

The Children First Board will meet at 5:30 on **Feb 18**.

### **Church Leaders' Conference**

Lincoln Christian University will host Church Leaders' Conference **Feb 20**.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., first session starts at 9 a.m. Cost is \$35 before Feb 15. To preregister or for more info go to [lincolncchristian.edu/churchleaders](http://lincolncchristian.edu/churchleaders).

### **Thank You**

*Carolyn Barber's sister, Marcia Campbell, passed Jan 5 in Gulf Breeze, FL. Her memorial*

*service will be Feb 20 in Baton Rouge, LA. Thank you everyone for the many prayers and calls during our time of sorrow. - Carolyn Barber & family.*

### **Newsletter Schedule**

A newsletter will be printed the following weeks: Feb 22, Mar 7.

### **Congregational Meeting Excerpts**

The February Congregational Meeting was Feb 7, 2016. The quorum was met and prior minutes from the Nov 1, 2015 meeting were approved. Pastor Michael presented the average attendance as 289. The 2015 Treasurer, Glen Cooley, presented the financial and statistic info. Net unrestricted receipts were \$516,268 not including the Balsman property. Net budgeted disbursements were \$364,975. The receipts were more than budgeted. The disbursements were less than budgeted. Pastor Michael referred everyone to the various areas of service and ministry on display during Family Meal to follow.

### **Elder Meeting**

The Elders will meet at 6pm on **Feb 23**.

### **POP TAB Collection**

One way FCC can show appreciation to the Ronal McDonald House in Springfield for helping those in our church family is to collect pop tabs found on soda cans, soup cans, pineapple cans, etc. We are told that the pop tab collection at Springfield results in about \$10,000 annually after the tabs have been redeemed.

Collection buckets have been

placed at the doorways in each of the three FCC buildings. We encourage everyone to remember to save the tabs and check with others (extended family, fellow employees, friends) who might like to contribute to this worthy cause also. It just takes some effort on our part to make a huge difference in the lives of many families. Thank you in advance in doing whatever you can to help.

### **Connection Groups**

The Thursday evening Connection Group meets at 7pm at the admin building. Contact is Phil Sandidge. The Wednesday Women's Connection Group meets at 6:30pm at the church. Childcare is provided. Contact is Michelle Hart.

### **Sermon Series**

Pastor Michael's current sermon series is in Romans focusing on the grace we have been given.

### **Crossroads Walking Hours**

Crossroads Center is open for walking. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. It will not be open for walking when school is closed or when we have booked special events.

### **Church Garage Sale**

Are you doing your spring house cleaning? Please remember items would be appreciated for the church garage sale to be held **April 1 & 2**. Items can include but not limited to clothing, knick knacks, jewelry, handbags, shoes, household items, small appliances, furniture, TVs and

electronics (in working order), puzzles, books, toys, etc. We will accept almost anything but no large appliances please. Any questions contact Ruth Anne Goodin 285.2705 or Linda Decker 285.4042. Watch for future info as to when you can bring your items to Crossroads.

### **Volleyball League**

A Volleyball League will be on Monday nights, 6pm, at Crossroads for high school age and up. Cost is \$20 per person. First games will be **Mar 7**. Contact Matt Sealock 217.257.3589 or David Marable 217.370.9810 for more info or to register. Forms are on the sanctuary mantels.

### **Pastor's Message: Elder Corner**

Recently as I watched gas prices drop, I started wondering if the price of a gallon of gas would drop to the range as when I started driving in 1968. At that time gas ranged from \$.30 - \$.35 per gallon. And when gas wars came around, it might drop below \$.20 per gallon. Gas or filling stations during that time still offered full service. Many of you will recall that when you pulled up to the pump, a service attendant would come up to your vehicle, ask what kind of gas you wanted and how much. While getting your gas, you would get your engine oil checked, front and side windows cleaned and probably all four wheels kicked. The attendant took your money and brought you change, if needed - all this while never leaving the seat in your car. (My Grandmother

Chamberlain missed that full service while she was still driving.)

As we all know quite well, times change, and the church has changed as well. Fifty years ago people dressed differently when they headed for church. The piano and maybe an organ were played, and we all sang out of a hymn book. There was no Children's Church, and youth groups were just starting to take shape. Sunday and Wednesday night services were as common as Sunday morning. Revivals would be preached in the Spring or the Fall for one or two weeks with hard wooden pews, long sermons, no air conditioning, and the list goes on.

An article in the Christian Standard from 2014 entitled "Brave New World of Church Ministry" notes changes in the past 50 years in the Christian Church:

1.The church today is not as respected as it was in the past.

2.Pastors/ministers today have taken on the role of leadership in the church, as well as bringing the weekly sermon, and making house and hospital calls.

3.Today higher expectations force a minister to spend more time in sermon preparation.

4.Fifty years ago individuals attending church had a stronger understanding of the Bible and its principles. Today's church must be able to present the Gospel in ways that communicate to those who are un-churched or lack biblical

backgrounds.

5.Fifty years ago church life was simple. Church was Sunday School, morning worship, and Sunday evening worship. Today's church is in an accelerated pace that offers more than one service on Sunday. Fast-paced music and technical abilities help to enhance upcoming congregational information and weekly sermons. Today's church offers different ways to serve which makes an impact on its members as well as the community. Churches today are more dynamic and are moving away from the status quo. The Church today will need to keep its identity in Christ, be innovated to foster new ideas, and accept change.

As members of First Christian Church let's look forward to change when lead by God. Prayer will drive our engine for the next 50 years.

Good News is -- Jesus is the same YESTERDAY, TODAY, and FOREVER!

God Bless,

Wayne Chamberlain, elder

## Prayer Concerns

Emmett Boren  
Jason & Megan Buss  
John Calaway  
Jean Carr (*Ray Carr's mother*)  
Mary Chamberlain  
Rosemary Clark  
Ann Ferguson  
Creola Fields  
Betty Harrison  
Merle Howard (*Larry Howard's brother*)  
David Jones  
Wally Lamb  
Maria Owens

## Serving Schedule for February 14, 2016

**Elders:**Joyce Lemons, David Bishop  
**Diaconate:**Chad Ferguson, Barbara Fosco, Karen Goodwin, Bill Grimsley, Ron Halsey, Kathy Lehr  
**Preparation of Communion-8:00AM:**Hamer & Jenny Tate  
**Preparation of Communion-9:15AM:**Bev White  
**9:15AM Greeter:**Bill & Laura Grimsley  
**Preparation of Communion-10:30AM:**Kathy Curfman, Edith Gant  
**Coffee Host:** NA  
**Sound System:** Matt Saxe  
**Candle Lighters:**Kadin Hittner, Ellie Ten Eyck  
**Scripture Reader:**Julie Boren  
**Nursery Helper-10:30AM:**Katie Cox  
**Communion to Shut-ins:**Phil & Georgia Sandidge, Roger & Rokettia Brokaw  
**Fellowship Treats:**March 6  
**Family Meal Date:**March 2, 2016  
**Family Meal Crew:**Joyce Lemons, Karen Goodwin & Crew  
**Driver:** Call the church--285-4129

## Serving Schedule for February 21, 2016

**Elders:**Jim Dain, Phil Sandidge  
**Diaconate:**Eric Kunzeman, Jill Kunzeman, Faith Saxe, John Birch, Cheryl Birch, Rokettia Brokaw  
**Preparation of Communion-8:00AM:**Steve & Vickie Tharp  
**Preparation of Communion-9:15AM:**Larry & Sandy Wigington  
**9:15AM Greeter:**Jamie & Brandi Pennock  
**Preparation of Communion-10:30AM:**Roger & Charlotte Dunham  
**Coffee Host:** NA  
**Sound System:** Charlene Anderson  
**Candle Lighters:**Nolan Daniel, Kadin Hittner  
**Scripture Reader:**Tate Kunzeman  
**Nursery Helper-10:30AM:**Ellie Ten Eyck  
**Communion to Shut-ins:**Matt & Faith Saxe, Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain  
**Fellowship Treats:**March 6  
**Family Meal Date:**March 2, 2016  
**Family Meal Crew:**Joyce Lemons, Karen Goodwin & Crew

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. M-Th  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. F  
Worship times every Sunday:  
8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Church School: 8:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

**Wishes and Wants**

**Stewardship**

	<b>01/31</b>	<b>02/07</b>
Operational	\$9,669.00	\$6,980.80
Property Improvement	\$3.00	\$3.00
Outreach--Missionaries	\$70.00	\$270.00
DHF	\$80.00	\$80.00
Children First	\$320.00	\$170.00
Youth Group Funds	\$0.00	\$50.00
Outreach-General	\$14.00	\$93.00
Outreach - Unmet Needs	\$100.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$10,256.00	\$7,646.80
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**Christian Education Attendance**

	<b>01/31</b>	<b>02/07</b>
Three - K	7	3
First-Third	7	3
Fourth-Fifth	15	8
Sixth-Eighth	12	6
High School	5	7
Disciples	12	14
New Beginnings	6	7
Young Adult	0	0
Select to Connect	7	7
<b>Total</b>	71	55

**Worship Attendance**

	<b>01/31</b>	<b>02/07</b>
8AM Worship	82	0
9:15AM Oasis	122	0
10:30AM Worship	113	0

Celebration Sunday	0	271
<b>Total</b>	317	271

**Operating Fund Receipts**

	<b>01/31</b>	<b>02/07</b>
Received Last 7 Days	\$11,009.45	\$7,849.19
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget	\$9,634.00	\$9,634.00