

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 8/14 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 8/15 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 8/16 2:00 pm CWF at Nursing Homes
- 8/21 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 8/22 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 8/23 6:00 pm Elder Meeting
- 8/24 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
- 8/28 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 8/29 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 9/1 2:00 pm Circle V Meeting
- 9/2 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 9/4 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first

The Elders will meet at 6pm on Tuesday, **Aug 23**.

The Crossroads tile floors will be refinished the week of **Aug 22**. During the week you can access the kitchen through the kitchen doors and the stage through the west stage door. We will need to stay off the tile so the floor has time to cure.

Children First preschool is accepting registration for the 2016-2017 term which will begin Tuesday, **Sept 6**. Call 285.4129 to reach Jennifer for more info.

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp will host All Saints Camp **Sept 9-11** for the entire family. See their website or contact Jim Dain for more info.

youth@first parents: The August Parent Cue is available on the sanctuary mantels and Oasis fellowship table.

Would you like to facilitate a small group of fellowship based on individuals with similar interests such as exercise, bike riding, fishing, cooking, etc.? Be creative with your ideas and contact Pastor Michael or Phil Sandidge. We can arrange for childcare to be provided during the events.

Sunday School promotion will be on August 21. Students going into 3rd grade and 6th grade will receive Bibles. If students are moving to a new room, they will do so on the 21st. Classes start at 9:15 in the education wing of the church. Classes and teachers are as follows:

Preschool for ages 3-5, northwest room, teacher - Amy Casto
Kindergarten & 1st grade, middle west room, teacher - Jennifer Noble

2nd & 3rd grades, southeast room, teacher - Teresa Bauer
4th & 5th grades, southwest room, teacher - Kate Waterman

The 6th - 8th grade class time and location starting in September will be decided soon. This class will meet in the Fellowship Hall August 21 & 28 with Betty Hayden. Watch the next newsletter and bulletins for more info.

Choir practice will begin Wednesday, **Sept 7**, at 7pm and sing on **Sept 11**. Contact Helen or Kayla if you would like to participate in this music ministry each week!

In Church League Softball news, team FCC had an off night and came away with a loss in the semi-final game. We finished with a record of 6-1 and are already looking forward to next year! Thank you Matt Sealock and Kevin Hittner for your time in organizing our team each week. Also thank you everyone who played on our team or cheered us on from the sidelines.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of Aug 22.

Blood pressure screening will be provided by one of our trained volunteers in the church office area this coming Sunday, **Aug 14**.

Prayer Concerns

Karl Benjamin
Ron & Barbara Bradburn
Mary Chamberlain
Charlie Gates
Bill Hammitt (Larry Wigington's brother)
Vera Murr (Karl Benjamin's sister)
Maria Owens



BULLYING

CONVERSATION GUIDE **FOR PARENTS**

BULLYING IS REPETITIVE, AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR, and it's possible that your kid may one day be subject to this kind of behavior. When they open up about bullying, it's because they know you're a safe place. They could be scared, ashamed or defensive, and remember that they could be playing multiple roles—being bullied, being a bully, reinforcing a bully or a bystander of bullying. Keep this in mind when you start a conversation with your kid. Bullying is any time a stronger person acts upon a perceived weaker person. Your goal is to have a conversation as soon as possible with those who can help—your church leader, teacher, or a professional. Your conversation is the first of many, so remember this when you enter into the conversation. We want to help you get the dialogue started by giving you some words to say and not to say.

WHAT TO SAY

IF THE CHILD IS BEING BULLIED.

- "I'm going to help you."
- "This isn't your fault."
- "How did it make you feel?" (i.e. scared, worried, etc. The younger the child, the harder this is for them to say, but it's a great step if they can articulate how they feel.)
- "I love you and I need to tell someone who can help us so we can stop this from happening again."*

IF THEY ARE THE BULLY.

- "I need to talk to you about something important because I care about you."
- "Thank you for telling me your story."
- "This doesn't change the way I feel about you and I want to help."
- "These behaviors are bullying behaviors. They don't make you a bully. It's not who you are. You have a choice whether or not to continue these behaviors."
- "Let's talk about what we might do next. We might need to bring other people into the conversation, and I'd love to hold you accountable to being kind to others."

*Counselors, teachers, families, and other caregivers need to be informed of bullying.

IF THEY HAVE WITNESSED BULLYING

- "Thank you for telling me. That was very brave."
- "I'm going to help you. It can be hard to know how to help someone in this situation."
- "We'll need to tell someone so we can help this person."

WHAT NOT TO SAY

- Words that communicate you're freaking out. (Try and remain calm.)
- Words that shame. (If they are being bullied, we don't want to ask them anything that makes them feel like they've done something wrong.)
- Words that condemn. (Never see the kid as the sum of their behavior or the behavior that has been done to them. Try and see them as a person who has *done* something wrong, or has had something wrong done to them—they themselves aren't the wrong thing. Help them see, "I did something bad" not, "I am bad.")

The Pike County Senior Services located at Findley Place Apartments will host a series of 6 week classes on Chronic disease Self-Management Program. The program will assist anyone with chronic health conditions such as heart disease, asthma, diabetes, Parkinson, Arthritis, etc. to better communicate with doctors, family and friends. For more info contact Connie Lerch with Pike County Senior Services 285.6150. The Findley Place Apartments will also host informational classes titled the Savvy Caregiver. The classes are designed for family caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's or dementia who continue to live at home. Classes will be every Thursday Aug 18-Sept 22. Call Susan Johnson at 217.592.3618 for more info or to register.

Time to Connect!

I hope it has been a restful and refreshing summer for our church family. Many of our connection groups have taken a summer hiatus, but with fall quickly approaching I wanted to encourage us to consider being a part of one.

We are looking for some individuals who feel God calling them to facilitate connection groups this fall. If you have some interest in leading or even co-leading, please contact myself or Phil Sandidge. Remember Eli's encouragement from Youth Sunday about stepping out and taking steps in obedience. You will be glad you did. Most connection group leaders share that they grew immensely through the experience.

We are also considering setting up some new connection groups. We have discussed launching a few monthly couples' dinner groups. These would be times for some families to rotate hosting a meal along with devotion, discussion and prayer. We are working on childcare and topics for this program, so if you have some ideas or interest, let us know.

We have so many runners in our congregation that we were hoping that a running connection group may launch. Pairing spiritual and physical discipline is a great way to grow.

In addition to our bible study groups that are gearing up for the fall sessions, we would like to encourage prayer groups to begin as well. Consider partnering up with a fellow church member for a few weeks to walk and pray together. Simple connections like this are wonderful ways to grow as a congregation.

Many people are weary of overcommitting their schedule, so I am encouraging our church family to be open to some short-term commitments to begin with. Remember, something is better than nothing. We are not trying to make busy schedules even busier, but instead, make our spiritual growth a priority. Our goal is that every member of our church family will have at least one connection beyond Sunday worship.

We grow through worship, study, service, and prayer, so I encourage everyone to get connected! Do you have some other ideas? I would love to hear them.

Loving you all,
Michael

Thanks must go out again to our wonderful church ladies who furnished food and/or worked at the Thomas Bunting and Isabel Giger funeral luncheons. May grace and blessings be in your path. -CWF Bereavement Committee.

Words could not begin to express our deepest joy and gratitude for all the volunteers who made the Whitetail Properties annual meeting such a huge success. There were 56 people who helped from the set up on Sunday through the take down on Friday. Our faithful kitchen team of 12 were there, most of them every day Monday through Thursday. Several of them put in 12-13 hour days on Monday & Tuesday. Most of the people who came to serve and clean up came all three days. The food was delicious and everything went smoothly. The comments from the Whitetail employees and from all the out of town attendees were nothing but praise and compliments. They were impressed with the food, the facility, and especially our wonderful and gracious volunteers!

A special thank you goes to Karen Goodwin and Joyce Lemons for heading up this event and for making it a fun week for all! We have the best cooks in the world and I love it that they all enjoy working together! Also, I want to thank my wonderful husband, Bill. I could not do my job without all his help!

This event was a blessing to the church and a blessing to the entire county. Thank you all!

Love,
Helen

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Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am

Sunday School: 8:00am, 9:15am

Stewardship (Offering Only)	<u>7/31</u>	<u>8/7</u>
Operational	\$7,848.00	\$5,840.00
Property Improvement	55.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	100.00
DHF	80.00	80.00
Outreach-General	503.00	106.00
Outreach-Unmet Needs	50.00	120.00
Children First	<u>50.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$8,656.00	\$6,449.00

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$17,998.87 \$5,600.15
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,634

(Youth Sunday)

	<u>7/31</u>	<u>8/7</u>
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM		77
9:15 AM		82
10:30 AM	<u>180</u>	<u>90</u>
Total	180	249
Christian Education		
Age 3-K	0	6
1st-2 nd	0	6
3rd-5 th	0	7
6th-8 th	0	7
Sr High	0	0
Disciples	14	11
New Beginnings	0	7
Select to Connect	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	21	51

Lectionary

8/14: Isa 5:1-7; Ps 80:1-2, 8-19; Jer 23:23-29; Ps 82; Heb 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
 8/15: Ps 74; Isa 5:8-23; 1 John 4:1-6; Jer 23:30-40; 1 John 4:1-6
 8/16: Ps 74; Isa 5:24-30; Acts 7:44-53; Jer 25:15-29; Acts 7:44-53
 8/17: Ps 74; Isa 27:1-13; Luke 19:45-48; Jer 25:30-38; Luke 19:45-48
 8/18: Ps 71:1-6; Jer 6:1-19; Heb 12:3-17; Num 15:32-41; Heb 12:3-17
 8/19: Ps 71:1-6; Jer 6:20-30; Acts 17:1-9; 2 Chr 8:12-15; Acts 17:1-9
 8/20: Ps 71:1-6; Jer 1:1-3, 11-19; Luke 6:1-5; Neh 13:15-22; Luke 6:1-5
 8/21: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6; Isa 58:9b-14; Ps 103:1-8; Heb 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
 8/22: Ps 10; Jer 7:1-15; Heb 3:7-4:11; Ezek 20:1-17; Heb 3:7-4:11
 8/23: Ps 10; Jer 7:16-26; Rev 3:7-13; Ezek 20:18-32; Rev 3:7-13
 8/24: Ps 10; Jer 7:27-34; Luke 6:6-11; Ezek 20:33-44; Luke 6:6-11
 8/25: Ps 81:1, 10-16; Jer 11:1-17; 1 Peter 3:8-12; Prov 15:13-17; 1 Peter 3:8-12
 8/26: Ps 81:1, 10-16; Jer 12:1-13; 1 Peter 4:7-11; Prov 18:6-12; 1 Peter 4:7-11
 8/27: Ps 81:1, 10-16; Jer 2:1-3, 14-22; Matt 20:20-28; Prov 21:1-4, 24-26; Matt 20:20-28

Serving Schedule

August 14, 2016

Elder: Hamer Tate, Jim Dain
Diaconate: Judy Ferguson, Mary Gates, Michele Westmaas, Jamie Sweeting, Sarah Sweeting
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
9:15 Communion: Bev & Eddie White
9:15 Greeter: Ray & Robin Carr
10:30 Communion: Kathy Curfman, Edith Gant
10:30 Scripture Reader: TBA
10:30 Nursery: Lauren Saxe
10:30 Candle Lighter: Emma Saxe, Eli Mendenhall
10:30 Sound System: Gary Mendenhall
Shut-ins: Phil & Georgia Sandidge, Roger & Rokettia Brokaw

August 21, 2016

Elder: Larry Wigington, Hamer Tate
Diaconate: Chad Ferguson, Barbara Fosco, Karen Goodwin, Donnie Apps, Julie Boren, Mike Boren
8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart
9:15 Communion: Dave & Sandy Herring
9:15 Greeter: Bill & Laura Grimsley
10:30 Communion: Roger & Charlotte Dunham
10:30 Scripture Reader: Sydney Bauer
10:30 Sound System: Lainey Ten Eyck
10:30 Nursery: Katie Cox
10:30 Candle Lighter: Shelby Bauer, Nolan Daniel
Shut-ins: Matt & Faith Saxe, Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain