

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

9/15 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
11:30 am Children First Annual Mtg
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
9/16 5:30 pm Kitchen Crew Meeting
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
9/17 8:30 am Bible Study
9/18 6:30 pm Choir Practice
9/19 9:30 am Circle 4
9/22 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
9/23 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
9/24 8:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Elder Meeting
9/25 6:30 pm Choir Practice
9/26 5:30 pm Children First Board Mtg
6:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group
9/28 TBA FCC Outdoors

Nominating forms are on the sanctuary mantels for officers and other elected officials who's terms begin January 2020. Forms can be placed in the offering trays or returned to the church office **by Monday morning, Sept 16.**

The **Crossroads Kitchen Crew** will meet Mon, **Sept 16**, 5:30 in the dining room.

Vera Staffy & Kathy Curfman will host **Circle 4** at Vera's home Thurs, **Sept 19**, 9:30. Looking forward to September kick-off!

Elders will meet Tues, **Sept 24**, 6pm.

Let's have s'more fun! **FCC Outdoors will be camping out under the stars at Pittsfield Lake on Sat, Sept 28th.** Bring a tent, sleeping bags, and any other needed camping supplies. Additional details coming soon! Just as a reminder, FCC Outdoor events are for all ages – individuals and families - (0 to 99!). Also, join us on Facebook to keep updated on upcoming events and other information. Contact Jeremy Schoenherr with any questions.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Lifetouch will take pictures for the new directory Nov 1-2 and Nov 6-9.

If we have your email address then in the near future you will receive a link from Lifetouch to book your picture time.

If you do not have email then we will help book your time starting Sunday, Sept 22, before and after worship services at the church.

On Sunday, **Sept. 29th**, the **JH and HS youth groups** will be invited to attend a Sky Zone trip in Springfield, IL. Times TBA. If your child wishes to participate, the parents MUST FILL OUT A WAIVER FORM or come with the child. Waiver forms will be available for pickup at the church office by next week. It will also cost each child \$14 to jump. If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Boren at 217-370-2166.

Cantata practice will start Wed, **Oct 2**, 6:30. Contact Kayla Boren if you would like to sing in the Cantata on Sunday, Dec 22.

Attention, knitters and crocheters! I will be at Crossroads on Thursday, **September 26th**, from 6-7, with our gifted yarn that needs to be worked up into prayer shawls. I will have patterns and yarn for anyone who would like a fall project to work on at home. Cooler weather is a-comin'!
--Charlotte Dunham

The **Thursday noon study** will return **Oct 3** at the church Long Room and read "Glory Days, Living Your Promised Land Life Now". Cost \$6, available at the office.

CHURCH FAMILY TIME

Mark your calendar for outdoor **Vesper Service** at Hamer and Jenny Tate's home on Sunday afternoon, **Oct 13.**

Congratulations Chris and Jessica Shade and family on the birth of their son, Oliver James Shade, on Saturday, August 31. Oliver is home and doing great!

Kids Connection for grades K-6th will begin Wed, **Oct 16**, right after school until 5:15 at Crossroads Center. We are needing volunteers to help, especially January through March. Contact Kacie if you are available!

Prayer Concerns: Chip Barber, Karl Benjamin, Dora Lee Claus, Landon Davenport, Sue Evans, Stacey Helms, Arthur Knake, Shirley Loyd, Caleigh Dodd (Melba Foster's great granddaughter) Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew) Tracy Neese (Friend of Barber family) Renee Sevier (Karl Benjamin's niece) Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)

*Dear Church Family,
Thanks so much for the prayers, cards and calls. I am doing great and proof that prayers do work. With sincere gratitude and appreciation. -Tereasa Apps.*

The **Children First Annual Meeting** will be immediately after 10:30 service on Sunday, **Sept 15**. Agenda includes electing officers and discussing the 2019-2020 budget. The **Children First Board Meeting** will be Thurs, **Sept 26**, 5:30.



Calling all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders! If you are interested in a solo or speaking part or both in this years Kids Connection Christmas program, Little Drummer Dude, on Wed., Dec. 18th, come to auditions! Auditions will be on Wednesday, **Oct. 2nd** from 4pm-5:15pm in the church sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Boren at 217-370-2166.

Want to be more involved in church activities? Near the coffee table we have info cards about our many Sunday School classes and study groups. See what we have to offer!

We are looking forward to the 2019 **Bazaar**. Please keep the Treasure Chest in mind if you are clearing out cupboards, jewelry, small appliances, etc. No clothing please. Friday, **December 6** will be here before we know it! Thank you!



Western IL Fellowship of Christian Athletes will have a fundraising banquet on Sunday, **Sept 22**, 4pm, at Hamilton's in Jacksonville. Guest speaker will be NFL player Isaac Bruce. No cost to attend but there will be a request for donations at the end of the evening. Reservations required www.westernilfca.org. Contact Jack Hull for more info.



**Community Shoe Box Event
Wed, Oct 2
Pittsfield Nazarene Church**

5-7pm Shoe Box Packing Party.

6:30 pm Registration.

7:00 pm 5K Walk/Glow Run & 1 Mile Walk.
11& under need adult present.

Food, fun, games.

Forms are on the sanctuary mantels and in the office.
Register by Sept 15 for a T-shirt.

On September 11, 2001, I walked into the daycare of the church where I worked to drop off my son. The TV was on broadcasting a live feed of the World Trade Center with some smoke coming from it. Details were sketchy and no one knew what was going on. Rumors of a plane hitting the tower were circulated. The anchors were speculating and then it happened. Right before our eyes the second plane hit and with it the eerie speculation that something intentional and sinister was unfolding. How could this happen?

As facts began to surface, our nation had a moment of clarity. We were united in our humility, vulnerability and the realization of our need for God. Churches across the country came together for prayer and supplication. The petty disagreements and differences that we held with one another faded into the distance and we were all Americans.

Over the next few weeks, church attendance across the nation swelled. There was a sense of patriotism and national unity that quickly led to an understanding that this "One Nation Under God" needed His Divine protection. This was not viewed as an offensive thing, but rather quite reasonable.

We shed tears at the playing of the National Anthem... we displayed our nation's flag proudly in our businesses and homes and stood with hands over our hearts to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

18 years later I fear we have forgotten...

Deut 4:7-14 7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

9 "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children— 10 how on the day that you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, the Lord said to me, 'Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.' 11 And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, while the mountain burned with fire to the heart of heaven, wrapped in darkness, cloud, and gloom. 12 Then the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice. 13 And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments, and he wrote them on two tablets of stone. 14 And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and rules, that you might do them in the land that you are going over to possess. ESV

I am troubled that less than two decades after nationally calling out to our God in desperation that we as a society now seem intent on removing the Almighty's input from our culture. As I have rehearsed these thoughts another came to me. Personally, have I done the same thing with my Lord?

Do I continue to worship and pursue God today as passionately as I did in times of crisis? Do I serve Him to the degree I pledged to when His deliverance was manifested?

I hope we can take a few moments to remember the goodness and faithfulness of our God and daily follow Christ in a way worthy.

Remember, lest you forget...

Loving you all,
Michael

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Office Hours: 9:00am–4:00pm M-TH, 9:00am–12:00pm F
Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am
Sunday School: 9:15am

Stewardship (Offering Only)	9/1	9/8
Operational	\$6,357.09	\$6,826.32
Property Improvement	13.00	93.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	270.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	3.00	28.00
Snack Pack	65.00	15.00
Church Construction/Renovate	840.00	60.00
Unmet Needs	200.00	3.00
Children First	<u>50.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>
Total	\$7,623.09	\$7,380.32

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$6,657.09 \$6,826.32
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Lectionary
 9/15: Jer 4:11-28; Exodus 32:7-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
 9/16: Ps 94; Jer 5:1-17; 1 Tim 1:18-20
 9/17: Ps 94; Jer 5:18-31; 2 Peter 3:8-13
 9/18: Ps 94; Jer 14:1-22; Luke 22:31-62
 9/19: Ps 79: 1-9; Jer 12:14-13:11; Rom 3:1-8
 9/20: Ps 79:1-9; Jer 8:1-13; Rom 8:31-39
 9/21: Ps 79:1-9; Jer 8:14-17; 9:2-11; Mark 12:41-44
 9/22: Jer 8:18-9:1; Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
 9/23: Ps 106:40-48; Jer 9:12-26; Acts 4:1-12
 9/24: Ps 106:40-48; Jer 10:1-16; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
 9/25: Ps 106:40-48; Jer 10:17-25; Luke 20:45-21:4
 9/26: Ps 91:1-16; Jer 23:9-22; 2 Corinthians 8:8-15
 9/27: Ps 91:1-16; Jer 23:23-32; Ephesians 2:1-10
 9/28: Ps 91:1-16; Jer 24:1-10; Luke 9:43-48

Serving Schedule

September 15, 2019

Elder: Helen Earls, Matt Saxe
Diaconate: Billy Fitzmaurice, Becky Fitzmaurice, Ann Ferguson, Tammi Koltveit, Charlie Hull, Jessica Hull
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
10:30 Communion: Jamie & Sarah Sweeting
Scripture: Carolyn Barber
10:30 Nursery: Lexie Lipcaman
Shut-ins: Ruth Bennett

September 22, 2019

Elder: Brad Willman, Jeremy Schoenherr
Diaconate: Angie Ruebush, Brian Ruebush, Kacie Lipcaman, Bethany Dunham
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Ruth Bennett, Kay Sealock
Scripture: Chuck Barber
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
Shut-ins: Greg & Kim Bonnett

Wishes & Wants

Free: 1970 Encyclopedia Britannica & Jr. Britannica. Prime condition and already boxed up for you to come get! Ann Ferguson 217.285.4077.
For Sale: New home for an older model treadmill. Works fine, has timer and calorie counter. \$10 Come get it. Can't use because of knee. Carole Elledge 285.4929.

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Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	126	87
10:30 AM	<u>155</u>	<u>187</u>
Total	281	274
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	8	8
K-1st	13	7
2nd-3rd	6	8
4th-5th	14	13
Jr/Sr High	7	6
Disciples	13	9
New Beginnings	8	4
Sermon Study	6	7
Misc Adult Grps	<u>21</u>	<u>24</u>
Total	96	86