

The Pittsfield Christian



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Coming Events

- 2/16 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 2/17 Noon Rotary Luncheon
- 2/18 8:30 am Bible Study
- 2/19 3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 2/20 10:30 am Meeting Room Rental
Noon Bible Study
5:30 pm Children First Board Mtg
- 2/23 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 2/24 6:00 pm Volleyball League
- 2/25 8:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Elder Meeting
- 2/26 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs
3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 2/27 Noon Bible Study
1:00 pm Blood Drive
2:00, 6:00 Election Judge Training
- 2/29 6:00 pm Staffy Birthday Party

Volleyball League will start in **late February** at Crossroads on Monday evenings. Cost is \$20 per person. Contact Matt Sealock for more info and to register.

HELP! CEO Banquet is scheduled for Sat., **Feb. 15**. 200 people are expected to be served and the menu is labor intensive. Please contact Kay Sealock (217-285-4991) or Judy Ferguson (217-491-2824) if you can help.

Brenda Kramer has completed the second half of the **2019 Historian Book** and will have it available for viewing near the coffee table. Thank you Brenda!

Crossroads Center is open for **walking** Monday through Thursday, 8-10a.m. **through March**.

Sunday, February 2, was a day to celebrate as we had 3 baptisms during 10:30 service. Baptized and the newest members of FCC are Landon Poor, Christina Majthoub and Leecia Carnes. We are excited to worship with them each week and welcome them to the church family!

The **Children First Board** will meet Thurs, **Feb 20**, 5:30.

Elders will meet Tues, **Feb 25**, 6pm.

CWF will host an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** at Crossroads on Thurs, **Feb 27**, from 1-6:00. **Contact Barbara Fosco if you would like to help with the event.**



Indoor Sale and Baked Goods

Crossroads Center Gym

Saturday, March 14

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Start your spring cleaning and make plans for a day of baking! The sale will feature kids clothing Premie/Newborn to Junior sizes (no adult-sized clothing,) toys, shoes, purses/luggage, kitchen wares, household items, furniture, tools, gardening, seasonal/decorations, small electronics/appliances. No computers, TVs or large appliances. **Garage Sale Items** can be brought to Crossroads the week of the sale: Tues. and Wed. 8:00 – 6:00; Thurs. 3:00 – 7:00; Fri. noon – 6:00. **Bake Sale Items** can be dropped off Friday noon – 6:00, or early Saturday morning. **If you can help with the Garage Sale, (set up, sale day, pack up) please contact Kathy Curfman, 248-5214. Questions about Bake Sale? Call Bev White, 285-2420.**

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp

April 4 - Camp Cleanup, 7:00 a.m.

May 16 - Camp Cleanup, 7:00 a.m.

May 17 - Family Fun Day

June 6 - Day Camp, grades K-2nd

June 7-12 - High School, grades 9th-12th

June 14-19 - Junior High, grades 7th-8th

June 21-25 - Junior Week, grades 5th-6th

June 26-28 - Outdoor Life, age 13 - high school

June 28-30 - Christian Climbers, grades 3rd-4th

July 1-2 - First Chance, grades 1st-2nd

July 13-16 - Wilderness Camp, age 13 and up

July 25-31 - Mission Trip, deadline June 15

Sept 11-13 - Family Camp

**Western IL Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Fundraising Event**

Sunday, **March 15 @ 2p.m.**

Doors Open @ 1p.m.

The Ambiance, Quincy

Platform Speaker: Isaac Bruce, Hall of Fame

Nominee & Super Bowl Champion

Register @ westernilfca.org

*When a person can feel prayers and love from your church family, it is a blessed, warm and wonderful feeling. The food, cards, calls, and just a warm hug has helped me heal from my shoulder surgery much easier. Warm thanks!
-Carole Elledge.*

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Carrol Hoover funeral luncheon. We so appreciated each and everyone of you. Bless you all! -CWF Bereavement Committee.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS WHO CONTINUE
TO REMOVE SNOW AND SPREAD ICE MELT!

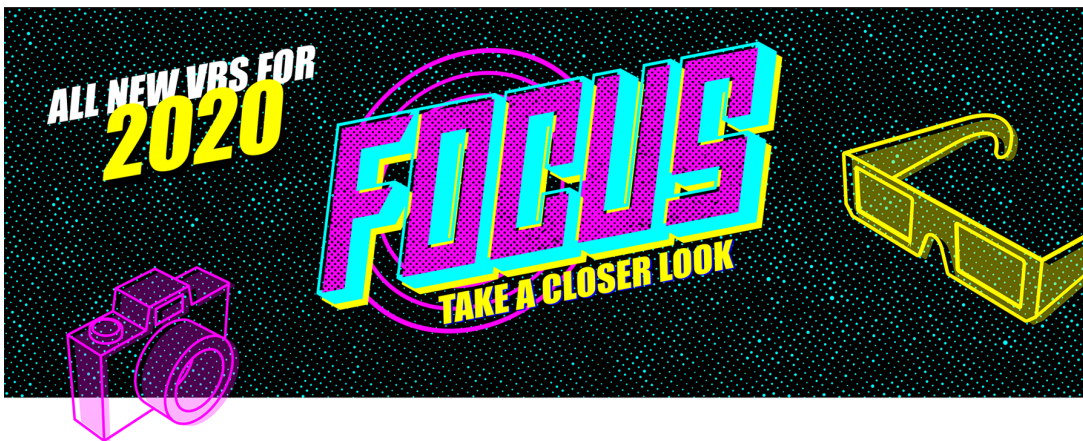
Intentional Church Conference

Sat, **April 25**

@ First Christian Church, Decatur

Register online @ <https://www.intentionalchurchconference.com/>

Howard Staffy's 90th birthday is Feb 28 and he is inviting family and friends to help celebrate! A party will be held on Sat, **Feb 29**, at Crossroads from 6-9pm. Country music for dancing will be played by Back in the Saddle and a light supper will be served. No gifts, please, but cards are encouraged. Drop by to say "Happy Birthday" and stay to enjoy the fellowship and music! Howard's address: #6 Douglas Drive, Pittsfield.



**Vacation Bible
School**

July 12-17

Thank you to all who helped make the Valentine dinner another huge success! It was a wonderful evening with great food and even greater fellowship! It is a wonderful opportunity for the youth to serve the congregation and to work with each other in the set up and the serving. There were 24 youth who participated. They all looked so sharp and we are very proud of them!

A special thank you goes to Betty Hayden who headed up this project in the kitchen with Eleanor Jenkins, Judy Ferguson, and Larry & Sandy Wigington's assistance. Betty has done this for the youth for many years. She truly loves the kids and they love her! She does an amazing job!! We are also extremely grateful for her capable helpers. They all truly have a servant's heart! Thank you, Thank you!!

We want to thank the parents who came one or both days or stayed to clean up for their support of the kids and this ministry. Proverbs 22: 6 says "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Thank you, parents, for seeing the importance of Christian Education in your children's lives and providing transportation to get them here every week! We value the trust you place in us.

Also, a big thank you to Michael Ten Eyck for cutting the steaks, Joyce Lemons for washing table cloths, the men that stood out in the cold for hours cooking the meat – Michael Ten Eyck, Gary Mendenhall, Scott Palmer, and Matt Sealock, the parents' that helped in the kitchen and with the serving and with the clean up, Katie Hull for heading up the decorating, Pastor Michael, Rodney Gordley, Matt Sealock, Matt Saxe, Katie Hull, Katie McDevitt, and Kayla Boren for their leadership with the kids and for helping serve. A special thank you to Rodney for taking lead on this project and seeing to all the many details that go into it! We have great youth leaders and we are grateful for all of them!! We could not have done it without all of you!

I would also like to thank the congregation for always supporting the youth in all they do. You are the best! We are grateful to have such a loving and supporting Church family. God Bless you all!!

Helen and the youth@first

Greetings to the women of the First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois. Come enjoy fun, fellowship, study and service as we continue our ministry to our church and our community through Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF). Please keep this calendar as a reminder of events for the coming year.

CWF Calendar for 2020

Thurs, February 27 - American Red Cross Blood Drive @ Crossroads, 1-6:00 p.m.

Fri, March 6 - World Day of Prayer at Pittsfield United Methodist Church.

Leaders

Carole Elledge	Circle V	285-4929
Joyce Lemons	Circle IV	248-4862
Barbara Fosco	Secretary/Treasurer	285-2608
Bev White	Worship/Study	285-2420
Mary Gates	Bereavement	285-4905
Karen Goodwin	Bereavement	248-6502
Cheryl Birch	Bereavement	833-2880
Charlotte Dunham	Bazaar	833-2725

Nursing Home Birthday Party

February 18, 2:30 p.m. - Eastside

August 2020 - Manor

Meeting Times

Circle IV meets 2nd Thursday, 9:30 a.m. at Cardinal Inn

Circle V meets 1st Thursday, 2:00 p.m. at Crossroads

Excerpts from February 2, 2020 Congregational Meeting

Call to Order at 11:50 am by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. A quorum of 16 met. Pastor Michael Ten Eyck led us in prayer. Betty Hayden, Recording Secretary, read the minutes from the last Congregational Meeting held November 3, 2019.

Year End Reports: All year end reports were submitted and were attached .

Treasurer: Michelle Hart gave financial report for 2019. Checking/Operating \$100,000. Budgeted Receipts \$483,096. Budgeted Disbursements \$378,608. Average attendance for 2019 was 283; 2018 was 288. The 2020 budget will remain the same as 2019 - \$493,696 with \$9,494 needed each week to meet budget. Motion was made to approve the 2019 year end budget by Jack Hull and seconded by Ann Ferguson. Motion approved.

Education Building Update: N.D. Harrison and Hamer Tate gave an update on our church's planning for renovation and construction of a new building to meet the needs of our congregation as well as possible expansion of Children First. Hamer stated the results of the surveys of the wants and needs of all Children First and church activities would require a 24,000 sq. ft. building. Projected cost would exceed \$3.6 million. The board felt that this is too great of a financial commitment for our congregation. A plan for a smaller building of 70x75 would have an estimated \$2.3 million not including furnishings or demo of the existing building. Pastor Michael then addressed the congregation and assured the congregation that these ideas are still in the preliminary state and there is still much planning and work to be done until possibilities will be presented to the congregation. After a brief question/answer time, Hamer introduced the members of the committee.

Ministry Goals for 2020: Pastor Michael presented the ministry goals of 2020

- Finalize a plan for new Educational/ Admin Building
- Host outside advisor team review
- Address the "front and back door"
- Address the roof damage on sanctuary
- Growth in Stewardship (Giving)
 - Raise funds for new construction
- Continue increase in attendance and baptisms resulting from personal evangelism
- Growth in missions
- Children's First evaluation

With no further business to discuss, Gary asked for a motion to adjourn. Judy Ferguson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rockettia Brokaw. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm. Michael closed the congregation in prayer.

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 Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor
 Helen Earls, Programs & Christian Ed
 Kayla Boren, Music
 Kacie Lipcaman, Christian Ed
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary
 Gina Bryant, Custodian
 Bob Clark, Audio/Video

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)	<u>2/2</u>	<u>2/9</u>
Operational	\$14,573.80	\$6,833.32
Property Improvement	53.00	103.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	270.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	28.00	43.00
Church Construction/Renovate	2,160.00	145.00
Unmet Needs	23.00	0.00
Youth Group	0.00	361.00
Children First	<u>0.00</u>	<u>170.00</u>
Total	\$16,932.80	\$7,950.32

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$13,984.80 \$6,281.04
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

	<u>2/2</u>	<u>2/9</u>
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	115	110
10:30 AM	<u>235</u>	<u>169</u>
Total	350	279
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	8	8
K-1st	11	9
2nd-3rd	5	6
4th-5th	12	15
Jr/Sr High	19	9
Disciples	9	10
New Beginnings	6	6
Sermon Study	13	11
C.O.F.F.E.E.	11	11
Select to Connect	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	100	91

Serving Schedule

February 16, 2020

Elder: Bob Clark, Roger Brokaw
Diaconate: Angie Ruebush, Brian Ruebush, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp, Kevin Tharp, Ellie Ten Eyck
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Mike & Julie Boren
Scripture: Teresa Bauer
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Shut-ins: Greg & Kim Bonnett

February 23, 2020

Elder: Wayne Chamberlain, Zack Boren
Diaconate: Justin Poor, Carole Elledge, Faith Saxe, Emma Saxe, Keith Elledge, Amber Poor
8:00 Communion: Shari Clark, Deana Jones
10:30 Communion: Zack & Libby Boren
Scripture: Wayne Baughman
10:30 Nursery: Jordyn Apps
Shut-ins: Mike & Julie Boren

Prayer Concerns:

Chip Barber	Rosemary Clark
Dora Lee Claus	Stacey Helms
Elaine Hoaglin	Bill Jenkins
Linda Irwin	
Wanda Mendenhall	
Bob Bates Allen (Barbara Fosco's brother)	
Jennifer Ewers (Cindy Chamberlain's niece)	
Shelly Greenwood (Bev White's niece)	
Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew)	
Linda Hendricker (Kathy Hull's sister-in-law)	
Greg Howard (Larry Howard's nephew)	
David Leamons (Sharron Houchins;)	
Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew)	
Ginni Smith (Wayne Baughman's daughter)	
Jolene Smith (Friend of Cindy Chamberlain)	
Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)	

We express our sympathy to Jennifer Noble and family with the passing of her grandmother, Ardys Sawyer.

Lectionary

2/16: Deut 30:15-20; Ps 119:1-8; 1 Cor 3:1-9; Matt 5:21-37
 2/17: Ps 119:9-16; Exodus 20:1-21; James 1:2-8
 2/18: Ps 119:9-16; Deut 23:21-24:15; James 2:1-13
 2/19: Ps 119:9-16; Prov 2:1-15; Matt 19:1-12
 2/20: Ps 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Heb 8:1-7
 2/21: Ps 2; Exodus 19:9-25; Heb 11:23-28
 2/22: Ps 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13
 2/23: Exodus 24:12-18; Ps 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matt 17:1-9
 2/24: Ps 78:17-20, 52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34
 2/25: Ps 78:17-20, 52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6
 2/26: Joel 2:1-17; Ps 51:1-17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:10; Matt 6:1-21
 2/27: Ps 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7
 2/28: Ps 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17
 2/29: Ps 51; Isa 58:1-12; Matt 18:1-7