

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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## Coming Events

- 3/1 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 3/2 1:00 pm Interagency  
6:00 pm Volleyball League
- 3/3 8:30 am Bible Study  
11:00 am Dining Room Rental  
6:00 pm Volleyball League
- 3/4 3:45 pm Kids Connection  
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 3/5 Noon Bible Study  
2:00 pm Circle V Meeting  
6:00 pm Republican Dinner
- 3/6 Noon World Day of Prayer @ UMC  
7:00 pm Gym Rental
- 3/8 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 3/9 6:00 pm Volleyball League
- 3/10 8:30 am Bible Study  
6:00 pm Church Board Meeting
- 3/11 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs  
3:45 pm Kids Connection  
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 3/12 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting  
Noon Bible Study
- 3/14 8:00 am Garage Sale

Starting Wed, **Feb 26**, Regular Choir Practice will begin at 6:30 followed by **Easter Choir Practice** at 7pm. Contact Kayla for info.

Heaven? A mystery? Come Thurs, **March 5**, to the **Circle V** meeting at the Crossroads meeting room at 2:00. We will listen to the David Jeremiah tape "Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven". Call Carole Elledge with any questions 285-4929.

**Circle IV** will meet at the Cardinal Inn on Thurs, **March 12**, 9:30 a.m.

A **twelve-month date guide** is available on the mantels to supplement the current sermon series on marriage. Each month has an activity for couples to do and stay connected. Get your copy today!

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



## Indoor Sale and Baked Goods

Crossroads Center Gym

**Saturday, March 14**

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

## BAKE SALE



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.**

A sign-up sheet is near the coffee table for **volunteering** at the Thurs, **March 5**, Republican Dinner with prep on Wed, March 4, 9:00 a.m.

We are all invited to **World Day of Prayer** on Fri, **March 6**, noon at the Pittsfield United Methodist Church. There will be a light lunch following the service.

**Church Board** will meet Tues, **March 10**, 6pm. Packets will be ready March 8.

Howard Staffy's 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

Come one, come all. Now is the time to head the call. Male and female, teens and adults. Your help is needed for hopefully the last time. Brenda Kramer is moving **March 7 @ 9:00 a.m.** from 326 S. Illinois to Findley Place Apts. With many hands and trucks let's make this job go fast. Pizza for all when done. Thank you in advance. -Brenda Kramer

## 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](http://westernilfca.org)

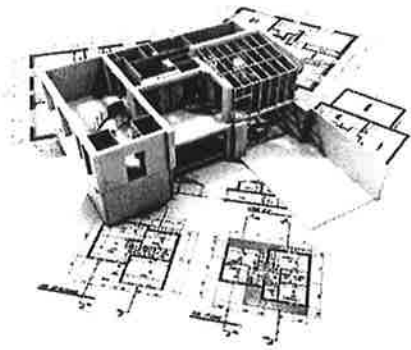
## Intentional Church Conference

Sat, **April 25 @** First Christian Church, Decatur

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

*Thank you for prayers and cards sent Bill's way. I will never forget your kindness during his illness. In Christ's love, Ann Ferguson.*

**March 1st will be Cookie Sunday!!!**



## Questions about the current building program at First Christian Church?

# Q & A

**We have the answers for you!**

### **Q. What is the latest with the building project?**

**A.** We are researching how to maximize Children First in its current building. This requires meetings with State Licensing professionals as well as architects to see if expanding is both practical and possible. We are also in meetings with builders to see how we can reduce the size of the proposed new education building while still meeting our current and future ministry needs.

### **Q. How much does the church leadership feel we can afford to spend on a building project?**

**A.** That is a complicated answer. We have around \$350,000 saved in our building fund plus funds that we will receive from the sale of the farm ground. There are also memorial funds that the Trustees are considering for use on the project. At its February meeting, the board discussed borrowing for the building project. It was advised that we should strive for a payment similar to that which we had for the Administrative building. (\$4,500-\$4,800 per month.)

### **Q. How much would it cost to build the size of building the team feels would fit our current ministry needs and leave room for some expansion?**

**A.** The building team would like to do a 70'x75' three-floor building. This would be roughly 15,750 square feet with a rough construction cost of \$2,363,000 (not including demo or finishing.) Currently we would have around \$775,000 considering raised funds and the future sale of the farm. This would leave us needing to borrow \$1,588,000; on a 30-year note at a competitive interest rate, our monthly payment would be around \$7,600.

### **Q. Since our budget is currently less than the projected cost, how will we make up the difference?**

**A.** We are trying to answer that question in several ways. First of all, we could leave part of the interior space of the building unfinished to save some costs, but this would be a small amount of savings. Second, we are considering how to fit all we want to do in a smaller building that would still give us some room for growth. The most obvious answer is to raise funds for this project through a giving campaign. We are putting a team together to help spearhead these efforts. As with any giving campaign, we need to raise additional funds for this project while sustaining our current ministry obligations. To this end, we would like to ask every member to prayerfully consider making a commitment to the future educational ministry of your church home. This will be an essential part of our preparation for the future ministries of First Christian Church.

*Direct your questions for future Q&A columns to the church office, or email [info@fccpittsfield.org](mailto:info@fccpittsfield.org)*

**March Birthdays & Anniversaries:** 2 Dave Awbrey; 3 Joan Hagerbaumer, Lucas Wombles; 5 Bill & Carol Schwartze, Alba McNulty; 7 Wayne Chamberlain, Eddie White; 8 Brad & Judy Losch; 10 Bonnie Dain; 11 Walter & Marge Lamb, Kevin & Kelly Masters; 12 Richard Decker, Ezra Boren; 13 Jacob Hull; 14 John & Jane Calaway; 16 Christie Mendenhall, John Schoenherr, Rokettia Brokaw, Ashlyn Havens; 18 Claire Tate; 19 Ashley Grimes; 21 Carolyn Barber; 22 Larry & Jeannie Howard, Joseph Pursley, Ethan Palmer; 23 Jim Kallai; 24 Roger Yaeger, Evan & Kacie Lipcaman; 25 Abigail Cox; 26 Spencer Boren, John Havens, Carol Cooley; 29 Jason Sargent, Jeremy Tate; 30 Burdette Irwin, Lisa Pennock, Natilee Grimes; 31 Bill Earls, Hannah Roig.

### Board Meeting Excerpts from February 11, 2020

Call to order at 6:00 pm by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. Elder devotion and opening prayer was led by Brad Willman. Minutes from last meeting were approved by general consensus.

**Minister's Report:** Highlights include: End of year reports, Building Committee meeting - met with architect and building team, Revision on new Attendees (Front Door) and Non-Attendees (Back Door), Elder and Deacon meetings, DHF Advisory Meeting.

**Treasurer:** Checking/Savings = \$644,498.11, Unrestricted Operating Checking = \$100,000.00, Budgeted Receipts = \$38,799.73, Budgeted Disbursements = \$25,867.36, Average Attendance YTD = 264, Excess Unrestricted Operating Checking moved towards Church constr/reno \$13,345.42, Total funds available for church const/reno \$366,856.65. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Bob Clark, seconded by Kathy Hull. Motion carried.

**Trustees:** Brad Losch attended meeting in the absence of Tim Belford and reported on the presentation for our church insurance given by Glen Cooley and Scott Palmer. Motion was made to empower the trustees to decide on insurance not to exceed \$18,149. Motion made by Bobby Smith and seconded by Larry Wigington. Motion approved.

**Christian Education:** Orange Conference will be held April 29-May 1. We will have 6 attending. Helen asked to purchase 4 tickets for next year's conference at this year's conference because they are offered at a cheaper rate. The decision to purchase tickets was tabled until March board meeting. Michael also asked us to consider The Gospel Project in addition to the Orange Conference. He would like to see us explore this as well.

**Balsman Property:** Purchaser is in default and came to us with an option for new contract adding a year for the payoff. Board tabled the decision until March board meeting.

**Building Team:** Michael and Gary both spoke on updates on building construction on how much building we need, how much we want to grow, how much we can afford. Recognized that our congregation was comfortable with the amount we paid for the admin building with monthly payments \$4,500 - \$5,000. Gary entertained a motion for the Building Committee to set a monthly loan payment \$4,600, setting a target number of \$1,000,000.00, motion was made by Bob Clark seconded by Kathy Hull. Motion approved.

**Old Business:** Balsman Farm Logs: Zack Boren reported there was a counteroffer that was too low. Zack then reported he made a counter-counter offer. He will get back to the board for the March board meeting.

**New Business:** Michael reported there could be an increase on the city gas, water, sewer bill due to city supplier.

### Elder Corner

Every now and then I wonder where things come from. This time it was where did the Christian Church come from. That led me to the Restoration Movement.

It began in the early 1800s when people decided denominations had gotten away from the Bible. Some of the leaders were Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone. They were the most remembered.

Some of the slogans of the movement:

"Where the Bible speaks, we speak"

"Where the Bible is silent, we are silent"

"We are Christians only, but not the only Christians"

"My number one. No creed but Christ. No book but the Bible. No law but love. No name but divine."

"Do Bible things in Bible ways"

"Call Bible things Bible names"

In Christian Love,  
Brad Willman  
Elder

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 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

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<u>2/16</u>	<u>2/23</u>
Operational	\$8,110.56	\$8,194.58
Property Improvement	57.00	43.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	6.00	28.00
Church Construction/Renovate	2,573.00	445.00
Snack Pack	0.00	10.00
Youth Group	20.00	20.00
Children First	<u>70.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,931.56</b>	<b>\$8,880.58</b>

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**  
 Received Last 7 Days \$8,725.06 \$9,396.92  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

	<u>2/16</u>	<u>2/23</u>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	118	147
10:30 AM	<u>153</u>	<u>176</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>323</b>

<b>Christian Education</b>		
Age 3-PK	8	10
K-1st	13	9
2nd-3rd	5	6
4th-5th	15	18
Jr/Sr High	14	14
Disciples	9	10
New Beginnings	7	5
Sermon Study	11	8
C.O.F.F.E.E.	9	12
Select to Connect	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>98</b>

**Serving Schedule**

**March 1, 2020**

**Elder:** Larry Wigington, Wayne Chamberlain  
**Diaconate:** C.J. Hayes, Danielle Hayes, Amy Casto, Charlie Hull, Jessica Hull, Kathy Curfman  
**8:00 Communion:** N.D. & Joyce Harrison  
**10:30 Communion:** Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain  
**Scripture:** Ruth Bennett  
**10:30 Nursery:** Ava Douglas  
**Shut-ins:** Spencer & Kayla Boren  
**Fellowship Treats:** Carolyn Casteel, Cheryl Birch, Jessica Hull, Amber Poor

**March 8, 2020**

**Elder:** Ruth Bennett, Larry Wigington  
**Diaconate:** Tammi Koltveit, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp, Kevin Tharp, Billy Fitzmaurice, Becky Fitzmaurice  
**8:00 Communion:** Richard & Rebecca Rhodes  
**10:30 Communion:** Glen & Carol Cooley  
**Scripture:** Julie Boren  
**10:30 Nursery:** Lexie Lipcaman  
**Shut-ins:** Zack & Libby Boren

<b>Prayer Concerns:</b>		
Rosemary Clark	Chip Barber	Sheryl Borrowman
Stacey Helms	Dora Lee Claus	Tim Colver
Wanda Mendenhall	Linda Irwin	Bill Jenkins
Ted Birdsell (Robertson family cousin)	Debbie Robinson	Brad Willman
Jennifer Ewers (Cindy Chamberlain's niece)		
Shelly Greenwood (Bev White's niece)		
Michael Guillory (Carolyn Barber's nephew)		
Greg Howard (Larry Howard's nephew)		
David Leamons (Sharron Houchins' cousin)		
Jim Lerch (Wanda Mendenhall's brother)		
Ashley Ratliff (Jean Sanderson's granddaughter)		
Mark Reeves (Ashli Freesmeyer's father)		
Peter Roccaforte (Chuck Barber's nephew)		

*We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Cody Walston who passed away. We also express our sympathy to Amy Cox and family with the passing of her grandfather, Toby Smith.*

**Lectionary**

3/1: Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Ps 32; Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11  
 3/2: Ps 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Heb 2:10-18  
 3/3: Ps 32; Gen 4:1-16; Heb 4:14-5:10  
 3/4: Ps 32; Exodus 34:1-28; Matt 18:10-14  
 3/5: Ps 121; Isa 51:1-3; 2 Tim 1:3-7  
 3/6: Ps 121; Micah 7:18-20; Rom 3:21-31  
 3/7: Ps 121; Isa 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10  
 3/8: Gen 12:1-4; Ps 121; Rom 4:1-17; John 3:1-17  
 3/9: Ps 128; Num 21:4-9; Heb 3:1-6  
 3/10: Ps 128; Isa 65:17-25; Rom 4:6-13  
 3/11: Ps 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11  
 3/12: Ps 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23  
 3/13: Ps 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22  
 3/14: Ps 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6