

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois
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Coming Events

- 7/31 8:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
- 8/1 1:00 pm Fellowship Rental
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 8/2 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 8/4 5:30 pm Children First Open House
- 8/5 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 8/6 2:00 pm Birthday Party
- 8/7 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
11:30 Youth Parent Luncheon/Meeting
5:00 pm youth@first
- 8/8 8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 8/9 6:00 pm Church Board Meeting
- 8/10 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
- 8/13 Youth at Six Flags
- 8/14 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first

Children First preschool is accepting registration for the 2016-2017 term which will begin Tuesday, **Sept 6**. Open House will be Thursday, **Aug 4**, from 5:30-7:00 for students and parents. This would be an opportune time to stop in and see our facility. Call 285.4129 to reach Jennifer for more info.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of Aug 8.

The new address for the Lamb's is:
Wally and Marge Lamb
Park Place
31 Executive Park Drive
Apt #212
Hendersonville, TN 37075

The rain brought the grass back to life and the weeds as well! Thank you Burdette for seeing the need to spray around the property and taking care of it!

July 31st will be YOUTH SUNDAY/CELEBRATION SUNDAY! Sunday School will begin at 8:45 followed by one worship service in the gym starting at 10:00 led by the youth in our church family. We WILL NOT have a meal after the service. Note the change in our usual Sunday schedule and come support the youth.

Pastor Chaz is researching the possibility of making a change to the youth@first meeting time but wants parent input to assist with this decision. He will host a youth parent meeting/ luncheon immediately after 10:30 service at Crossroads on **Aug 7**. Contact him if you cannot attend.

The Church Board will meet at 6pm on **Aug 9**. Packets will be in the Long Room on Sunday, Aug 7.

Congratulations to Geoff and Jaci Baker on the birth of their son! Christian Elliott Baker was born July 21 weighing 8 lbs, 3 oz. Brother Harrison is very excited to welcome Christian home!

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp has 3 camps remaining in the season: Wilderness Camp Aug 1-4, Crafty Camp (Ladies age 13 and up) Aug 5-7, and All Saints Camp Sept 9-11. Log on to their website or contact Jim Dain for more info.

Promotion Sunday will be **Aug 14**. Watch your bulletin and next newsletter for more info!

Contact the church or sign up at the fellowship table if you would like to be added to our serving schedules. **Everyone currently on these schedules will remain on them unless the office is contacted.**

Prayer Concerns

Ron & Barbara Bradburn
Mary Chamberlain
Judy Dunham
Heidi Galloway (Georgia Sandidge's niece)
Bill Hammitt (Larry Wigington's brother)
Vera Murr (Karl Benjamin's sister)
Maria Owens
Duska Shaw (Friend of Barber family)

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Isabel Giger and Cathie Acosta who recently passed away. Cathie was Gina Bryant's aunt.

There's a childhood story that my family likes to recall. An older sibling approached a younger one, comparing the money that each had received from the holidays. The older child convinced the other that she should trade with her. The first had several nickels, while the younger had a silver dollar.

"I will give you all of these coins for your one..." the sly sibling petitioned. Sadly, the younger one was convinced to make the trade, at least until the mother found out and righted the injustice. The younger child had not understood the value of what had been given.

As we read through the last chapter in Ephesians, I wonder if we are like that younger child when it comes to the strength that God offers us in spiritual warfare. Paul chooses this topic to conclude his teaching in the letter to the Christians in Asia Minor.

Ephesians 6:10-13

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ESV

Perhaps we may want to reevaluate our perception of this topic in light of Paul's teaching.

A few simple questions may assist us in correct application of the scripture.

- Am I approaching this day in my strength or God's?
- Have I put on the whole armor of God?
- Am I standing firm against the attack of the enemy?

This simple approach can aid us in being prepared to receive God's provision of strength and safety throughout our daily walk. It may seem remedial, but I fear that all too often we forget that we are called to some form of spiritual warfare. In Jesus' life, this often looked like prayerful service. In Paul's life it was bonds and afflictions. In James it was sacrificial ministry... What is it in yours?

Loving you all,

Michael

*Dear all at the First Christian Church,
We are so thankful for such a heartfelt service for Mom. The choir sang to her! The team fed all of us, both body and soul, afterwards. Love and thanks! -Cheryl, Randy & families.*

The family of Marjorie Zimmerman wish to send our greatest appreciation to the Vesper Choir which made Marjorie's "celebration of life" a sincere tribute. She would have been delighted to be held in such high esteem. "It was SO her." Thanks for being a big part of her life. She truly loved her choir. Also, the dinner provided at the Crossroads for friends and family was a wonderful way to share our memories of her. Thanks for your gracious time and talents.

Family of Marjorie Zimmerman

Rick, Diane, Randy, Cheryl, 10 grandkids, 10 great grandkids

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Gary Pursley, Renna Walters, Audriana Mendenhall-Roig; **4** Charlie & Jessica Hull, Mike Leonard; **6** Tereasa Apps, Sue Evans, Lindsey Hull; **8** Bill Ferguson, Denny & Beryl Richards, Brennan Tomhave; **9** Noah Mendenhall, Cameron Sweeting, Rachel Boatright; **10** Richard & Yvonne Stauffer, Faith Saxe, Stan & Jill Moss; **11** Wayne Baughman; **12** Don Chamberlain; **13** Randy & Cheryl Zimmerman, Michael & Renita Ten Eyck, Cody Allred, Weston Rinehart; **14** Myron Casteel, Reggie Pennock, Brandi Pennock, Bobby Smith; **15** Carolyn L. Casteel, Terry & Judy Sweeting, Larry Wigington; **16** Emma Saxe, Alysia Cooley; **17** John & Cheryl Birch, Madelyn Saxe; **18** Larry Casteel, Gary & Rhodora Pursley; **19** Butch & Jacque Walston, Sarah McNulty; **20** Chris Apps; **21** Ron & Joan Halsey, Sophia Freesen, Kevin Hittner, Nathan Christianer; **22** Terry & Bryn Fine; **23** Nancy Collard, Sarah Sweeting, Judy Ferguson, Roger & Rokettia Brokaw; **24** Dee Reeves, Steve Lehr; **25** Kelly Rhodes; **28** Riley Rule; **29** Ciera Anderson; **31** Caroline Smith

Vacation Bible School

What a wonderful week! A great time was had by all and what fun to watch the kids learning, moving through the different stations, playing, singing and praising the Lord! We want to send a very big thank you to all who helped in any way with Vacation Bible School. There were 105 kids who attended some time during the week as well as 82 volunteers who assisted in some way.

A special thank you goes to Kacie Lipcaman and Michelle Hart for co-chairing this event and to Cindy Chamberlain for her leadership as Christian Education Chairman. These ladies started planning right after VBS last year and it showed. Everything went very smoothly all week. We really appreciate all the time and effort that everyone involved spent making that happen! It was truly awesome!

We also want to thank the decorating crew of Michael Smith & crew, Evan Lipcaman, Kacie Lipcaman, Luke Hart, Michelle Hart, Cindy Chamberlain, Kate Waterman, Rosi Picone and Abigail Cox who helped turn the Crossroads Center, the church education building, and the church basement into "Cave Quest." I really hope everyone got to see it because it was amazing.

So many adults helped in so many different ways! From the crew leaders, crew leader assistants, skit crew, music leaders, game leaders, craft leaders and helpers, the video presenter, the story tellers, the registration people, the snack crew, our wonderful sound and computer technicians, and the wonderful volunteer kitchen staff who prepared supper for and cleaned up every night, we cannot thank you enough! Also a special thank you to our pastors, Pastor Michael and Pastor Chaz, for their assistance with the opening and the closing and whatever else we needed.

We raised \$806.08 for their mission which went to Habitat for Humanity in Quincy. The kids enjoyed being able to help with a project close to home.

It was a wonderful week and all who participated were truly blessed. Below is a list of those who helped that we know of. It takes lots of people to make this possible and we thank God for each and every one of you. We hope we did not miss anyone. God Bless you all!

VBS staff:

Kacie Lipcaman, Michelle Hart, Cindy Chamberlain, Wayne Chamberlain, Laura Chamberlain, Roger Brokaw, Rokettia Brokaw, Ashli Freesmeyer, Amanda Haskins, Alicia Tate, Mindy Lowe, Josh Chiatello, Kate Waterman, Kendra Phillips, Rosi Picone, Ed Picone, Bethany Dunham, Kathy Lehr, Janelle Curfman, Faith Saxe, Judy Losch, Danielle Hayes, Angie Ruebush, Carol Barton, Angela Blessing, Olivia Blessing, Carol Cooley, Glen Cooley, Kayla Boren, Spencer Boren, Renita Ten Eyck, Lainey Ten Eyck, Matthew Sealock, Mattie Bishop, Kathy Curfman, Carol O'Malley, Libby Boren, Rhodora Pursley, Lisa Wombles, Jill Moss, Gabby Patterson, Kevin Hittner, Sonya Bishop, Brittany Dain, Pastor Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor Chaz Waterman, Taylor Sweeting, Abigail Cox, Katie Cox, Lauren Saxe, Emma Saxe, Elli Ten Eyck, Eli Ten Eyck, Curtis Johnson, Sami Johnson, Maddie Palmer, Cherise Anderson, Thomas Hull, Rebecca Barton, Kilyn McQuay, Montanna Smith, Claire Tate, Kadence Haskins, Kenzie Lipcaman, Shelby Bauer, Evan Lipcaman, Luke Hart, Gina Bryant, and Michael Smith & crew.

Family Meal staff: Joyce Lemons, Karen Goodwin, Jenny Tate, Ann Ferguson, Judy Ferguson, Betty Hayden, Kay Sealock, Kathy Curfman, Carol O'Malley, Gaylord Rhodes.

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.

C.W.F. CALENDAR FOR 2016-2017

Sat/Sun.	Oct. 15 & 16	Fall Color Tour
Fri.	Dec. 2	Christmas Bazaar at Crossroads Center
TBA	February	Blood Drive at Crossroads Center
Fri.	Mar. 3, 2:00 p.m.	World Day of Prayer at St. Mary's Catholic Church
Tues.	Apr. 18, 6:30 p.m.	Spring Fling at Crossroads Center
Tues.	May 16, 5:30 p.m.	Salad Supper & Installation of Officers at Crossroads Center

OFFICERS

Evelyn Hoover	285-6093	Circle V
Joyce Lemons	285-4862	Circle IV
Carol Schwartz	370-1580	Circle I
Barbara Fosco	285-2608	Secretary
Deloras Martin	285-2980	Treasurer
Bev White	285-2420	Worship/Study
Cheryl Birch	833-2880	Bereavement
Rosemary Clark	285-2931	Bereavement
Mary Gates	285-4905	Bereavement
Karen Goodwin	437-2087	Bereavement
Joyce Harrison	653-8351	Bazaar
Charlotte Dunham	833-2725	Bazaar

CMF DINNERS 6:00p.m.

Sept. 20 Circle I
 Nov. 15 CMF Serves Self
 Jan. 17 Circle V
 Mar. 21 Circle IV
 May 16 CMF Serves Self

NURSING HOME PARTIES

Aug.	Healthcare	Circle I & V
	Manor	Circle IV
Feb.	Healthcare	Circle IV & I
	Manor	Circle V

CWF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS -- Times will be determined by CWF

Sept. 8 Planning for Color Tour	Mar. 9 Planning for Spring Fling
Oct. 20 Planning for Bazaar	May 16 CWF Board Meeting After Salad Supper
Dec. 8 Post Bazaar Meeting	

<u>CIRCLES</u>	<u>LEADERS</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Circle I	Carol Schwartz	2nd Monday	6:30 p.m.	370-1580	Crossroads
Circle IV	Joyce Lemons	2nd Thursday	9:30 a.m.	285-4862	Cardinal Inn
Circle V	Evelyn Hoover	1st Thursday	2:00 p.m.	285-6093	Crossroads

Excerpts from July 12 Church Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00P.M. by the Vice-Moderator David Koltveit.

Opening devotion and prayer was led by Spencer Boren. Scriptures: 2 Chronicles 16:9 and Hebrews 11:1-2, 6 – God will use us in His Kingdom when we give ourselves completely to Him in service.

The June minutes were approved by general consensus.

The reports from Pastor Michael and Pastor Chaz were attached and reviewed.

Treasurer's Report as of June 30: Total Checking/Savings Assets = \$383,071.80. Total Budgeted Receipts=\$236,171.84. Statement of Cash Flow Nonbudgeted Receipts Total = \$40,243.69 and Nonbudgeted Disbursements =\$30,393.03 with a difference of \$9,850.66. Year to date worship attendance average =276 individuals. 50% through the fiscal year. Fiscal year Total Budgeted Disbursements= \$182,270.40 (40.93%). The Treasurer's report was approved by general consensus.

Trustees: Withus Funds paid \$4,482.80 on the interior painting of the Crossroads Center.

Property: Pod will be moved asap. Working with Peters Heating and A.C. to eliminate problem at Crossroads.

Crossroads Center: Whitetail Properties Annual Meetings will be held July 26-28. Extra help is needed for the evening meal on Tuesday, July 26th.

Children First: Helen presented five Children First Projections for 2016. Helen emphasized the Children First Program keeping mindful of the regulations of all gov't entities. Discussion ensued. Wayne Chamberlain made the motion to allow the front lobby room of the Admin. Building to be utilized by Children First as a classroom/daycare. Seconded by Roger Dunham. One opposing vote to this motion, but the motion carried. Children First Annual Mtg. – September 2016

Continuing discussions on driveway access to Balsman property.

Roger Brokaw provided a written report and update on Vacation Bible School: Monday, July 18th-Friday, July 22nd. Decorating Friday (15th) and Saturday (16th) – at 9 a.m. until? All help welcome! Family Meal – 5 p.m. for VBS Crew and family members, 5:30p.m. for remaining attendees. Pool Party – Friday, July 22nd at 8:30 p.m.

Bethany Dunham moved to adjourn at 7:28 PM. Joyce Lemons seconded the motion and Pastor Michael closed us in prayer.

Next Church Board meeting: August 9, 2016 (second Tues.) at 6:00 PM.

*To our church family,
Words cannot express the Christian love we felt with the beautiful farewell reception given to us. From walking in and seeing the choir, Michael's special prayer and personal words. He has been so dear to us in his many years serving as our spiritual leader. We will cherish the member emeritus plaque given to us.*

*In Christian Love,
Wally & Marge Lamb.*

Thank you so much for the prayers for Bessie Hobson who passed away recently. Your thoughtfulness is very appreciated.

Ron & Joan Halsey.

I want to thank everyone who helped me move to town earlier this month. Your assistance made this a much easier process. Thanks again to all! -Brenda Kramer.

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 Administrative Building: 201 N. Mississippi, PO Box 306
 Phone (217) 285-4129
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Staff:

Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor
 Chaz Waterman, Associate/Youth Pastor
 Helen Earls, Music & Christian Ed
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary
 Gina Bryant, Custodian

Office Hours: 9:00am–4:00pm M-TH, 9:00am–12:00pm F

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

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

Stewardship (Offering Only)	7/17	7/24
Operational	\$8,520.00	\$7,337.00
Property Improvement	3.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	135.00	80.00
Outreach-General	7.00	24.00
Outreach-Unmet Needs	0	105.00
Children First	0	220.00
Total	\$8,735.00	\$7,839.00

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$9,181.00 \$4,976.29
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,634

Serving Schedule

July 31, 2016 YOUTH SUNDAY

Elder: Ann Ferguson, Wayne Chamberlain
Diaconate: Youth
Communion: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain
Nursery: Abigail Cox
Sound System: Matt Sealock
Shut-ins: Jim & Kay McKinney, Mike & Julie Boren

August 7, 2016

Elder: Roger Dunham, Joyce Lemons
Diaconate: Kathy Curfman, Rokettia Brokaw, Glen Cooley, Georgia Sandidge, Michael Smith
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison
9:15 Communion: Larry & Sandy Wigington
9:15 Greeter: Steve & Kathy Lehr
10:30 Communion: Don & Mary Lou Chamberlain
10:30 Scripture Reader: Cameron Sweeting
10:30 Sound System: Kate Waterman
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
10:30 Candle Lighter: Cameron Sweeting, Ellie Ten Eyck
Shut-ins: Julie Myers, Spencer & Kayla Boren
Fellowship Treats: Kay McKinney, Kim Speckhart, Sarah Sweeting, Barbara Fosco, Cindi Schoenherr

	7/17	7/24
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	61	83
9:15 AM	81	150
10:30 AM	95	80
Total	237	313
Christian Education		
Age 3-K	6	13
1st-2 nd	13	13
3rd-5 th	10	15
6th-8 th	4	0
Sr High	5	5
Disciples	16	18
New Beginnings	5	7
Select to Connect	7	7
Total	66	78

Lectionary

7/31: Hos 11:1-11; Ps 107:1-9, 43; Eccl 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23; Ps 49:1-12; col 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21
 8/1: Ps 60; Hos 11:12-12:14; Col 3:18-4:1; Eccl 2:1-17; Col 3:18-4:1
 8/2: Ps 60; Hos 13:1-16; Col 4:2-6; Eccl 3:16-4:8; Col 4:2-6
 8/3: Ps 60; Hos 14:1-9; Luke 12:22-31; Eccl 12:1-8, 13-14; Luke 12:22-31
 8/4: Ps 50:1-8, 22-23; Isa 9:8-17; Rom 9:1-9; Job 21:1-16; Rom 9:1-9
 8/5: Ps 50:1-8, 22-23; Isa 9:18-10:4; Acts 7:1-8; Eccl 6:1-6; Acts 7:1-8
 8/6: Ps 50:1-8, 22-23; Isa 1:2-9, 21-23; Matt 6:19-24; Gen 11:27-32; Matt 6:19-24
 8/7: Isa 1:1, 10-20; Ps 50:1-8, 22-23; Gen 15:1-6; Ps 33:12-22; Heb 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40
 8/8: Ps 11; Isa 2:1-4; Heb 11:1-7; 2 Chr 33:1-17; Heb 11:1-7
 8/9: Ps 11; Isa 24:1-13; Heb 11:17-28; 2 Chr 34:22-33; Heb 11:17-28
 8/10: Ps 11; Isa 24:14-23; Luke 12:41-48; Jer 33:14-26; Luke 12:41-48
 8/11: Ps 80:1-2, 8-19; Isa 2:5-11; Heb 10:26-31; Josh 7:1, 10-26; Heb 10:26-31
 8/12: Ps 80:1-2, 8-19; Isa 3:1-17; Heb 10:32-39; 1 Sam 5:1-12; Heb 10:32-39
 8/13: Ps 80:1-2, 8-19; Isa 3:18-4:6; Matt 24:15-27; 1 Sam 6:1-16; Matt 24:15-27