

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 8/28 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 8/29 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 8/30 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
- 9/1 7:00 am Student Bible Study
2:00 pm Circle V Meeting
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
7:00 pm Connection Group at Brokaw's
- 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
- 9/5 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
8:00 pm Al Anon Meeting
- 9/6 4:00 pm Basketball Practice
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 9/7 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 9/8 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting
4:00 pm Basketball Practice
7:00 pm Connection Group at Brokaw's
- 9/9 9:00 pm 5th Quarter Party
- 9/11 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 Worship
8:00, 9:15 Sunday School
Children First Annual Meeting
5:00 pm youth@first

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp will host All Saints and Family Camp **Sept 9-11** for the entire family. Come to worship, play, swim, campfire, archery, boating, fishing & much more! Cost is \$20 per person, \$80 immediate family max. See their website or contact Jim Dain for more info.

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.

The September CWF & CMF meetings are as follows:

- Sept 1, Circle V, 2:00, Crossroads Center.
Sept 8, Circle IV, 9:30, Cardinal Inn.
Sept 12, Circle I, 6:30, Crossroads Center.
Sept 20, CMF Dinner Meeting, 6:00, Crossroads Center.

Roger and Rokettia Brokaw will once again open their home on Thursday evenings at 7:00 for Connection Group time. Their discussion will focus on Pastor Michael's sermon topic from the prior week with more in depth Bible study. Bring your Bible. The first meeting will be **Sept 1**. For more info contact Roger 430.4369 or Rokettia 430.5443.

The Wednesday evening Women's Study connection group will resume on **Sept 14**, 6:30-7:30, at the church. They will study the book "Stuck" by Jennie Allen. Please let Michelle Hart or Bethany Dunham know by **Aug 31** if you would like to join them so they know how many books to order. Childcare will be provided.

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!

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.

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.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of Aug 29.

Prayer Concerns

Ron & Barbara Bradburn
Mary Chamberlain
Grace Clark
Charlie Gates
Bill Hammitt (Larry Wigington's brother)
Burdette Irwin
Austin Miller (Bill & Carol Schwartz's grandson)
Vera Murr (Karl Benjamin's sister)
Maria Owens
Elbert Robinson
Pam Pearson (Friend of Barber/Fine families)

During Promotion Sunday last week we distributed Bibles to those entering 3rd & 6th grade. If we missed your child then please contact the church office.

A reminder to high school students (and their parents): The high school Sunday School class meets at 8 a.m. Sunday in the foyer of the Crossroads Center. We are studying First Samuel, and the exciting life of David. Michael Boren and Matthew Sealock are the teachers, and THERE WILL BE DONUTS!

The time of year to think about nominations for new officers is upon us. The nominating forms will be available on Sunday, **Sept 4**, and are due back in the office on Monday, **Sept 19**. For convenience, you can submit your form in the offering plate which will be received in the office the following Monday.

The Children First annual meeting will be immediately after 10:30 service on Sunday, **Sept 11**, at approximately 11:45. Financial information and statistics will be presented.

Attention High School parents - Pastor Chaz is starting a student Bible study one morning during the week before school. Contact Chaz if your student is interested. The day and time will hinge on student schedules.

School has started, and that means that we're just a couple weeks away from our first Fifth Quarter party of the season! High school students are invited to the Crossroads Center on **September 9** right after the game from 9p-10:45p for games, drinks and snacks, and some great prizes! Admission is only \$2, so bring a friend! Adults interested in helping chaperone should see Chaz.

Board Meeting Excerpts from August 9, 2016

Opening devotion and prayer was led by Roger Brokaw.

The July minutes were approved by general consensus.

Minister's Report: Save the Date – April 21-22, 2017 – DHF Mtg. and Intentional Church conference in Decatur. More info. to come.

Youth/Associate Minister: Fifth Quarter Parties – September 9 and October 14. August 21 – Promotion Sunday.

Treasurer's Report:

Bethany reported that as of July 31, 2016:

Total Checking/Savings Assets = \$404,133.98. Total General Checking Assets = \$186,693.34. Total budgeted receipts = \$283,407.76.

Statement of Cash Flow on Nonbudgeted Receipts Total = \$48,681.13 and Nonbudgeted Disbursements = \$35,190.75. Difference of \$13,490.38.

Worship Attendance average January thru July = 270 individuals.

58.33% through the fiscal year. Fiscal year Total Budgeted Disbursements= \$210,338.64 (47.23%)

The Treasurer's report was approved by general consensus.

Trustees: Withus Funds paid \$980.47 on the paint/supplies for the Crossroads Center.

Property: Working to get the damaged fence replaced at the Congregational Park. The property at 112 West Jefferson – 2015 Real Estate Taxes have been paid and the property is off the tax roll.

Children First: The front lobby room of the Admin Building will serve as a preschool classroom if a qualified teacher is hired. Hamer Tate made the motion to authorize a "loan" up to \$5,000 from General Checking to be used for payroll needs. Seconded by Roger Brokaw and all approved.

Balsman Property Update: Continuing discussions on driveway access.

Roger Dunham moved to adjourn at 6:38 PM.

Elder Corner

We had a fantastic Vacation Bible school this year. I want to give a big THANK YOU!!! to all who helped in anyway, from Kacie and Michelle - our directors, to the teachers, the guides who helped get the children to each activity, the actors, the singers, the kitchen crew, and so many others who helped quietly behind the scenes. I believe all who were involved were blessed. It was another testimony to our multi-generational church at work.

Now the calendar moves to August and children and parents are wondering where the summer has gone. It won't be long before school begins and the routine starts up again.

I want to encourage you, as parents, grandparents, and fellow members of the body of Christ, to begin a routine of taking a moment each day to pray for our children, their teachers, their administrators, and the school boards. We want to invite God to be a part of our children's education.

I know school schedules get hectic and time seems short, but I would encourage you to begin practicing a short devotion each night with your children. Perhaps it could be part of the ride home from the game. I know many of you are spending more time with your children discussing the Bible, I pray that our implementation of the Orange program has helped.

It is important for us to be open with our children about our relationship with the Lord. They need to see that example lived out in front of them each day. Sure they will see us at our best and at our worst but how we handle both ends is instructive to them in how they handle them, too. In Deuteronomy 6:4-8 Moses tells us how important it is to communicate our trust in the Lord to our children -**4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.** Surrounding yourself with reminders of what God means to you can help keep you focused and your children reminded as well. Those who attended VBS this year were given a key chain with the characters we studied each night and the message each was used to convey. They are a tool you can use to help your young ones remember what they studied.

I recently took a stressful trip to Texas, I knew I would need some reminders. Before I left, I grabbed the key chain and put it in my pocket. I wanted to be reminded of those VBS lessons while I was there. Sal - was there to remind me that God gives me hope. Mawtha - reminded me God gives me courage. Radar- that God gives me direction. Olivia - God gives me love. And Ray - God gives me power. I needed the reminder and God was faithful.

Keep loving Him and living your faith in front of your children. May the Lord bless and keep you.

Roger Brokaw
Elder

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

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

Stewardship (Offering Only)	8/14	8/21
Operational	\$7,697.00	\$7,713.65
Property Improvement	28.00	3.00
New Building Constr.	300.00	0.00
Outreach-Missionaries	311.00	270.00
DHF	80.00	130.00
Outreach-General	128.00	151.00
Outreach-Unmet Needs	50.00	5.00
Children First	<u>170.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$8,764.00	\$8,292.65

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$7,609.54 \$7,713.65
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,634

Serving Schedule

August 28, 2016

Elder: David Bishop, Larry Wigington
Diaconate: Jill Kunzeman, Kathy Lehr, Faith Saxe, Bill Grimsley, Ron Halsey, Eric Kunzeman
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
9:15 Communion: Tom & Debbie Robinson
9:15 Greeter: Jamie & Brandi Pennock
10:30 Communion: Roger & Charlotte Dunham
10:30 Scripture Reader: Donnie Apps
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
10:30 Candle Lighter: Wesley Gengler, Kadin Hittner
10:30 Sound System: Michelle Gates
Shut-ins: John & Cindi Schoenherr, Ann Ferguson & Brenda Kramer

September 4, 2016

Elder: Phil Sandidge, David Bishop
Diaconate: Gary & Christie Mendenhall
8:00 Communion: TBA
9:15 Communion: TBA
9:15 Greeter: TBA
10:30 Communion: TBA
10:30 Scripture Reader: TBA
10:30 Sound System: Matt Saxe
10:30 Nursery: TBA
Shut-ins: Kay Sealock, Jim & Brittany Dain
Fellowship Treats: Kay McKinney, Kim Speckhart, Sarah Sweeting, Barbara Fosco, Cindi Schoenherr

(Youth Sunday)

	8/14	8/21
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	56	83
9:15 AM	81	113
10:30 AM	<u>87</u>	<u>78</u>
Total	224	274
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	5	7
K-3rd	7	11
4th-5th	8	12
6th-8th	4	9
Sr High	3	5
Disciples	10	12
New Beginnings	7	0
Select to Connect	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	51	63

Lectionary

8/28: Jer 2:4-13; Ps 81:1, 10-16; Prov 25:6-7; Ps 112; Heb 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14
 8/29: Ps 58; Jer 2:23-37; Heb 13:7-21, 2 Chr 12:1-12; Heb 13:7-21
 8/30: Ps 58; Jer 3:1-14; Titus 1:1-9; Isa 2:12-17; Titus 1:1-9
 8/31: Ps 58; Jer 3:15-25; Luke 14:15-24; Isa 57:14-21; Luke 14:15-24
 9/1: Ps 139:1-6, 13-18; Jer 15:10-21; Phil 2:25-30; Gen 39:1-23; Phil 2:25-30
 9/2: Ps 139:1-6, 13-18; Jer 16:14-17:4; Col 4:7-17; Deut 7:12-26; Col 4:7-17
 9/3: Ps 139:1-6, 13-18; Jer 17:14-27; Matt 10:34-42; Deut 29:2-20; Matt 10:34-42
 9/4: Jer 18:1-11; Ps 139:1-6, 13-18; Deut 30:15-20; Ps 1; Phlm 1:1-1:21
 9/5: Ps 2; Jer 18:12-23; 1 Tim 3:14-4:5; 2 Kings 17:24-41; 1 Tim 3:14-4:5
 9/6: Ps 2; Jer 19:1-15; 1 Tim 4:6-16; 2 Kings 18:9-18; 1 Tim 4:6-16
 9/7: Ps 2; Jer 20:1-18; Luke 18:18-30; 2 Kings 18:19-25 & 19:1-7; Luke 18:18-30
 9/8: Ps 14; Jer 13:20-27; 1 Tim 1:1-11; Gen 6:1-6; 1 Tim 1:1-11
 9/9: Ps 14; Jer 4:1-10; 2 Pet 2:1-10a; Gen 7:6-10 & 8:1-5; 2 Pet 2:1-10a
 9/10: Ps 14; Jer 4:13-21, 29-31; John 10:11-21; Gen 8:20-9:7; John 10:11-21