

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 7/30 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
- 7/31 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 8/1 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 8/3 6:00 pm youth@first @ Mendenhall
- 8/4 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 8/5 1:00 pm Gym Rental
- 8/6 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
- 8/7 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 8/8 6:30 pm Church Board Meeting
- 8/9 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs
5:30 pm Children First Open House
- 8/12 8:00 am youth@first @ Six Flags
- 8/13 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
- 8/14 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 8/17 5:30 pm Children First Board Mtg
6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Group

Pastor Michael's sabbatical will continue through Friday, August 11. The Elders are available if you have a need or you may call the church office at 285-4129.

Roger Brokaw, 430-4369

Wayne Chamberlain, 248-3367

Jim Dain, 573-324-4676

Joyce Lemons, 285-4862

David Bishop, 910-872-1535

Phil Sandidge, 618-946-7530

Hamer Tate, 248-2951

Larry Wigington, 494-0027

Helen Earls, 473-1027

Judy Ferguson, 491-2824

Matt Saxe, 248-6666

Jeremy Schoenherr, 653-3060

The **Church Board** will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, **August 8**. Board packets will be ready on Sunday, August 6.

Children First is currently enrolling students for our 2017-2018 Pre-school year. We will offer a 3-year-old program and a 4-year-old program. We will host an **Open House** on Wednesday, **August 9th** from 5:30-7:00p.m. Take a tour of the building and meet the teachers. For more information contact Jennifer at [285-4129](tel:285-4129). Children First is also looking for DCFS qualified early childhood substitute teachers. Contact Jennifer.

The final stop on the **youth@first summer tour** will be 6:00-8:00, **August 3** at the Mendenhall home.

Youth@first will go to Six Flags on Saturday, August 12, and stay for the Mercy Me concert that evening. Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend, but we need a final headcount by July 30. Cost is \$40 per student, \$10 for each sibling, \$50 max per family. Cost includes park entrance, concert ticket, lunch and dinner. Contact Chaz if you already have a park season pass for special pricing. Bus will leave at 8:00 and return at 11:30. Please call the church office today to RSVP your spot!

Save the Date!!! We are planning to restart our Wednesday after school program, **Kids Connection**, this fall for K through 5th Grade with kick-off on **Sept 12**. **Contact Pastor Chaz, Helen or the office if you would like to volunteer your Wednesday late afternoons during school season.**

Prayer Concerns

Chip Barber

Maurine Boren

Mary Chamberlain

Marjorie Lamb

Becky Maxwell

Marilyn Waggoner

Terry Behymer (Edna Baughman's son-in-law)

Micky Copher (Friend of Chris Sydney family)

Jacob Gosnell (Ann Ferguson family)

Michael Quincy (Sharon Houchins' brother)

We express our sympathy to Ron Phipps and family with the passing of his daughter, Michelle Phipps.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries: **1** Gary Pursley, Renna Walters, Audriana Mendenhall-Roig; **4** Charlie & Jessica Hull; **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, Anna Gengler, **19** Butch & Jacque Walston, Sarah McNulty; **20** Chris Apps; **21** Ron & Joan Halsey, Sophia Freesen, Kevin Hittner; **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 144 kids who attended some time during the week as well as 86 volunteers who assisted in some way.

A special thank you goes to Michelle Hart and Bethany Dunham 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 Michelle Hart, Luke Hart, Bethany Dunham, Preston Dunham, Kacie Lipcaman, Evan Lipcaman, Cindy Chamberlain, Kate Waterman, Kayla Boren, Rokettia Brokaw, Larry Wigington, Sandy Wigington, Debbie Robinson, Matt Sealock, Michael Smith, Katie Hull, Alex Sidwell, Gary Pursley, Joe Pursley, Hamer Tate, and Tom Wombles who helped turn the Crossroads Center and the church education building into an amazing magic place! I really hope everyone got to see it because it was truly wonderful!

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, the people who helped clean up on Friday night and Saturday morning, 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 Pastor Chaz who helped in the preparations and lead the opening and closing every night.

We raised \$620 for their mission which went to Living Water International. That money bought clean water for more than 114 children for a year!

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: Michelle Hart, Bethany Dunham, Cindy Chamberlain, Kacie Lipcaman, Shelby Bauer, Mattie Bishop, Sonya Bishop, Rachel Boatright, Libby Boren, Roger Brokaw, Rokettia Brokaw, Gina Bryant, Abigail Cox, Katie Cox, Janelle Curfman, Kathy Curfman, Brittany Dain, Jim Dain, Helen Earls, Ashley Ferguson, Marci Freesen, Ashli Freesmeyer, Rodney Gordley, Amanda Haskins, Kadence Haskins, Ashlyn Havens, Katie Hull, Judy Kallal, Jenna Kelley, Brenda Kramer, Kathy Lehr, McKenzie Lipcaman, Judy Losch, Caitlyn McIntire, Kylin McQuay, Maddie Palmer, Gabby Patterson, Rosi Picone, Amy Pressey, Rhodora Pursley, Rebecca Rhodes, Hannah Roig, Angie Ruebush, Amy Ruebush, Faith Saxe, Lauren Saxe, Emma Saxe, Matt Saxe, Matthew Sealock, Taylor Sweeting, Kendra Sydney, Alicia Tate, Claire Tate, Ellie Ten Eyck, Julia Turnbaugh, Pastor Chaz Waterman, Kate Waterman, Bev White, Eddie White, Angie Willard, Lisa Wombles, Korey Wombles, and Donna Zumwalt.

Family Meal staff: Joyce Lemons, Karen Goodwin, Jenny Tate, Judy Ferguson, Betty Hayden, Angie Hittner, Kay Sealock, David Koltveit, Tammy Koltveit, Cheryl Birch, John Birch, Hamer Tate, Cindy Chamberlain, and Helen Earls.

Board Meeting Excerpts from July 11, 2017

Call to Order at 6:30pm by Moderator David Koltveit. Opening devotion and prayer were led by Judy Ferguson. The June minutes were approved by general consensus.

Youth/ Associate Minister's Report: The mission trip to Cincinnati was a success, and Pastor Chaz recommends that we participate again in upcoming years. Pastor Chaz and Kate plan to take a vacation November 12-17. FCC Summer Intern Rod Gordley also gave a brief report and filled the Board in on the many projects he has been working on this summer.

Treasurer's Report: Bethany Dunham reported that as of June 30, 2017: Total Checking/Savings Assets = \$417,928.31. Total Unrestricted Checking = \$94,877.36. Total Budgeted Receipts = \$229,674.81. Total Budgeted Disbursements = \$183,417.11. Statement of Cash Flow on Nonbudgeted Receipts Total = \$46,767.61 and Nonbudgeted Disbursements = \$29,944.18 for a difference of \$16,823.43. Bethany noted that no additional dollars were allocated from the general unrestricted funds to the Church Construction/ Renovation fund for the month of June. Average attendance for 2017 through June = 250. David Bishop motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Judy Ferguson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Board Meeting Excerpts from July 11, 2017 continued

Joyce Harrison noted that the Trustees have renewed the cyber insurance policy.

Crossroads Center: VBS events and the Whitetail Properties rental are major upcoming events for the month of July. Helen Earls reported that on Sunday, July 9, Jenny Tate discovered that one of the Crossroads freezers had malfunctioned. The issue has been resolved for now, but there was considerable food loss. Helen is considering installing an alarm on the freezer as well as possibly an automatic reset to avoid this problem moving forward.

Children First: Children First may need to withdraw additional funds allocated for its ministry in the coming weeks. Food costs have increased over the summer, as the children who come for the summer are older and eat more. The Children First Board will address those issues with the summer program.

Balsman Property: No further progress has been made on the easement or property improvement.

No progress on the LED sign until contractors, who are completing other projects in town, are available.

Lovell Town Lot: The family of Linda Lovell has given FCC a lot in town on East Adams Street. David Koltveit will provide a map of exactly where the property is for Board members to see at the next meeting. He also listed some things the Board will need to consider and plan for in the coming months. These include regular mowing, real estate taxes, and insurance.

David Koltveit read a thank-you note for use of the Crossroads Gym from the PHS cheerleaders.

David Koltveit announced that a church-wide work day will be held on July 22.

Judy Ferguson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Gary Mendenhall seconded the motion. Pastor Chaz Waterman closed the meeting in prayer. The next Board meeting will be on August 8 at 6:30pm.

My Christian Family,

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5

I am a visual learner. I make lists, use sticky notes, and also remember details by association. BUT, I don't always remember to thank God daily for the many blessings He has given me, for forgiving me, and being my best friend. I need a visual reminder aka "non-java spiritual boost" daily. I need reminders!! I can look at my Bible or my Journal and think, I'll do that later. But when I look at my Christmas Nativity Set, illuminated by a small lamp, on a table in my dining room, I remember!! **I feel** the association with the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus. **I feel** a tightness in my heart every time I glance at this Nativity Set.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

My dad served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict in '51-52. He never talked about his service to our country with his children. Dad received the Purple Heart Medal two weeks before his death in 1999. Wow! I didn't know he had been wounded. I didn't know his favorite hymn was "Never Alone" until we were planning his funeral service and the Director wanted to know about special music. What I have since learned about my dad: He was a fighter! But, **he wasn't alone!** In the horrific battle of "Old Baldy"; **he wasn't alone.** When the mountain was surrounded by the enemy (N. Koreans or Chinese); **he wasn't alone.** When the ammo had to be air-dropped to the troops to even allow them to have a remote chance; **he wasn't alone.** He lost hearing in one ear due to 36 hours of constant shooting in a battle of little survivorship; **he wasn't alone.**

I know in my heart, my dad sang "Never Alone" to himself anytime he was afraid or uncertain about life. I know this hymn was his spiritual booster!

I've seen the lightning flashing, And heard the thunder roll, I've felt sin's breakers dashing, Trying to conquer my soul; I've heard the voice of Jesus, Telling me still to fight on, He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone...

In Christian Love,
Judy Ferguson, Elder

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

Stewardship (Offering Only)	7/16	7/23
Operational	\$8,320.10	\$12,690.20
Property Improvement	28.00	28.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	135.00
Outreach-General	28.00	11.00
Church Constr/Reno	550.00	25.00
Children First	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$9,021.10	\$12,979.20

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$8,025.10 \$12,883.65
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,004

Serving Schedule

July 30, 2017

Elder: Helen Earls, Hamer Tate
Diaconate: Lauren Saxe, Rokettia Brokaw, Glen Cooley, Betty Hayden, Faith Saxe, Barbara Fosco
8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart
10:30 Communion: Keith & Carole Elledge
Scripture: Ruth Bennett
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
10:30 Sound System: Chaz Waterman
Shut-ins: Kay Sealock, Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain

August 6, 2017

Elder: Roger Brokaw, Phil Sandidge
Diaconate: Taylor Sweeting, Christie Mendenhall, Gary Mendenhall, Noah Mendenhall, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
10:30 Communion: Ann Ferguson, Joyce Lemons
Scripture: Tucker Kunzeman
10:30 Nursery: Claire Tate
10:30 Sound System: Michelle Gates
Shut-ins: John & Cindi Schoenherr, Brenda Kramer & Ann Ferguson
Fellowship Treats: Kay McKinney, Kim Speckhart, Sarah Sweeting, Barbara Fosco, Cindi Schoenherr

The next newsletter will be printed the week of **August 7**.

Lectionary

7/30: Gen 29:15-28; 1 Kings 3:5-12; Rom 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-33, 44-52
 7/31: Ps 119:121-128; 1 Kings 3:16-28; James 3:13-18; Gen 30:25-36
 8/1: Ps 119:121-128; 1 Kings 4:29-34; Eph 6:10-18; Gen 30:37-43
 8/2: Ps 119:121-128; Prov 1:1-7, 20-33; Mark 4:30-34; Gen 46:2-47:12
 8/3: Ps 145:8-9, 14-21; Prov 10:1-5; Phil 4:10-15; Isa 14:1-2
 8/4: Ps 145:8-9, 14-21; Isa 51:17-23; Rom 9:6-13; Isa 41:8-10
 8/5: Ps 145:8-9, 14-21; Isa 44:1-5; Matt 7:7-11; Gen 31:1-21
 8/6: Gen 32:22-31; Isa 55:1-5; Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21
 8/7: Ps 78:1-8, 17-29; Deut 8:1-10; Gen 31:22-42; Rom 1:8-15
 8/8: Ps 78:1-8, 17-29; Deut 26:1-15; Acts 2:37-47; Gen 32:3-21
 8/9: Ps 78:1-8, 17-29; Exod 16:2-15, 31-35; Matt 15:32-39; Isa 43:1-7
 8/10: Ps 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:1-16; Acts 17:10-15; Gen 35:22b-29
 8/11: Ps 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40; Acts 18:24-28; Gen 36:1-8
 8/12: Ps 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:41-46; Matt 16:1-4; Gen 37:5-11

	7/16	7/23
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	134	114
10:30 AM	<u>113</u>	<u>175</u>
Total	247	289

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	4	0
K-1st	7	0
2nd-3rd	4	0
4th-5th	11	6
6th-8th	0	0
Sr High	0	0
Disciples	14	11
New Beginnings	4	11
Sermon Study	9	9
Misc Adult Grps	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	68	43