

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 9/17 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
2:00 pm Dining Room Rental
5:00 pm youth@first
- 9/18 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 9/19 6:00 pm CMF Dinner Meeting
- 9/20 4:00 pm Kids Connection
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 9/21 Noon Women's Book Study
6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Group
- 9/24 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 9/25 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 9/26 5:15 pm Outreach Ministry Meeting
6:30 pm Elder Meeting
7:00 pm Drama Team Meeting
- 9/27 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
4:00 pm Kids Connection
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 9/28 Noon Women's Book Study
5:30 pm Children First Board Mtg
- 10/1 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first

The **Women's Thursday Noon Book Study** has resumed at the church building. The study is from Max Lucado's book "Ten Women of the Bible". Feel free to bring your lunch if need be. Contact the office or Helen if you need a book.

Nominating forms for officers and other elected officials with terms to begin January 1, 2018 will be on the sanctuary mantels on Sunday, 17. **Forms can be placed in the offering tray or submitted to the office by next Monday morning, Sept 18.**

CMF will have their dinner meeting on Tuesday, **Sept 19**, at 6:00. Sign up at the fellowship table if you plan to attend so Circle I knows how much food to prepare. **Agenda includes discussing a Color Drive food stand. Contact Matt Sealock for more info.**

The **Prayer Shawl Group** will be meet Thursday, **Sept 21**, 6:30 at Crossroads.

The **Elders** will meet Tuesday, **Sept 26**, at 6:30.

The **Drama Team** will meet Tuesday, **Sept 26**, at 7:00.

The **Children First Board** will meet Thurs, **Sept 28**, at 5:30.

CWF will have a food stand on the courthouse lawn during Color Drive **Oct 21-22**. Contact Joyce Lemons if you are available to work a shift either of those days. Monetary donations towards CWF pies for the Color Drive can be submitted to your Circle leader or to the church office.

Kids Connection is up and running on **Wednesdays** after school until 5:15 at Crossroads for children through 5th grade. Contact Helen, Pastor Chaz or the office for registration forms.

Cantata Practice will begin Wednesday, **October 4**. The **Cantata** will be Sunday, **December 17**. Contact Kayla if you would like to join this music ministry.

Our church is very fortunate to have a Financial Peace University certified instructor in Tammi Koltveit. FPU is a tremendous tool that many families in the area have used to help take control of their financial management. Within our own congregation, I have heard testimonial of the blessing of living with the stress relief, creating a budget and the overall freedom from the trappings of money issues. We want to make this tool available to as many people as possible. With this in mind, we have received feedback that Sunday morning is not optimal; therefore, in an effort to better meet scheduling needs, we would ask anyone who has interest to contact Tammi. We can plan a schedule around the response. 217.370.6194.

Prayer Concerns: Barbara Bradburn, Ken Bradbury, Carl Breitweiser, Mary Chamberlain, Mary Harshman, Richard Kindle, Jack Kirk, Karen Lawber, Don Martin, Becky Maxwell, Rokettia Shelton
Gary Guthrie (Randy Guthrie's father)
Debra Orton (Edna Baughman's daughter)
Michael Quincy (Sharon Houchins' brother)
Pam Sethaler (Larry & Jeanne Howard's daughter)
Sharon Shannon (Friend of Karl Benjamin)
Steve Smith (Amy Cox's father)
We express our sympathy to Debbie Wombles and family with the passing of her uncle, James Lyndle Johnson.

Have you logged on to RightNow Media lately? See the most recent studies available at your convenience!

*Dear FCC Family,
Thank you so much for the delicious cookies. It was so nice to have a sweet treat the first week of school.
Sincerely,
Angie Ruebush & South School Teachers*

*Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.
In Christian Love,
Jeannine Robertson*

Former pastor Dan and Sue Krumrei will host an "After the Wedding Celebration" for their daughter and son-in-law, Patrice and Kate Scott, at Parkway Christian Church in Springfield on Sat, Oct 14, from 1-3:00. The wedding ceremony was in California so this gives local friends and family a chance to celebrate with them. RSVP on or before Oct 1 to suekrumrei@gmail.com or 217.691.1953.

We have received correspondence from former pastor Mike Dixon that his wife Peg will attend Walk to Emmaus Sept 22-24. Part of her experience will include receiving a SURPRISE package of notes/letters from people in her life. If you would like to send her a note, it can be mailed to First Christian Church, 201 S. Main Street, Paris, IL 61944 and they will forward to her.



Our custodian, Gina Bryant, will be gone Sept 25-29. Let us know if you have some free time that week to help do general cleaning.

Children First preschool has a few openings available for the 2017-2018 year. Contact Jennifer at 285.4129 to register.

WESTERN ILL. FCA PRESENTS

DAVE DRAVECKY

Major League Baseball Player
"the pitch that could be heard round the world"



"My arm caught the attention of the entire school, when, as a teenager, I pitched my first no hitter... (Later) my ability to provide for my family was not based on how smart I was or how hard I worked. It was based solely on what my arm could do on game day. When people talked with me, it was the center of conversation. 'How's the arm today, Dave? Is your arm ready for tonight?' My arm was to me what hands are to a concert pianist, what feet are to a marathon runner. It's what made me valuable, what gave me worth in the eyes of the world. Then suddenly my arm was gone."

September 26, 6:30-8:30pm
Hamilton's Jacksonville

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY FOR AREA CHURCHES

FCA would like to partner with local churches to offer a great outreach opportunity. On September 26th, former San Francisco Giant pitcher Dave Dravecky will share his story of how his faith in God has allowed him to turn an obstacle into a blessing. We would like to offer area churches the opportunity to purchase tickets to the Western IL FCA Banquet at a reduced group price of just \$15 each. Your group will be seated together at the banquet. What a great opportunity to minister to your members while inviting others to join you at the table for a great meal and the opportunity to hear the Gospel presented through the platform of sport. Please, call (217-370-2008) or email me (tsweatman@fca.org) for more information. To see Dave's story, go to www.westernilfca.org and click on the link. We expect tickets to go quickly, so please, let me know if you are interested.

The Children First annual meeting was held this past Sunday, Sept 10 after the 10:30 service. The two new board members that were elected for two year terms are Rhodora Pursley and Kim Speckhart. Rhodora is a new member to the board and Kim accepted another term to the board after completing the term of Deanna Rinehart this year who has moved out of the area. The other board members are Brandi Pennock and Stan Moss. I serve as President and am an appointed member from the church administration.

The projected budget was presented and discussed. Children First has made tremendous progress financially this year. At the end of August last year, we had a deficit of \$30,000 which was absorbed by the church. This August, that deficit was down to \$18,000. We used \$15,000 from the \$25,000 budgeted for us and hope that is all we will need to take.

Projections for next year are that the deficit will be down between \$9,000 and \$14,500 depending on if we are able to hire a cook. This puts into the range that our contributions and fund raising projects will come close to covering without having to take any or as much money from the church. I will ask that the board continue to put something in the budget for Children First though because it is hard to anticipate how consistent enrollment will be and what food costs will be.

Due to our increased numbers, we feel we could save between \$5,500 and \$6,500 a year by hiring a cook for 4 hours to prepare lunch for the children and some of their snacks. We tried this once before and did not get any applicants so we are asking the congregation to help us out by thinking of people who might be interested and qualified for this position. They would need to be kitchen manager certified or willing to attain that before they could be considered. Please call me if you have any questions or thoughts on this position.

Our new room is projected to open in October and we are excited about that! We have a great staff who are dedicated, knowledgeable, and loving. They work together smoothly, care about each other, and all the children.

All of the daycare rooms as well as the preschool are using the Orange philosophy and curriculum. We feel we have a lot to offer parents and the community with our Christian daycare and preschool. We are grateful beyond words for this congregation who has loving contributed financially and supported us in prayer.

Submitted,
Helen Earls



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 Kayla Boren, Music
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary
 Gina Bryant, Custodian

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)	9/3	9/10
Operational	\$6,845.00	\$7,533.00
Property Improvement	23.00	53.00
Outreach-Missionaries	270.00	270.00
DHF	25.00	135.00
Outreach-General	57.00	57.00
Snack Pack	15.00	0.00
Operation Christmas Child	20.00	20.00
Church Constr/Reno	25.00	25.00
Children First	<u>20.00</u>	<u>170.00</u>
Total	\$7,300.00	\$8,263.00

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)		
Received Last 7 Days	\$6,825.00	\$7,533.00
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget	\$9,004	

Serving Schedule

September 17, 2017

Elder: David Bishop, Jeremy Schoenherr
Diaconate: Kate Waterman, Ciera Anderson, Sonya Bishop, Michelle Hart, Kevin Hittner
8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart
10:30 Communion: Glen & Carol Cooley
Scripture: N.D. Harrison
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
10:30 Sound System: Kate Waterman
Shut-ins: Greg & Kim Bonnett; Joyce Lemons
Sunday School Superintendent: Kay Sealock
Kids Connection Treats 9/20: Kay Sealock, Mary Gates

September 24, 2017

Elder: Judy Ferguson, Matt Saxe
Diaconate: Betty Hayden, Bill Grimsley, Eric Kunzeman, Jill Kunzeman, Donnie Apps, Karen Goodwin
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
10:30 Communion: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain
Scripture: Brenda Kramer
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
10:30 Sound System: Helen Earls
Shut-ins: Mike & Julie Boren; Jim & Kay McKinney
Sunday School Superintendent: Cindy Chamberlain
Kids Connection Treats 9/27: Brenda Ator, Edith Gant

Wishes & Wants

For Sale: Side by side refrig - \$150. Antique gas stove - negotiable. Brenda Kramer 217.602.1126.
Wanted: A less than perfect 4ft table to use for hobbies. Edna Baughman 217.285.2948.

The next newsletter will be printed the week of **September 25**.

Lectionary

9/17: Exod 14:19-31; Gen 50:15-21; Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35
 9/18: Ps 133; Gen 48:8-22; Heb 11:23-29; Joshua 3:1-17
 9/19: Ps 133; Gen 49:29-50:14; Rom 14:13-15:2; Neh 9:9-15
 9/20: Ps 133; Gen 50:22-26; Mark 11:20-25; 2 Kings 2:1-18
 9/21: Ps 145:1-8; Nahum 1:1-2:2; 2 Cor 13:1-4; Exod 15:22-27
 9/22: Ps 145:1-8; Nahum 2:3-13; 2 Cor 13:5-10; Exod 16:1-21
 9/23: Ps 145:1-8; Zeph 2:13-15; Matt 19:23-30; Exod 16:22-30
 9/24: Exod 16:2-15; Jonah 3:10-4:11; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16
 9/25: Ps 106:1-12; Gen 27:1-29; Rom 16:1-16; Exod 16:31-35
 9/26: Ps 106:1-12; Gen 28:10-17; Rom 16:17-20; Num 11:1-9
 9/27: Ps 106:1-12; Isa 41:1-13; Matt 18:1-5; Num 11:18-23-32
 9/28: Ps 25:1-9; Ezekiel 12:17-28; James 4:11-16; Isa 48:17-21
 9/29: Ps 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:5-18; Acts 13:32-41; Num 20:1-13
 9/30: Ps 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:19-24; Mark 11:27-33, Num 27:12-14

	9/3	9/10
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	134	92
10:30 AM	<u>128</u>	<u>139</u>
Total	262	231

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	6	3
K-1st	4	3
2nd-3rd	7	5
4th-5th	9	7
6th-8th	6	5
Sr High	4	4
Disciples	13	9
New Beginnings	8	6
Sermon Study	8	9
Misc Adult Grps	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>
Total	79	63