

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 3/4 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 3/5 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting
6:00 pm Volleyball League
6:00 pm Dining Room Rental
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 3/6 Noon N. A. Meeting
6:30 pm Boys Basketball Banquet
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 3/7 9:00 am Bible Study
3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice
7:00pm Financial Peace
- 3/8 9:30 pm Circle IV Meeting
Noon Bible Study
2&6:00 pm Election Judge Training
6:00 Basketball Practice
- 3/11 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am First Things First
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm youth@first
- 3/12 6:00 pm Volleyball League
6:30 pm Circle I Meeting
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 3/13 Noon N. A. Meeting
6:30 pm Church Board Meeting
- 3/14 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs
9:00 am Bible Study
3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 3/15 Noon Bible Study
5:30 pm Children First Board Mtg
6:00 pm Republican Dinner
6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Group

Considering Baptism? We will be having baptisms on Easter Sunday. Contact Pastor Michael with any questions or to set up a time to discuss baptism.



New to FCC? Would you like to learn more about the FCC family? Do you have questions about how FCC functions? Do you ever wonder about our core theology or why we do the things we do? Please consider attending First Things First in the sanctuary at 9:15 March 11th.

Circle IV will meet Thursday, **March 8**, 9:30.
Circle I will meet Monday, **March 12**, 6:30.

The **Church Board** will meet Tuesday, **March 13**, 6:30.
Packets will be ready on Sunday, March 11.

The **Children First Board** will meet Thursday, **March 15**, 5:30.

The **Prayer Shawl Group** will meet Thursday, **March 15**, 6:30, in the Fellowship Hall.

The next **CMF Dinner Meeting** will be Tuesday, **March 20**, 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up at the fellowship table if you plan to attend. Program will be on biofuels and agriculture.

2-0-1-8 Tell Someone

God Is Great!

The church **Garage Sale** will be Friday and Saturday, **April 6 & 7**. Items can be brought to Crossroads starting Monday, April 2. More info soon.

You are invited to **World Day of Prayer** service to be held Fri, **March 2**, 2:00 in our sanctuary.

The Disciples Class has finished the book of Mark, and is now studying the Psalms. All are welcome to join us in the Crossroads at 9:15 a.m. every Lord's Day.



Prayer Concerns: Carol Cooley, Mary Gates, Stacey Helms, Joyce Lemons, Bill Schwartze, Vera Murr (Karl Benjamin's sister), Sharon Shannon (Friend of Karl Benjamin)

The **Intentional Church Conference** will be Saturday, **April 21**, at First Christian Church in Decatur. Featured speakers are Dave Summit of 2/42 Community Church and Roger Storms of Compass Christian Church. The cost is \$20 for advanced registration or \$25 at the door after Friday, **April 13**. Lunch and snacks are included. Visit intentionalchurchconference.com for more info or to register.

This coming Sunday will be Cookie Sunday! See what delicious treats our volunteer chefs have provided while you fellowship with your church family!

Pittsfield High School Boys Basketball Banquet will be served in the **Crossroads dining room on Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30. Help is needed: Monday, March 5, 9:00 a.m. preparation. Tuesday, March 6, 2:00 entree prep, etc. and 5:30 servers and clean-up.**

Volunteers will also be needed for the following events. Mark your calendar and watch for more info:

Thurs, 3/15, Republican Dinner 6pm.

Thurs, 3/22, Chamber of Commerce Dinner, 6:30pm.

Sat, 4/14, Lincoln Dinner Theater.

Sun, 4/22, Church Camp Spaghetti Dinner.

Tues, 4/24, RSVP Luncheon.

Wed, 4/25, Pike Press Scholars Banquet.

Wed, 5/9, PHS Honors Banquet.

Tues-Thurs, 7/24-26, Whitetail Properties Luncheons and Banquet.



First Christian Church's Blood Drive was a tremendous success. We had 30 donations accepted and exceeded our goal of 24. Many thanks to those who came to donate, the volunteers, our cookie bakers, Gina for the set-up work, Michael for the electronic sign message, and Chaz for closing up for us. What a great team. Thank you all!

Lincoln Christian University will host a **Christian Women's Conference**, "Joy in the Journey", on Wed, **April 25**. Go to lincolnchristian.edu/cwc for more info or to register by **April 18**, \$35. Speakers will be Gwen Smith and Mandy Harvey.

The Monday night **Volleyball League** will begin **March 5**. First match begins at 6:00. Players must be at least high school age. Cost is \$20. Contact Matt Sealock for more info or to sign up.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Dave Awbrey; **3** Joan Hagerbaumer; **5** Bill & Carol Schwartze; **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** Darlene Smith, Jacob Hull; **14** John & Jane Calaway; **16** Christie Mendenhall, John Schoenherr, Rokettia Brokaw, Ashlyn Havens; **18** Claire Tate; **19** Ashley Grimes; **20** Jack Korte; **21** Carolyn Barber, Adam & Allison Korte; **22** Larry & Jeannie Howard, Joseph Pursley, Ethan Palmer; **23** Jim Kallal; **24** Roger Yaeger, Evan & Kacie Lipcaman; **25** Abigail Cox; **26** Spencer Boren, John Havens, Carol Cooley; **29** Jeremy Tate; **30** Burdette Irwin, Lisa Pennock, Natilee Grimes; **31** Bill Earls, Hannah Roig.



Vacation Bible School
July 15 - 20

Mississippi Valley Christian

Service Camp Dates for 2018

Grades are the grade they will enter this fall

High School June 10-15, 9th - grad

Junior High June 17-22, 7-8th

Junior Week June 24-28, 5-6th

Christian Climbers July 1-3, 3-4th

First Chance July 5-6, 1-2nd

Day Camp July 7, K-2nd

Wilderness Aug 5-9, 8th-grad

Family Camp Sept 7-9, Everyone



Children First will offer a Summer Program for ages 6-12 with hours from 7:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Activities will include field trips, science experiments and theme weeks. To register your child or for more info, contact Jennifer at 285-4129 or email at childrenfirst@fccpittsfield.org.

Children First Daycare is seeking a part-time summer cook to facilitate meal preparation for the center. The cook is responsible for preparing and/or directing the preparations of food to be served, complying with all applicable sanitation, health and personal hygiene standards and following established food production programs and procedures. Preferred Education: High School diploma or equivalent. Applicate should have their Certified Food Manager Certification. Interested candidates should apply by calling Jennifer at 285-4129.

Orders have been coming in for the Children First gift card fundraiser through Scrip. If you do not need a gift card for someone, then you can purchase a card and use it for yourself. Call the office for more info or to place an order.

Excerpts from February 13, 2018 Board Meeting

Call to Order at 5:32pm by Moderator David Koltveit. Opening devotion and prayer were led by David Bishop, who shared from Luke 8 and encouraged those present to have patience, even when it seems that God is not responding to our needs in our own time. Minutes from last Board meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor Chaz noted that he will be in the church office through the month of February, and that he will be working with Kids' Connection through the month of March.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Hart reported that as of January 31, 2018: Total Checking/Savings Assets = \$464,550.322. Total Unrestricted Checking = \$100,000.00. Total Budgeted Receipts = \$38,157.88. Total Budgeted Disbursements = \$32,777.11. Statement of Cash Flow Nonbudgeted Receipts Total = \$2,137.23 and Nonbudgeted Disbursements = \$2,223.69 for a difference of -\$86.46. Michelle noted that \$4,389.33 was reassigned from the general unrestricted funds to the Church Construction/ Renovation fund for the month of January. Additionally, the church received 2 new donations toward Construction/Renovation, and the balance of the account is \$82,613.30. Rebecca also noted that all ministry areas came in under budget for 2017, and that receipts came in over budget for the year. Average attendance for 2018 through the month of January is 270. David Bishop moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Roger Dunham seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Trustees: Charlie Gates noted that he will be reviewing the new insurance policy in the coming days.

Ministries:

Pastor Michael Ten Eyck asked the Board to consider reallocating \$75 of the \$100 per month that the church gives to Pikeland Snack Pack to the Griggsville-Perry Snack Pack program. He had spoken to members of the Pikeland Snack Pack Board who indicated that they had recently received some grant money and were doing well with donations. However, the Griggsville-Perry Snack Pack program is in high need of donations. Hamer Tate moved to reallocate \$75 to the Griggsville-Perry Snack Pack and to continue supporting Pikeland Snack Pack at \$25 per month. N.D. Harrison seconded, and the motion carried.

Pastor Ten Eyck also stated that Narcotics Anonymous had requested use of the Fellowship Hall during the noon hour on Tuesdays. They must pay rent, per their by-laws. Pastor Ten Eyck recommended, and Roger Dunham moved, to offer the use of Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays over the noon hour to Narcotics Anonymous. The rent would be negotiable, as needed, once NA is contacted with the offer. Charlie Gates seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Pastor Ten Eyck then updated the Board regarding his initial conversation with Frontier to increase bandwidth. That conversation led to some concerns he has about the current billing with Frontier. He said that the church may be receiving a credit, and he will provide an update when he knows more.

Finally, Pastor Ten Eyck noted that Kendra Sydney is asking for support in this week's newsletter; she needs \$1,200 to travel on a missions team to Jamaica. He would like to take a love offering in the upcoming Sunday service. If the offering does not fully meet the \$1,200 need, he suggested encouraging the Missions Committee to comp the rest from local outreach or mission trip fund. Larry Wigington moved to permit the love offering and the request to the Missions Committee to assist Kendra in raising support for her mission trip. Jeremy Schoenherr seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp Board Representative: Brad Willman offered to serve on the MVCSC Board. He was then appointed, and David Bishop moved to approve his appointment. N.D. Harrison seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Lovell town lot: no update.

David Bishop moved to adjourn at 6:47pm. Judy Ferguson seconded, and Pastor Michael Ten Eyck closed the meeting in prayer. The next Board meeting will be on March 13, 2018 at 6:30pm.

If you are like me you have been horrified by the recent school shooting in Florida. I have talked with many in our church family about these events and the same question has risen. What do these things mean?

To answer that question I draw back to a proverbial saying that I learned as a young man: "The loudest voice is not necessarily the truest."

Understandably, as what happens in most crisis situations, there is a tendency for us to immediately want to place blame. Sadly, we have seen this play out on a national front in a way that has been extremely divisive and troubling. Not that trying to make our society safer is wrong, but in all the blaming and pointing of fingers that I have heard politicians, commentators, and pundits doing, one voice is sadly quieter than the rest. The condition of the heart.

In the 9th chapter of Daniel we observe Daniel being extremely troubled by the condition of his culture and the perceived delay of God's promises. Instead of projecting his frustration upon those in his society engaged in sin, the seemingly righteous Daniel responded by fasting and raising up to God a prayer of humility and repentance.

Daniel realized that his heart was connected to the collective hearts of those around him.

We as a society have allowed a continued erosion of the value of life, while celebrating a culture of death. We as a society have neglected the duties of instilling godly values, personal responsibility, and perhaps most of all, respect.

I hope we may take a cue from Daniel and realize that our heart is connected to the hearts of those around us.

We live in a culture with hardened, hurting hearts and seared consciences. Christ's call for us is not to shut our doors, but rather share His love and healing like never before.

How can we do this? Again, Daniel is a fairly good model for us to share Christ's love. Here are a few steps.

1. Pray continually. Don't let crisis be what draws us to pray. Talk to the Father about more than just our small sphere. Pray like Daniel did in Chapter 9, reconciling his responsibility and connection to the world around him.

2. Stand. When those around us consume that which defiles, that which is not praiseworthy, endure the call of separation and an being an example.

3. Engage. Just as we were learning of multiple signs that were missed in this tragedy, our calling is to be ever vigilant. It is hurt people who end up hurting people. I pray that in our community we as a Church Family will be proactive in seeking out those who are the forgotten and neglected. We are called to help hurting people by sharing Christ's healing love. This is not an easy task, but a high calling.

Please join me in praying for the healing of those who have been devastated by this tragedy. Let us also pray for the direction of our culture in regards to valuing life.

1 Tim 2:1-6 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ESV

Loving you all,

Michael

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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

Stewardship (Offering Only)	<u>2/18</u>	<u>2/25</u>
Operational	\$7,923.80	\$11,630.80
Property Improvement	3.00	3.00
Church Construction/Renova	0.00	50.00
Outreach-Missionaries	370.00	110.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	3.00	83.00
Snack Pack	0.00	15.00
Unmet Needs	3.00	0.00
Children First	<u>675.00</u>	<u>375.00</u>
Total	\$9,002.80	\$12,291.80

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$7,500.22 \$12,751.20
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

Lectionary

3/4: Exod 20:1-17; Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:18-25; John 2:13-22
 3/5: Ps 84; 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22; 1 Cor 3:10-23
 3/6: Ps 84; 2 Chronicles 29:1-19; Heb 9:23-28
 3/7: Ps 84; Ezra 6:1-16; Mark 11:15-19
 3/8: Ps 107:1-3, 17-22; Gen 9:8-17; Eph 1:3-6
 3/9: Ps 107:1-3, 17-22; Dan 12:5-13; Eph 1:7-14
 3/10: Ps 107:1-3, 17-22; Num 20:22-29; John 3:1-13
 3/11: Num 21:4-9; Ps 107:1-22; Eph 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
 3/12: Ps 107:1-16; Exod 15:22-27; Heb 3:1-6
 3/13: Ps 107:1-16; Num 20:1-13; 1 Cor 10:6-13
 3/14: Ps 107:1-16; Isa 60:15-22; John 8:12-20
 3/15: Ps 51:1-12; Isa 30:15-18; Heb 4:1-13
 3/16: Ps 51:1-12; Exod 30:1-10; Heb 4:14-5:4
 3/17: Ps 51:1-12; Hab 3:2-13; John 12:1-11

Serving Schedule**March 4, 2018**

Elder: Kathy Hull, David Bishop
Diaconate: Amy Casto, Kathy Curfman, Carole Elledge, Keith Elledge, Ann Ferguson, Burdette Irwin
8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart
10:30 Communion: Glen & Carol Cooley
Scripture: Brenda Kramer
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
Shut-ins: Spencer & Kayla Boren, Jim & Kay McKinney
Sunday School Superintendent: Cindy Chamberlain
Kids Connection Treats Mar 7: Ann Ferguson, Cheryl Birch
Fellowship Treats: Carolyn Casteel, Cheryl Birch, Jessica Hull, Helen Earls

March 11, 2018

Elder: Brad Willman, Hamer Tate
Diaconate: Jessica Hull, Tammi Koltveit, Kay Sealock, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp, Charlie Hull
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
10:30 Communion: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain
Scripture: Tate Kunzeman
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
Shut-ins: Roger & Rokettia Brokaw, Julie Myers
Sunday School Superintendent: Joyce Lemons
Kids Connection Treats Mar 14: Wanda Mendenhall, Cheryl Birch

	<u>2/18</u>	<u>2/25</u>
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	116	129
10:30 AM	<u>175</u>	<u>175</u>
Total	291	304

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	7	5
K-1st	5	5
2nd-3rd	2	8
4th-5th	6	7
6th-8th	4	5
Sr High	4	4
Disciples	13	13
New Beginnings	7	6
Sermon Study	7	6
Misc Adult Grps	<u>18</u>	<u>24</u>
Total	73	83