

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 3/18 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Baptism Class
9:15 am Sunday School
11:45 am Teacher Meeting
5:30 pm youth@first
- 3/19 6:00 pm Volleyball League
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 3/20 Noon N. A. Meeting
5:30 pm Children First Board Mtg
6:00 pm CMF Dinner Meeting
- 3/21 9:00 am Bible Study
3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 3/22 Noon Bible Study
6:30 pm Chamber Meeting
- 3/24 Gym Rental
- 3/25 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:30 pm youth@first
- 3/26 6:00 pm Volleyball League
6:30 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 3/27 Noon N. A. Meeting
6:30 pm Elder Meeting
- 3/28 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs
9:00 am Bible Study
- 3/29 Noon Bible Study
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
- 3/30 7:00 pm Good Friday Service
- 4/1 6:30 am Sunrise Service
7:45 am Breakfast
8:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Maundy Thursday Communion Service
An evening of worship and prayer
March 29, 7:00 p.m.
(childcare provided)

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"The Story" presented by the Vesper Choir
Friday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.
(childcare provided)

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Join us for Sunrise Service Easter Sunday presented by youth@first
April 1, 6:30 a.m. at Crossroads

Breakfast served in the dining room
7:45 a.m.

Sunday School
8:45 a.m.

Celebrate the Resurrection!
10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

He is Risen

Considering Baptism? We will be having baptisms on Easter Sunday, April 1. Pastor Michael will have an informational meeting in the sanctuary this coming Sunday, March 18, 9:15.



Next Sunday, **March 18**, after 10:30 service, there will be a meeting in the Long Room until 12:30 for **youth Sunday School teachers and Children's Church leaders.**

Getting ready for spring? If you are spring cleaning and have extra items you would like to donate for the **church yard sale** to be held on **April 6 & 7**, they would be greatly appreciated. Items can include, but not limited to, knick knacks, jewelry, handbags, household items, small appliances, furniture, puzzles, books, toys, games, etc. Clothing will be accepted. Any questions contact Ruth Anne Goodin 285.2705 or Linda Decker 285.4042. Items can be brought to Crossroads Center beginning Monday, April 2 at 8:00 a.m.

The **Children First Board** has moved to Tuesday, **March 20**, 5:30.

The **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.

The **Elder Meeting** will be Tuesday, **March 27**, 6:30. **Youth group** will be Sunday evenings from 5:30-6:30. All 6th - high school seniors are welcome!

The **Prayer Shawl Group** will not meet during March but plan to resume in **April**.

Choir will practice at 6:30 on Monday, **March 26** instead of Wed, March 28.

The Trustees will award the Carol V. Claus Baughman Scholarship to the student pursuing a degree in the education field or in religious studies. **Contact the church office by April 4 for an application or for more info.**

Prayer Concerns: Jaunae Bacon, Teresa Bauer, Carol Cooley, Mary Gates, Stacey Helms, Joyce Lemons, Tom Predmore, Bill Schwartze, Josh Taylor
We express our sympathy to Kay McKinney and family with the passing of her husband, Jim McKinney. We also send our sympathy to Mike Lightle and family with the passing of his wife, Becky Lightle.

The Outreach Ministry will be supporting the Pikeland Snack Pack Program and the Griggsville/Perry Snack Pack Program. If you are currently giving for the “**Snack Pack Programs**” and want your financial blessings to go specifically to the Pikeland program or the Griggsville/Perry program, please mark those wishes on your envelope or check.

Volunteers will be needed for the Thurs., **March 22**, Chamber of Commerce Dinner, 6:30pm. Contact Kay Sealock if you can help.
Other upcoming events:
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.

The Health Dept will hold a **Food Certification Class** at Findley Apartments **April 9&16**. Contact Helen if you are interested in getting certified to one of our cooks.

The **Intentional Church Conference** will be Sat, **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. Cost is \$20 for advanced registration or \$25 at the door after Friday, April 13. Lunch and snacks are included. Visit intentionalchurchconference.com to register.

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

Thank you so much for being the special people that you are and for all you’ve done for me!
Love,
Kendra Sydney

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Dear FCC Family,
Thank you for your commitment to support the GP Snack Pack Program. Your thoughtful and generous donation is greatly appreciated by our planning committee, and it will make a difference in the lives of children in the GP School district. We currently serve 48 children with a week-end bag of food per week. Our hope is that this will show these children the love and support of their community, and also help them to return to school on Mondays ready to learn.
Thanks again,
Alicia Tate

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FCC,
Thank you for your generous donations to Unmet Needs. The requests in the applications are for larger amounts so your donations will enable us to help more in need. We appreciate your thoughtfulness very much.
Sincerely,
Pike County Unmet Needs

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Thank you for coordinating the Monday, February 26, 2018 blood drive. We were very pleased with the drive overall, and the willingness of the donors to share this life saving gift.

The efforts of First Christian Church have always been greatly appreciated and their support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives.

In addition, we very much appreciate your efforts during this crucial time. You may be interested to know that 33 donors registered, 2 donors were deferred and 30 units were collected! We also registered 2 first time donors!

Again, thank you for your contribution and ongoing support of this important community program. I look forward to working with you again on an upcoming blood drive.

Sincerely,
Wilma McGlothlin
Donor Recruitment Representative
American Red Cross

*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.
*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.
*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.
*Contact Jennifer Noble for more information 285.4129.

Ps 90:9-12

For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. 10 The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. 11 Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? 12 So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. ESV

It is frightening how quickly this year is flying by. Palm Sunday is in two weeks. Easter Sunday is in three weeks. The school district is entering the final quarter of school for the year.

As a family, we have begun the parade of "lasts" in terms of events for our oldest. Last indoor track meet...last Mock Trial State...last track season...and the list goes on and on...

Several numbers keep rolling around in my head, 936, 676, 312, and 208.

936 was the number of weeks from birth until graduation...676 was the number of weeks from kindergarten to graduation. 312 is the number of weeks from Junior High to High School graduation and 208 is the number of weeks in High School.

Now we are at roughly "12" for our oldest, "114" for our middle child, and "272" for our youngest. "Time flies" doesn't even begin to describe it.

Many have said that with age comes wisdom, but I take issue with that statement, as I know several foolish individuals who are longed of tooth. My brother-in-law said it best, "With age comes perspective. A wise person will take that perspective and both learn from it and apply what was learned. A remarkable person will take that wisdom and share it with others."

As I think about those numbers, I must admit that it brings a soberness, considering what time may have been wasted, or at the least, not maximized. The saying that, "Nothing brings progress like a deadline," is often quite true.

With this thought in mind, I want to encourage us all to take a moment and reevaluate the intentionality of how we live and how we prioritize.

I believe God has given us tremendous blessings and tremendous responsibilities. These responsibilities are to each other and to this generation.

To each other in terms of love, support, accountability, and encouragement. To this generation in terms of sharing Christ's love and the Gospel.

When we consider the ticking clock, we may be inspired to make the most of each opportunity we are afforded.

Let's get busy!

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>3/4</u>	<u>3/11</u>
Operational	\$8,071.24	\$6,574.81
Property Improvement	3.00	63.00
Church Construction/Renova	50.00	0.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	270.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	69.00	3.00
Snack Pack	15.00	0.00
Unmet Needs	11.00	20.00
Children First	<u>300.00</u>	<u>55.00</u>
Total	\$8,614.24	\$7,010.81

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$8,252.68 \$7,271.53
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

Serving Schedule

March 18, 2018

Elder: Ruth Bennett, Helen Earls
Diaconate: Betty Hayden, Noah Mendenhall, Christie Mendenhall, Gary Mendenhall, Rokettia Brokaw, Glen Cooley
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
10:30 Communion: TBA
Scripture: Tucker Kunzeman
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Shut-ins: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain, Matt & Faith Saxe
Kids Connection Treats Mar 21: Joyce Lemons, Edith Gant

March 25, 2018

Elder: Kathy Hull, Jeremy Schoenherr
Diaconate: Sonya Bishop, Zack Boren, Michelle Hart, Kevin Hittner, Ciera Anderson, Cherise Anderson
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain
Scripture: Eli Mendenhall
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
Shut-ins: Brenda Kramer, Ann Ferguson; Kay Sealock

Thursday, **March 22**, is the last day of the season Crossroads Center will be open for **walking**.

Lectionary

3/18: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ps 51:1-12; Heb 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
 3/19: Ps 119:9-16; Isa 43:8-13; 2 Cor 3:4-11
 3/20: Ps 119:9-16; Isa 44:1-8; Acts 2:14-24
 3/21: Ps 119:9-16; Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23; John 12:34-50
 3/22: Ps 118:1-2, 19-29; Deut 16:1-8; Phil 2:1-11
 3/23: Ps 118:1-2, 19-29; Jer 33:1-9; Phil 2:12-18
 3/24: Ps 118:1-2, 19-29; Jer 33:10-16; Mark 10:32-34, 46-52
 3/25: Ps 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11; Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Mark 14: 1-15:4-7
 3/26: Isa 42:1-9; Ps 36:5-11; Heb 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
 3/27: Isa 49:1-7; Ps 71:1-14; 1 Cor 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
 3/28: Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 70; Heb 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
 3/29: Exod 12:1-4, 11-14; Ps 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
 3/30: Isa 52:13-53:12; Ps 22; Heb 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42
 3/31: John 14:1-14; Ps 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matt 27:57-66

	<u>3/4</u>	<u>3/11</u>
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	121	112
10:30 AM	<u>153</u>	<u>155</u>
Total	274	267

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	4	5
K-1st	4	7
2nd-3rd	5	6
4th-5th	8	7
6th-8th	3	5
Sr High	3	0
Disciples	13	12
New Beginnings	6	6
Sermon Study	7	6
Misc Adult Grps	<u>26</u>	<u>12</u>
Total	79	66