

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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## Coming Events

- 4/15 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5:30 pm youth@first
- 4/16 6:00 pm Volleyball League  
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 4/17 Noon N. A. Meeting
- 4/18 9:00 am Bible Study  
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 4/19 Noon Bible Study  
5:30 pm Children First Board Mtg  
6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Group
- 4/22 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
11:30 pm Church Camp Dinner  
5:30 pm youth@first
- 4/23 6:00 pm Volleyball League  
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 4/24 11:00 am Dining Room Rental  
Noon N. A. Meeting  
6:30 pm Elder Meeting
- 4/25 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs  
9:00 am Bible Study  
6:00 pm Pike Press Scholars Banquet
- 4/26 Noon Bible Study
- 4/28 1:00 pm Gym Rental
- 4/29 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5:30 pm youth@first
- 4/30 6:00 pm Volleyball League  
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting

**Spring Fling has moved from April 17 to Tuesday, May 1. More info will follow. The May 15 CWF Salad Supper has been canceled.**

**Graduation Sunday will be May 20. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have an 8th Grade, High School or College Graduate.** Email or bring us a picture of your high school or college graduate so we can display them on the bulletin board.



*We have reason to celebrate as several individuals have been baptized and/or placed their membership with the church recently. Those people include:*

*March 25 - Jarrett Kindle; Emma Mann.  
April 1 - Scott, Jaunae, Rome & Phoenix Bacon; Lexie Lipcaman; Ryder Lipcaman; Chris Sydney; Nate Sydney; Stone Wintjen; Caleb & Hayley Wombles.  
April 8 - Leanna Schlabowske; Kathy Wainman.*



The **Prayer Shawl Group** will meet at Crossroads on Thursday, **April 19**, 6:30. They have blessed 66 recipients with their shawls. Contact Charlotte Dunham if you would like to join this ministry and learn how to knit.



**We need help!! Please sign-up for the following banquets as you are able:**

RSVP Luncheon on Tues, **April 24** with prep on Monday.

Pike Press Scholars Banquet on Wed., **April 25** with prep on Monday., April 23 afternoon.

**Sheets are on the Overflow Room coffee cart. Thank you!!**

The **Children First Board** will meet at 5:30 on Thursday, **April 19**.

The **Elders** will meet Tuesday, **April 24**, 6:30.

CWF will host an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** on Monday, **May 21**, from 1-6:00. Watch for more information or see Barbara Fosco.



We want to give a gigantic THANK YOU to Ruth Anne Goodin and Linda Decker for organizing the Garage Sale and their army of volunteers who assisted! We also give our appreciation to the many people who donated items to the sale. The proceeds totaled \$3,180.37. The sale is 2 days but the work invested takes a full week and we appreciate everyone's time!

**Prayer Concerns:** Teresa Bauer, Carol Cooley, Jeff Cox, Mary Gates, Kadence Haskins, Stacey Helms, Joyce Lemons, Harold Loyd, Tom Predmore, Bill Schwartz, Bill Combest (Mary Pfyl's brother), Avery Howland (Jeff Evans's niece), Emma Kaleta (John Calaway's sister), Vera Murr (Karl Benjamin's sister) Sharon Shannon (Friend of Karl Benjamin)  
*We express our sympathy to our friends in Christ at the Pittsfield United Methodist Church with the passing of Reverend Tom Wilbur.*

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](http://intentionalchurchconference.com) to register.

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

The **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** for Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp will be at Crossroads on Sunday, **April 22**. Serving will be from 11:30 until 1:30. Adults are \$8; Children age 3-12 are \$4.

We owe a thank you to David and Sonya Bishop for planting the pretty flowers around the church. The Bishops are here every morning and evening covering and uncovering the plants since the weather has been a little uncooperative.

Thank you Larry and Sandy Wigington for making the beautiful cross display for the gym during Sunrise Service and in the sanctuary. They are great additions to the rooms!



*Dear Church Family,  
My heart is overflowing with thanksgiving as I look back on the last two months of my journey. From the day I received the news CANCER to today when I have been told NO follow-up treatments, I have felt the support and comfort of our Dear Heavenly Father and of the love and support of you Dear Church Family. All of the precious prayers, beautiful heart felt cards, phone calls, visits and food treats have been overwhelming. When I told my daughter Becky that I had cancer, she said "Mother, call your prayer warriors!! The prayers are what carried me through my battle with cancer this past year!!" So with our Dear Michael continuing to guide us on this earthly journey, let us continue to Reach, Teach and Empower and hold each other up.  
Loving you all,  
Joyce Lemons*

\*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.

\***The Children First Graduation and Fundraiser will be Sunday, May 20, at Crossroads.** Brunch will be served 10:30-12:45. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. Graduation will be in the gym at 1:00 with the silent auction winner announcement to follow. Donated items for the auction will be on display at the church and Crossroads prior to the event. Individual or business sponsors with a monetary donation will have your name or company on the table center piece display. **All donations are due by Friday, May 4.**

\*Contact Jennifer Noble for more information 285.4129.



## Elder Corner

### 2 Corinthians 5 The Message (MSG)

*5<sup>1-5</sup> For instance, we know that when these bodies of ours are taken down like tents and folded away, they will be replaced by resurrection bodies in heaven—God-made, not handmade—and we'll never have to relocate our "tents" again. Sometimes we can hardly wait to move—and so we cry out in frustration. Compared to what's coming, living conditions around here seem like a stopover in an unfurnished shack, and we're tired of it! We've been given a glimpse of the real thing, our true home, our resurrection bodies! The Spirit of God whets our appetite by giving us a taste of what's ahead. He puts a little of heaven in our hearts so that we'll never settle for less.*

I stumbled across these verses last week as I was looking for something else, but I'm glad I took the time to read them. They made me think of the 2 great services we had on Easter. Along with Eli's sermon and the skit the junior high boys presented, Paul's words reminded me why we celebrate Easter... Jesus is **alive** and has **defeated death!** And **because** He rose again, **we will rise again** with **brand new** God made bodies! Not only that, but we will be **with Him** for eternity, celebrating, worshiping, fellowshiping with our family, friends and the saints that have gone before us!

I love it when our church family comes together as a whole to worship and fellowship (And eat! I'm a Southern Baptist at heart, I can't help it) like we did for Easter, because I think it does give us just a little glimpse of what we can look forward to in Heaven. So, a **BIG thank you** to all the people behind the scenes who helped to make that happen - Larry and Sandy Wigington for the decorations, the entire kitchen crew for the wonderful meal and the extra hours you put in before and after, Matt Sealock and Kayla Boren for working with the youth to prepare them to lead us in worship, all the youth kids that did such a great job, Kayla and the choir for their hard work (you all sounded great!) and John Hull and anybody who helped with the audio-visual tech stuff that I don't understand. I'm sure I am leaving someone out, but if you had *anything* to do with Easter Sunday celebration, please know that it does *not* go unnoticed or unappreciated, and that your efforts helped to make it a great day for everybody.

-Matt Saxe  
Elder

FCC Church Family,

I want to take this time to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Holy Week services. Bob, Matt, John and the technical crew did an outstanding job putting together the various services.

Kayla, the Vesper Choir, and the worship bands were outstanding. Those who came in to do extra cleaning, building, moving, decorating, and planting flowers helped make the campus welcoming.

Most of all I want to thank everyone who invited people to attend. It was wonderful to see nearly 600 worshippers this year. I encourage the entire church family to continue to spread the word of what God is doing in our midst.

Great times are upon us!

-Pastor Michael

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 Gina Bryant, Custodian

**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

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b>4/1</b>	<b>4/8</b>
Operational	\$12,422.83	\$9,951.07
Property Improvement	3.00	13.00
Church Construction/Renova	25.00	0.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	32.00	7.00
Snack Pack	0.00	15.00
Unmet Needs	425.00	0.00
Children First	<u>75.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,077.83</b>	<b>\$10,181.07</b>

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**  
 Received Last 7 Days \$13,997.20 \$12,927.44  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

**Lectionary**  
 4/15: Acts 3:12-19; Ps 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48  
 4/16: Ps 150; Jer 30:1-11a; 1 John 3:10-16  
 4/17: Ps 150; Hosea 5:15-6:6; 2 John 1:1-6  
 4/18: Ps 150; Proverbs 9:1-6; Mark 16:9-18  
 4/19: Ps 23; Genesis 30:25-43; Acts 3:17-26  
 4/20: Ps 23; Genesis 46:28-47:6; Acts 4:1-4  
 4/21: Ps 23; Genesis 48:8-19; Mark 6:30-34  
 4/22: Acts 4:5-12; Ps 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18  
 4/23: Ps 95; 1 Sam 16:1-13; 1 Peter 5:1-5  
 4/24: Ps 95; 1 Chronicles 11:1-9; Rev 7:13-17  
 4/25: Ps 95; Micah 7:8-20; Mark 14:26-31  
 4/26: Ps 22:25-31; Amos 8:1-7; Acts 8:1b-8  
 4/27: Ps 22:25-31; Amos 8:11-13; Acts 8:9-25  
 4/28: Ps 22:25-31; Amos 9:7-15; Mark 4:30-32

**Serving Schedule**

**April 15, 2018**

**Elder:** Helen Earls, Matt Saxe  
**Diaconate:** Tammi Koltveit, Kay Sealock, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp, Charlie Hull, Jessica Hull  
**8:00 Communion:** Dan & Sue Speckhart  
**10:30 Communion:** Ann Ferguson, Joyce Lemons  
**Scripture:** Lauren Saxe  
**10:30 Nursery:** Shelby Bauer  
**Shut-ins:** Helen Earls, Hamer & Jenny Tate  
**Children's Church:** 8:00 Michelle Hart, 10:30 Kacie Lipcaman

**April 22, 2018**

**Elder:** Ruth Bennett, David Bishop  
**Diaconate:** Noah Mendenhall, Christie Mendenhall, Gary Mendenhall, Rokettia Brokaw, Glen Cooley, Betty Hayden  
**8:00 Communion:** Hamer & Jenny Tate  
**10:30 Communion:** Jamie & Sarah Sweeting  
**Scripture:** Matt Saxe  
**10:30 Nursery:** Emma Saxe  
**Shut-ins:** N.D. & Joyce Harrison, Larry & Sandy Wigington  
**Children's Church:** 8:00 Renita Ten Eyck/Kathy Curfman, 10:30 Kacie Lipcaman

**Wishes & Wants**

**For Sale:** Huffy All Terrain Girls 10 Speed. \$30. Karl Benjamin 217.408.6836.  
**Needed:** Small window air conditioner. Rosemary Clark 285.2931

	<b>4/1</b>	<b>4/8</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	220	123
10:30 AM	<u>373</u>	<u>165</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>288</b>
<b>Christian Education</b>		
Age 3-PK	7	7
K-1st	6	6
2nd-3rd	5	8
4th-5th	5	8
6th-8th	3	4
Sr High	3	2
Disciples	8	14
New Beginnings	9	5
Sermon Study	0	6
Misc Adult Grps	<u>0</u>	<u>21</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>81</b>