

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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## Coming Events

- 5/13 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School
- 5/14 6:00 pm Volleyball League  
6:30 pm Circle I Meeting  
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 5/15 Noon N. A. Meeting  
6:00 pm CMF Dinner Meeting
- 5/16 9:00 am Bible Study  
11:00 am Building Task Force Mtg
- 5/17 5:30 pm Children First Board  
6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Group
- 5/18 6:30 pm Piano Recital
- 5/20 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Children First Fundraiser  
1:00 pm Children First Graduation  
5:30 pm youth@first
- 5/21 1:00 pm Blood Drive  
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 5/22 Noon N. A. Meeting  
6:30 pm Elder Meeting
- 5/23 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs  
9:00 am Bible Study  
5:30 pm Building Task Force Mtg
- 5/27 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School
- 5/28 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 5/29 Noon N. A. Meeting
- 5/30 9:00 am Bible Study

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.



\*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 are 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.

\*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.

\*Orders have been coming in for the Children First **gift card fundraiser** through Scrip. Cards can be purchased as gifts for others or yourself!

\*Contact Jennifer Noble for more information 285.4129.



**Youth Group** will not meet **May 13** so everyone can spend time with family on Mother's Day.

All men of the church are encouraged to attend the **CMF Dinner Meeting** on Tues, **May 15**, 6:00 at Crossroads. The sign up sheet is on the fellowship table.



**Circle I** will meet Mon, **May 14**, 6:30.

The **Building Task Force** will meet on Wed, **May 16**, 11:00 and Wed, **May 23**, 5:30.

The **Children First Board** will meet Thurs, **May 17**, 5:30.

The **Prayer Shawl Group** will meet Thurs, **May 17**, 6:30.

**Elders** will meet Tues, **May 22**, 6:30.

Contact Matt Sealock if you are interested in playing on team FCC for **Church League Softball** this summer!

CWF will host an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** on Monday, **May 21**, from 1-6:00. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter: FirstCC to schedule an appointment. Watch for more information or see Barbara Fosco.



**Prayer Concerns:** Marshall Allen, Teresa Bauer, Carol Cooley, Jeff Cox, Mary Gates, Betty Halpin, Stacey Helms, Katie Hull, Jenny Tate, Heather Bell (Cindy Chamberlain's niece), Emma Kaleta (John Calaway's sister), Vera Murr (Karl Benjamin's sister), Sharon Shannon (Friend of Karl Benjamin)

*Thank you so much to the Prayer Shawl group for the shawl you gave to us for the loss of Gary's mother. It will certainly be a comfort. Love this ministry! We are so happy to be a part of this Church Family and love each and every one of you. -Gary and Deana Jones.*

*Thank you Tim Belford for stepping in my place as Trustee chair this spring. I very much appreciate you tending to church business so I could care for Mary. -Charlie Gates.*

*Wow!! What a delicious meal you gentlemen prepared and served to the Spring Fling ladies Tuesday, May 1st. Such a great way to welcome spring and have a fun, entertaining evening. We appreciate everyone who was involved. Burdette: Mother Darlene would have been so proud of your perfect ham loaves!! Again, a super thank you to all the men and thank you to all who came to enjoy the Fling.*

*To all the wonderful women whom brought meals to our home following the arrival of Lucas... THANK YOU! It truly means a lot to us and was extremely helpful during our first few days home. Everything was wonderful and absolutely delicious. We couldn't be more thankful and blessed to have such wonderful people in our lives!!  
Love, The Wombles Family.*

Are you handy with a hammer, shovel, saw, rake? We have a list of miscellaneous repairs and tasks around our properties that could use attention. Contact the office for the detailed list to see what you can do!

*Living Proof Live with Beth Moore will be July 13-14 at Columbia, MO Mizzou Arena. For more info or to register visit [LifeWay.com/LivingProof](http://LifeWay.com/LivingProof) and let Brenda Kramer know if you are interested in going.*



Vacation Bible School

July 15 Registration

July 16 - 20

**rightnow** MEDIA

Have you looked on RightNow Media lately for all the new Bible studies?

**Church Camp clean up volunteer work days will be Sat, May 19 and Sat, June 2.** Start at 8 a.m. and leave when you are ready. Contact Jim Dain for more info. The first camp starts June 10. Forms are on the mantels and at the church office.



### 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

My daughter loves to go to the movies with her friends. Several months ago she came home and could not wait to tell us about this amazing movie she had seen. She went on and on about how wonderful the music and pageantry of the film was, as well as how she and her friends cried in their seats at the end of the movie.

I had kept an eye out for it to be released on video, and a few weeks ago we all watched it as a family. I have to admit, I was certainly impressed with the music, singing, dancing, and the story was compelling. I found myself humming the tunes the next day, which I rarely do.

The hero of the movie was an actual historical figure who founded the circus. He was presented as a man who was fighting against the snooty upper-class to find love and success.

I was thoroughly entertained watching the film, but I began to realize that something about this story didn't ring true. Later that evening, I got on the web and googled the main character. My suspicions were confirmed. As often happens, the facts of this man's life were somewhat skewed to elicit empathy. This really shocked me, as somehow the character written was in direct opposition to the facts of his life. Although the movie was beautiful and stirring and even had some good messages, it was based on a fabrication... an untruth.

As I thought about this I realized how easy it is to buy into the many lies that the world subtly thrusts upon us.

They are not all obvious. Some are placed in attractive, tantalizing packages and propagated by a smooth and well fashioned facade. Some have worked into our society a little bit at a time. Some have even entered portions of the church.

There is an old political saying that if you repeat a lie often enough, people will believe it as truth. Sadly, this is often proven accurate. In my lifetime I have seen morally corrupt people propped up and accepted as role models, while other honest, hard working individuals have been ruined by repeated lies. The key for us as followers of Christ is to discern truth from untruth. We should not be so eager to jump on bandwagons, until we truly understand both the origin and destination of the vehicle. Just because it may be popular does not equate to truth.

We live in interesting times where the very concept of truth is being challenged all around us. We must be careful to rightly defend truth. I am reminded of the early church dealing with some of the same subtle issues.

*Jude 3-4 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. ESV*

I pray that we will be mindful to contend for the faith and as John writes, "test the spirits." Let's be sure to build our lives on the rock of God's eternal truths rather than the shifting sands of man's carnal intellect.

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

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b>4/29</b>	<b>5/6</b>
Operational	\$9,975.55	\$9,725.42
Property Improvement	38.00	43.00
Church Construction/Renova	0.00	2,050.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	58.17	27.00
Snack Pack	0.00	15.00
Unmet Needs	25.00	0.00
Children First	<u>125.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,316.72</b>	<b>\$12,555.42</b>

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**  
 Received Last 7 Days \$9,975.55 \$9,689.89  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

**Lectionary**

5/13: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Ps 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19  
 5/14: Ps 115; Exodus 28:29-38; Philippians 1:3-11  
 5/15: Ps 115; Num 8:5-22; Titus 1:1-9  
 5/16: Ps 115; Ezra 9:5-15; John 16:16-24  
 5/17: Ps 33:12-22; Gen 2:4-7; 1 Cor 15:42-49  
 5/18: Ps 33:12-22; Job 37:1-13; 1 Cor 15:50-57  
 5/19: Ps 33:12-22; Exodus 15:6-11; John 7:37-39  
 5/20: Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:24-35; Rom 8:22-27; John 15:26-27  
 5/21: Ps 104:24-35; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Cor 12:4-11  
 5/22: Ps 104:24-35; Gen 11:1-9; 1 Cor 12:12-27  
 5/23: Ps 104:24-35; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-23  
 5/24: Ps 29; Isaiah 1:1-20; Rom 8:1-8  
 5/25: Ps 29; Isaiah 2:1-5; Rom 8:9-11  
 5/26: Ps 29; Isaiah 5:15-24; John 15:18-27

**Serving Schedule**

**May 13, 2018**

**Elder:** Larry Wigington, Kathy Hull  
**Diaconate:** Carole Elledge, Keith Elledge, Ann Ferguson, Burdette Irwin, Amy Casto, Kathy Curfman  
**8:00 Communion:** N.D. & Joyce Harrison  
**10:30 Communion:** Mike & Julie Boren  
**Scripture:** Michele Westmaas  
**10:30 Nursery:** Emma Saxe  
**Shut-ins:** Kay McKinney, Mike & Julie Boren  
**Children's Church:** 8:00 Michelle Hart, 10:30 Matt Sealock, Kathy Curfman

**May 20, 2018**

**Elder:** Matt Saxe, N.D. Harrison  
**Diaconate:** Kay Sealock, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp, Charlie Hull, Jessica Hull, Tammi Koltveit  
**8:00 Communion:** Richard & Rebecca Rhodes  
**10:30 Communion:** Zack & Libby Boren  
**Scripture:** Cherise Anderson  
**10:30 Nursery:** Ellie Ten Eyck  
**Shut-ins:** Julie Myers, Spencer & Kayla Boren  
**Children's Church:** 8:00 Bethany Dunham, 10:30 Matt Sealock, Kathy Curfman

**Wishes & Wants**

**For Sale:** Huffy All Terrain Girls 10 Speed. \$30. Karl Benjamin 217.408.6836.

	<b>4/29</b>	<b>5/6</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	134	113
10:30 AM	<u>167</u>	<u>167</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>280</b>

**Christian Education**

Age 3-PK	3	10
K-1st	7	5
2nd-3rd	11	10
4th-5th	8	6
6th-8th	6	5
Sr High	4	3
Disciples	9	13
New Beginnings	7	5
Sermon Study	6	6
Misc Adult Grps	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>78</b>