

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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Coming Events

6/10 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
6/11 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
6/12 9:00 am Bible Study
Noon N. A. Meeting
6:30 pm Church Board Meeting
6/13 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs
6/15 11:00 am Curless Auction
6/17 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
6/18 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
6/19 Noon N. A. Meeting
9:00 am Bible Study
6/21 5:30 pm Children First Board Meeting
6/23 Wedding Reception

The **Church Board** will meet Tues, **June 12**, 6:30. Packets will be ready on Sunday.

The **Children First Board** will meet Thurs, **June 21**, 5:30.

The **Elders** will meet Tues, **June 26**, 6:30.

The ladies **Bible Study** is moving from Wednesday morning to **Tuesday** morning at the church education wing at 9:00. Contact Libby Boren for more info.

We have paint for the Sunday School rooms but need painters! Contact the office if you have time during the day to help with

Prayer Concerns: Teresa Bauer, Carol Cooley, Jeff Cox, Chris Crowder, Jane Dunham (Rokettia Brokaw and Kathy Lehr's sister), Stacey Helms, Katie Hull, Burton Markham (Jane Calaway's brother), Deloras Martin, Jenny Tate,

*We express our sympathy to:
David & Julie Myers with the passing of David's father, Ralph Myers.
Zack & Libby Boren with the passing of Libby's grandmother, Jacqueline Templeton*

Vacation Bible School

Kick-off registration July 15.
VBS July 16-20, 6:00-8:15.
Age 4 through finished 5th Grade.
Family Meal 5:30-6:00 M-F.

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

CMF will pay one half of each camper's fees in our church family.

Children First is offering 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. Space is still available. Call Jennifer 285.4129.

We will need volunteers to help with the Whitetail Properties meals **July 24-26**. Save the dates and watch for more info.

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

Cookie Sunday will be this weekend! Be sure to eat a sweet treat while visiting with your church family!

Hello again from the Orange Crew! As you have probably noticed by now, we are on a mission to make sure our church family knows what Orange is, and to make a lasting impact on the next generation. Orange is the color you get when you combine yellow and red. The church is represented by the color yellow, and the parents are represented by the color red—believing fully in the concept that when these two forces come together and work as one, we will have more influence than when we work separately.

The steady mission that we are on, and plan to continue for years to come, is to inspire the next generation. Our children. We want to teach them about Jesus. We want them to fall in love with Jesus. And we want them to chase after Jesus with the same stead-fastness that we have for this mission. Jesus is love, and love is what should “trademark” us as Christians. John 13:34 is THE verse of how people will know we are HIS disciples-like and emblem marked on us for all to see.

I know as parents we hear the phrase, “time flies” quite often. But, when such a phrase is made into an actual, real-life visual, it really drives the statement home. At conference they had a section of the arena set up with the different “phases” our children go through from Pre-K all the way through high school/graduation. Not only did they have bedrooms in every phase set up, but in this one section they had shelves full of mason jars with marbles in them. At a closer glance, these jars have labels on them with numbers such as 936, 416, 52, and a few others as well. That 936 number represents the number of weeks you have left with your newborn baby; 416 represents how many weeks are left with your 10 year old; and that 52 number represents the number of weeks left with your 17 year old-talk about perspective! I think we all need to invest in a mason jar, one per each child, and fill it with the number of marbles that represents how many weeks we have left with them (until graduation anyway), for a daily reminder that this too is just a phase, so don’t miss it!

This mission is critical to us, because we know that time is of the utmost importance. We as the church have such limited time to spend with the children, and that is why we recognize that partnering with parents is just as important in helping us get the message of Jesus Christ across to the children-the next generation. Please feel safe in approaching us to ask how you can help, or if you have any questions.

VBS is right around the corner, and we are “Amped” to have another opportunity to pour out God’s love upon your children.

Thank you for trusting in us!

With love,
Ashli Freesmeyer

Orange Crew
Helen Earls, Lisa Wombles, Kacie Lipcaman

Thank you for coordinating the Monday, May 21, blood drive. We are sorry about the printer issues and thank you for that extra effort to get the drive up and running. Despite the problems we were very pleased with the drive overall, and the willingness of the donors to share this life saving gift. The efforts of FCC 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 21 donors registered, 7 donors were deferred and 14 units were collected! We also registered one first time donor! 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.

Thank you so much for the wonderful weekend. We are so appreciative of the kindness of your congregation and grateful for the evening and meeting with the elders. -Pastor Wayne and Leslie Kent.

*Dear First Christian Church,
Thank you for the use of the sanctuary for our piano recital! The recital was a success, all students did a fantastic job and enjoyed the beautiful piano. We appreciate your hospitality! Becky Fitzmaurice & piano students.*

Thank you everyone for all the kind cards for my 50th birthday. I am blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family. -Pastor Michael.

Are you a Good Samaritan and friend?

In Luke 10, verse 27, an expert in the law tested Jesus with the following question, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus responded, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself."

One of the greatest examples of being a Good Samaritan, especially in the farm community, is the way other farmers take the time to help a neighbor plant or harvest his crops, when health issues or a death has prevented him from doing his own work. All of a sudden tractors, trucks, and combines roll in, businesses provide fuel, church families provide food, and the work is completed in a timely manner. Even with work of their own waiting to be done, these Good Samaritans are eager to help their neighbor. That's just what is done in a farming community.

In recent weeks, Michael has encouraged us to expand our outreach to people: inquire about troubles, as well as rewards, or initiate casual conversation with others. New friends bring new ideas and excitement into our lives, while there's nothing like the comfort of an old friend you've known forever.

One of the reasons Charlotte and I left Milwaukee in 1973 was the fact that we rarely saw anybody we knew when we were "out and about." We both desired solid relationships with others. Having moved to Pike County, we quickly realized the beauty of interacting with people on a daily basis and building relationships with those having ideals and values much like our own.

As a new season begins, let us reach out to others: invite others over for coffee or a meal, deliver meals to others, become involved in community events, volunteer at church, town and sports events, start up or join a group that interests you.

Involvement in First Christian Church offers many opportunities to be a Good Samaritan and friend. All that is required is a simple reaching out to others in Christian love.

Roger Dunham, Elder

"A little more detail on my statement at church May 27. The only all-Pike County regiment in the Civil War was the 99th Illinois Infantry, which formed in Pittsfield and marched to Florence to board a river steamer in August, 1862. One of the nearly 1,000 men was George Barber, ancestor of Chuck Barber, and member of First Christian Church. He was a musician with one of the 10 companies. Also a musician with another company, was John W. Boren of Milton, great-great-great uncle of Michael Boren. Chuck and Michael have been making music together in First Christian for the past 35 years." -Michael Boren

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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)	5/27	6/3
Operational	\$8,839.32	\$10,631.81
Property Improvement	13.00	13.00
Church Construction/Renova	50.00	231.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	280.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	11.00	81.00
Unmet Needs	0.00	200.00
Snack Pack	15.00	0.00
Children First	<u>655.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$9,678.32	\$11,561.81

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$8,839.32 \$11,090.81
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

Lectionary

6/10: 1 Sam 8:4-20; Gen 3:8-15; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
 6/11: Ps 108; 1 Sam 7:3-15; Rev 20:1-6
 6/12: Ps 108; 1 Sam 8:1-22; Rev 20:7-15
 6/13: Ps 108; 1 Sam 9:1-14; Luke 11:14-28
 6/14: Ps 20; 1 Sam 9:15-27; Heb 2:5-9
 6/15: Ps 20; 1 Sam 10:1-8; Heb 11:4-7
 6/16: Ps 20; 1 Sam 13:1-15a; Mark 4:1-20
 6/17: 1 Sam 15:34-16:13; Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34
 6/18: Ps 53; 1 Sam 13:23-14:23; Gal 6:11-18
 6/19: Ps 53; 1 Sam 15:10-23; Rev 21:22-22:5
 6/20: Ps 53; 1 Sam 15:24-31; Luke 6:43-45
 6/21: Ps 9:9-20; 1 Sam 16:14-23; Acts 20:1-16
 6/22: Ps 9:9-20; 1 Sam 17:55-18:5; Acts 21:1-16
 6/23: Ps 9:9-20; 1 Sam 18:1-4; Luke 21:25-28

Serving Schedule

June 10, 2018

Elder: Kathy Hull, Roger Dunham
Diaconate: Eli Ten Eyck, Lainey Ten Eyck, Taylor Sweeting, Lauren Saxe, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
10:30 Communion: TBA
Scripture: Sydney Bauer
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Shut-ins: Dan & Sue Speckhart, Brenda Kramer & Ann Ferguson
Children's Church: 8:00 Bethany Dunham, 10:30 Kacie Lipcaman
Fellowship Treats: Linda Belford, Deloras Martin, Cathy Lacey, Libby Boren

June 17, 2018

Elder: Ruth Bennett, Larry Wigington
Diaconate: Keith Elledge, Ann Ferguson, Burdette Irwin, Amy Casto, Kathy Curfman, Keith Elledge
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Kathy Curfman, Edith Gant
Scripture: Teresa Bauer
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
Shut-ins: Howard & Vera Staffy, Brad & Kathy Willman
Children's Church: 8:00 Michelle Hart, 10:30 Kacie Lipcaman

Wishes & Wants

For Rent: Available now: 2 story house; 3 bdrm, 2 bath, washer/dryer, dishwasher, large lot, no garage - [430 W. Fayette](#). Pets allowed. Rent \$600 month. Contact Bates Allen: 217-730-8538.

	5/27	6/3
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	113	139
10:30 AM	<u>143</u>	<u>159</u>
Total	256	298
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	4	6
K-1st	6	6
2nd-3rd	8	6
4th-5th	8	6
6th-8th	2	4
Sr High	5	3
Disciples	11	11
New Beginnings	7	6
Sermon Study	8	7
Misc Adult Grps	<u>22</u>	<u>19</u>
Total	81	74