

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 7/1 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
7:30 pm youth@first Cookout
- 7/2 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting
5:30 pm Kitchen Committee Meeting
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 7/3 9:00 am Bible Study
Noon N. A. Meeting
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 7/6 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 7/7 2:00 pm Dining Room Rental
- 7/8 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
Noon Fellowship Hall Rental
- 7/9 8:00 pm AI Anon
- 7/10 9:00 am Bible Study
Noon N.A. Meeting
6:30 pm Church Board Meeting
- 7/11 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs
- 7/15 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
4-5:30 pm VBS Kick-Off
- 7/16-20 5:30 pm Family Meal
6-8:15 pm VBS

The **Kitchen Committee** will meet **Mon, July 2, 5:30** at Crossroads to discuss VBS meals and Whitetail Properties' meals.

Church League Softball is underway at Pittsfield Lake. Remaining schedule is **July 2 8:00, July 9 7:00, July 16 9:00, July 23 8:00**. Come support Team FCC or contact Matt Sealock 257.3589 or Kevin Hittner 919.7277 if you are interested in playing!

Children First is offering a **Summer Program** for ages 6-12 with hours from 7:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Activities include field trips, science experiments and theme weeks. Space is available. They are also accepting registration for the 3 & 4 year old 2018-2019 preschool program. Call Jennifer 285.4129.

Vacation Bible School will be Monday through Friday, July 16-20, from 6-8:15pm for children 4 years old through those entering 6th grade this fall. Parents should bring children to the gym for the opening and pick them up in the gym.

Family Night will be Sunday, July 15, from 4-5:30 when everyone can register then receive VBS shirts and music CDs. Games will be set up for children. Families can come and go during this time. You can also pre-register your child on our website.

Family Meal will be served Mon - Fri . Please allow VBS staff and children to go through the line first so they can enjoy their meal before needing to leave. You should be able to recognize them by their VBS shirts. Everyone in our church family is encouraged to join us at 5:30 for a delicious family friendly meal.

See Bethany Dunham, Kacie Lipcaman or Ashley Ferguson for info.

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LIVE FULLY ALIVE!

Youth group wiener roast/cookout will be this coming Sunday, July 1, 7:30, at Pastor Michael's house. The two other large group events will be Sunday, July 29, and Sunday, August 12. Put these 3 dates on your calendar and watch for correspondence from your small group leader.



The **Church Board** will meet Tues, **July 10, 6:30**. Packets will be ready **July 8**.

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

CONSTRUCTION ZONE

The Crossroads Center floors are being refinished this week. If you have a key to the building, please be mindful that the kitchen will be the only accessible area.

All tile floors in the admin building will be refinished next week so the lobby door will be locked and Children First will be closed. You can call the office if you have any needs but if you must stop by that week, you will need to enter through the southwest corner door. There is a sidewalk along the back side of the building.

Prayer Concerns: Stacey Helms, Katie Hull, Shirley Loyd, Deloras Martin, Alice Motley, Carol Schwartz, Kathy Willman, Becky Blessing (Jenny Tate's mother)

This coming weekend will be Cookie Sunday!

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp 2018 Dates

Grades are the grade they will enter this fall

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.

Marge Lamb will turn 90 years young on July 12 so let's shower her with birthday wishes! Their mailing address is:
Walter & Marjorie Lamb
Park Place #212
31 Executive Park Drive
Hendersonville, TN 37075

Thank you for The New Inductive Study Bible (ESV). I appreciate all of the support from my church family and am excited for the new path in life after high school.
-Kelly Rhodes.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Burdette for assisting with the Crossroads Center tile floor refinishing! We greatly appreciate your time in assisting with the project!

Children First continues to order prepaid cards through the Scrip program. Some participating vendors include Walmart, Barnes & Noble, Buffalo Wild Wings, Home Depot, Lowe's, Amazon, Bath & Body Works, JCPenney, Kohl's, Subway, Shell. A complete list is available in the office and on the sanctuary mantels. A % of the purchase price will be donated towards Children First at no extra cost to you. Purchase one as a gift for yourself or someone else!



Support our School!

Excerpts from June 12, 2018 Board Meeting:

Minister's Report: Pastor Michael states that the Task Force group had a good meeting with a representative with The Solomon Foundation. They discussed the church's debt tolerance (\$1.5-\$2 million). At this point, the Solomon Foundation is just a resource in the building process and may be asked to present their services to the Trustees at a later date. ND Harrison noted that it would be imperative to investigate their financial statements if the church decides to move forward with working with any organization such as The Solomon Foundation. N.D. will investigate further.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Hart reported that as of May 31, 2018: Total Checking/Savings Assets = \$521,448.78. Total Unrestricted Checking = \$100,000.00. Total Budgeted Receipts = \$192,982.77. Total Budgeted Disbursements = \$144,891.12. Statement of Cash Flow on Nonbudgeted Receipts Total = \$30,629.67. Nonbudgeted Disbursements = \$14,633.19 for a difference of \$15,996.48. Michelle noted that the expenses associated with the recent air conditioner work in the sanctuary have not been billed; however, the a/c unit and Freon were all donated. The church will be billed for labor in the coming weeks. She also noted that \$2,422.73 was reassigned from the general unrestricted funds to the Church Construction/ Renovation fund for the month of May. Additionally, the church received 5 new donations toward Construction/Renovation, and the balance of the account is \$133,178.15. Average attendance for 2018 through the month of May 287. David Bishop moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Larry Wington seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Children First: Helen Earls reported that the Children First brunch and silent auction fundraiser was a huge success. Children First was able to pay the \$2,500.00 loan back to the church, and still netted \$4,884.82.

Balsman Property: Pastor Michael Ten Eyck informed the Board that he was notified by police of theft of walnut trees on the property by a logger who was working on adjacent property. A forester is working to get a quote on loss, and advised that in many cases, this type of matter can be settled out of court. In that case, FCC will need to negotiate directly with the logger. Pastor Michael asked, and ND Harrison moved for the Farm Committee be empowered to negotiate a fair price or an out-of-court settlement if possible. David Bishop seconded, and the motion carried.

Old Business

Lovell town lot: no update.

Youth minister update: no update

Charlie Gates moved to adjourn at 7:06pm. Ruth Bennett seconded, and Pastor Michael Ten Eyck closed the meeting in prayer.

This week is kind of a crazy one at the Crossroads Center. We have just hosted several large events, culminating in a wonderful wedding reception. (Thanks to all of the church family who helped out in those receptions!) And now, this week we are refinishing the floors.

It has been a while since the floors were done. As I watched the chemicals and the machines strip off the layers of finish from the floor I was struck of all the events that have happened on them since the last finishing.

There were specks of glitter from formal events that had worked into the wax. There were scuff marks from boots. There were scratches from rocks that had gotten stuck in shoes, stains from spills, as well as tar that had been tracked in and ground into the finish.

Some of these marks were from joyous events, while some were from sad occasions. A few, I'm sure, were due to carelessness, while still others were simply the normal result of a building's usage. Whatever the cause may have been I was left with this observation: life leaves its mark on us.

Our intended and purposed shine can be dulled by the simple fact that we experience so much in our journey through life. As I watched the process remove all of the finish, what was left was dull and vulnerable but in the process of restoration.

It occurred to me that there are times in our life when it is needful for us to go through similar processes as well. Like Joseph's season serving in the prison, David fleeing from Saul, or even Paul facing seasons of discouragement and trial, there are things in our journey, both positive and negative, that we should be mindful to allow to be dissolved from us.

Failure to regularly engage in such a purging process will ultimately hinder us in terms of our spiritual growth. When we hold on to the negative too long we can become wounded and embittered, while the positive can lead us to prideful self-reliance. Both of these can hinder the reflection of Christ to emanate from our lives.

This is one reason that I appreciate the communion table so much. At the table, every ounce of pride, vanity, and self-reliance are melted from our being in the consideration of the price of our salvation. At the table, every mistake, wound, and failure of this life's journey finds gracious renewal in the sustaining sacrifice of the cross.

Perhaps that is why we are exhorted to one simple act as we come to the table...remember.

Remember how great is the Father's love for you.

Loving you all,
Michael

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: 2 Michelle Gates, Bev White; 4 J.D. Gorton, Jimmy Dain, Stacey Helms, Brooks Richmiller; 5 John & Ashlyn Havens; 6 Sue Speckhart, Charlie Hull, Myrtle Tharp; 8 Cherise Anderson, Michelle Hart; 9 Mike Boren, N.D. Harrison II, Carmen Long, Kayla Boren, Izack Haskins; 10 Keith & Carole Elledge, Preston Dunham; 11 Levi Grimes; 12 Marjorie Lamb, Shelby Bauer; 14 Corey Tharp, Jeremy & Alicia Tate; 15 Julie Boren; 16 Marie Awbrey; 17 Chris Crowder, John Pennock, Lauren Saxe, Sydney Bauer; 18 Bill & Helen Earls; 20 Austin Fine; 21 David & Sonya Bishop; 22 Scott Bacon; 23 Teresa Bauer, Dan Chamberlain, Evelyn Hoover, Hamer & Jenny Tate, Jordyn Apps, Laura Grimsley, Stan Moss; 24 Charles Owens, Jim Dain; 26 Greg & Kim Bonnett; 27 Chris Phipps; 28 Kathy Hull, Kayla & Spencer Boren, Carol Schwartz, Dana & Judy Ferguson; 29 Carolyn Capps; 30 Levi & Ashley Grimes, Evan Lipcaman, CJ & Danielle Hayes, Caleb Wombles; 31 DJ & Michele Westmaas, Richard & Rebecca Rhodes, Jeremy & Jade Schoenherr, Rorie Dunham

With so many members, people make different choices whether they want their name on our lists. If you would like to be added or deleted from our published calendar, please call the office and we will update our list.

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Staff:
 Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor
 Helen Earls, Programs & Christian Ed
 Kayla Boren, Music
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary
 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

Stewardship (Offering Only)	6/24	6/17
Operational	\$7,544.90	\$7,257.30
Property Improvement	3.00	24.00
Church Construction/Renova	50.00	0.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	140.00
DHF	25.00	100.00
Outreach-General	3.00	26.00
Unmet Needs	3.00	50.00
Snack Pack	15.00	0.00
Children First	<u>75.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$7,788.90	\$7,617.30

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$7,102.58 \$8,527.30
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

Lectionary

7/1: 2 Sam 1:17-27; Ps 130; Solomon 1:13-15; 2 Cor 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
 7/2: Ps 18:1-6, 43-50; 1 Sam 23:14-18; 2 Cor 8:16-24
 7/3: Ps 18:1-6, 43-50; 1 Sam 31:1-13; 2 Cor 9:1-5
 7/4: Ps 18:1-6, 43-50; 1 Chronicles 10:1-14; Mark 9:14-29
 7/5: Ps 48; 2 Sam 2:1-11; 1 Cor 4:8-13
 7/6: Ps 48; 2 Sam 3:1-12; 2 Cor 10:7-11
 7/7: Ps 48; 2 Sam 3:31-38; Matt 8:18-22
 7/8: 2 Sam 5:1-10; Ps 48; Ezek 2:1-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
 7/9: Ps 21; 2 Sam 5:1-10; 2 Cor 11:16-33
 7/10: Ps 21; 2 Sam 5:11-16; James 5:7-12
 7/11: Ps 21; 2 Sam 5:17-25; John 7:1-9
 7/12: Ps 24; Exodus 25:10-22; Colossians 2:1-5
 7/13: Ps 24; Exodus 37:1-16; Colossians 4:2-18
 7/14: Ps 24; Numbers 10:11-36; Luke 1:57-80

Serving Schedule

July 1, 2018

Elder: Hamer Tate, Helen Earls
Diaconate: Gary Mendenhall, Rokettia Brokaw, Glen Cooley, Betty Hayden, Noah Mendenhall, Christie Mendenhall
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
10:30 Communion: Keith & Carole Elledge
Scripture: Ruth Bennett
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Shut-ins: Larry & Sandy Wigington, Helen Earls
Children's Church: 8:00 Bethany, 10:30 Matt & Kathy
Fellowship Treats: Laura Grimsley, Ashley Ferguson, Dorothy Apps, Tereasa Apps, Kathy Wainman

July 8, 2018

Elder: Roger Dunham, Matt Saxe
Diaconate: Kevin Hittner, Ciera Anderson, Amy Casto, Sonya Bishop, Zack Boren, Kay Sealock
8:00 Communion: Dan & Sue Speckhart
10:30 Communion: Ann Ferguson, Joyce Lemons
Scripture: Julie Boren
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
Shut-ins: Ruth Bennett, N.D. & Joyce Harrison
Children's Church: 8:00 Bethany, 10:30 Matt & Kathy

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.

	6/24	6/17
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	127	116
10:30 AM	<u>167</u>	<u>146</u>
Total	294	262
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	6	7
K-1st	4	6
2nd-3rd	9	9
4th-5th	11	4
6th-8th	6	4
Sr High	0	4
Disciples	11	11
New Beginnings	7	6
Sermon Study	8	7
Misc Adult Grps	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>
Total	82	77