

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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Coming Events

7/15 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
4:00 pm VBS Kick-Off
7/16-20 5:30 pm Family Meal
6-8:15 pm VBS
7/16 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
7/17 9:00 am Bible Study
Noon N. A. Meeting
7/19 5:30 pm Children First Board Meeting
7/21 10:00 am Class Reunion
7/22 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
7/23 8:00 pm AI Anon
7/24 9:00 am Bible Study
Noon N.A. Meeting
6:30 pm Elder Meeting
7/25 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs
7/29 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
TBA Combined Youth Group Event

Church League Softball is underway at Pittsfield Lake. Remaining schedule before tournament is **July 16 9:00, July 23 8:00**. Come support Team FCC!

The **Children First Board** will meet Thursday, **July 19, 5:30**.

The **Elders** will meet Tues, **July 24, 6:30**.

The two remaining combined youth group events will be Sunday, **July 29**, and Sunday, **August 12**. Put these 2 dates on your calendar and watch for correspondence.

Vacation Bible School will be NEXT WEEK 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, STARTING AT 4:00 in the gym with praise and worship then move outside for registration and STL Sprocket BMX show. Bring your swim suits for a water slide too! You can also pre-register your child on our website.

Family Meal will be served Monday through Friday starting at 5:30. 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 for a delicious family friendly meal.

See Bethany Dunham, Kacie Lipcaman or Ashley Ferguson for info or if you are available to help.

There will be a VBS run through on Sunday immediately after 10:30 service for all teachers and helpers.

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LIVE FULLY ALIVE!

On Sunday, July 1, Caden Casto was baptized and became the newest member of FCC. He is the son of Loyd and Amy Casto and will be a freshman at PHS this fall. We welcome Caden to the church family!

On Thursday, June 28, Luke Archer was baptized at Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp. Luke is the son of Rich and Nikki Archer. Congratulations Luke on your decision to follow Christ!

Prayer Concerns: Stacey Helms, Katie Hull, Richard Kindle, Shirley Loyd, Deloras Martin, Becky Blessing (Jenny Tate's mother), Judy Warpula (Larry Wigington's sister)

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp 2018 Dates

Wilderness Camp, Aug 5-9, 8th-grad
Outdoor Life, Aug 12-15, 13 Y/O - 2018 Grad
Family Camp, Sept 7-9, Everyone

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

FCC is registered with the AmazonSmile program. When you make an Amazon purchase, a portion of the sale will be donated to the church. Logon to Amazon and see how you can designate FCC as your charity recipient!

Congratulations is due to Chuck and Carolyn Barber on the birth of their great grandchild. Margarete Gayle Bear was born to Chip and Kathy Barber's daughter.

Volunteers will be needed to help with Whitetail Properties meals **July 24-26**. Save the dates and contact Kay Sealock if you are available.



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.

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!



Changes- By Eli Ten Eyck

In late June, I had a startling realization. As I cruised down highway 61 towards my Freshmen Orientation in St. Louis, it finally dawned on me that this whole college thing was actually happening. I had been preparing for this moment for almost three years--I started my college search as a Sophomore--visiting campuses, writing letters, studying for standardized tests, and finally figuring out how to shoulder the financial burden. However, somewhere in all of my preparation, I had missed the forest for the trees. I had been so concerned with finishing out high school strong and ensuring that I had my future plans solidified, that I managed to forget what I was working toward. So, after a year of nonchalance at the prospect of coming change, I finally began to freak out.

I'm not entirely sure what kept me from seeing the truth sooner. Perhaps it was distraction from a busy schedule, or the fact that since life had always stayed basically the same I assumed it would continue to, but, for some reason, I found myself shocked at the notion of change. Now, I have always been called an old soul, and part of that is that I have always been content with things in my life staying as they are. Perhaps that could be considered a character flaw, but in my defense, I have good reason to shun change: I'm comfortable. I have experienced a wonderful childhood. My parents have given me all that a child could ever desire: love, safety, food (I'm especially fond of the seemingly free and endless food selection), and a home. Furthermore, small town life had been kind to me. Through God's favor, hard work, or a combination of both, I had always found fulfillment in the activities I chose to pursue. Now, who in their right mind would wish to move on from such a life? "Not I," I thought.

As I drove along, I finally confronted an issue that I had been avoiding. I was fearful of what was to come. I was fearful to live apart from my family. I was fearful of the academic pressure that defines WashU. I was fearful of not finding a social niche in the very diverse and largely secular student body. I was fearful of the responsibility that I knew it was time for me to accept over my own well-being, as well as my contributions to society. Simply put: I was afraid of giving up my childhood to become a man.

I spent the entirety of the drive and the following weekend worrying over these things and feeling a general sense of self-pity that time should be so cruel as to put an end to good things. It wasn't until the next week, that I began to allow myself to see the God's truth in the matter. As I was counseling at a leadership camp in Monticello--very much off the grid (I even wrote actual paper letters as my fastest way to contact people)--I was given much opportunity to lean on God for guidance, and then much time to reflect on it. It was such a simple kind of surrender. I had to accept that I was unable to be the kind of counselor that God wanted me to be without his perfect help. I didn't even see a connection to my emotional state at the time, but I was quickly forced to see that I had forgotten an essential truth that has upheld me all my life: God always provides. As I enjoyed his counsel and basked in his presence, I felt all of my worries, fears, and sorrows melt away, replaced by a sense of excitement--urgency to pursue my calling in this world which involves going to college, growing up, and all of that which I had been dreading.

My lesson was this: God calls us out of our comfortable situations in order to use us in powerful ways. If we can accept that He is our provider, and that our true home is in Him, we can find peace while facing formerly daunting obstacles. This is something I have heard all my life, yet I find myself constantly needing reminded of it.

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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>7/1</u>	<u>7/8</u>
Operational	\$13,416.84	\$7,046.80
Property Improvement	46.00	13.00
Church Construction/Renova	50.00	100.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	75.00
Outreach-General	34.00	57.00
Unmet Needs	0.00	203.00
Snack Pack	15.00	0.00
Children First	<u>580.00</u>	<u>325.00</u>
Total	\$14,236.84	\$7,889.80

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$12,775.14 \$7,046.80
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

Lectionary

7/15: 2 Sam 6:1-19; Amos 7:7-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
 7/16: Ps 68:24-35; 2 Sam 6:6-12; Acts 21:27-39
 7/17: Ps 68:24-35; 2 Sam 3:12-16; Acts 23:12-35
 7/18: Ps 68:24-35; 2 Sam 6:16-23; Luke 7:31-35
 7/19: Ps 89:20-37; 1 Chronicles 11:15-19; Colossians 1:15-23
 7/20: Ps 89:20-37; 1 Chronicles 14:1-2; Acts 17:16-31
 7/21: Ps 89:20-37; 1 Chronicles 15:1-13; Luke 18:35-43
 7/22: 2 Sam 7:1-14; Jer 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
 7/23: Ps 61; 2 Sam 7:18-29; Heb 13:17-25
 7/24: Ps 61; 2 Sam 8:1-18; Acts 20:17-38
 7/25: Ps 61; 2 Sam 9:1-13; Luke 15:1-7
 7/26: Ps 14; 2 Sam 10:1-5; Colossians 1:9-14
 7/27: Ps 14; 2 Sam 10:6-12; Colossians 3:12-17
 7/28: Ps 14; 2 Sam 10:13-19; John 4:31-38

Serving Schedule

July 15, 2018

Elder: Hamer Tate, David Bishop
Diaconate: Kathy Curfman, Taylor Sweeting, Ann Ferguson, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson, Eli Ten Eyck
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
10:30 Communion: Jamie & Sarah Sweeting
Scripture: Kathy Curfman
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
Shut-ins: Greg & Kim Bonnett, N.D. & Joyce Harrison
Children's Church: 8:00 Michelle, 10:30 Matt & Kathy

July 22, 2018

Elder: Helen Earls, Jeremy Schoenherr
Diaconate: Ann Ferguson, Burdette Irwin, Amy Casto, Kathy Curfman, Carole Elledge, Keith Elledge
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
10:30 Communion: Donnie & Tereasa Apps
Scripture: Barbara Fosco
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Shut-ins: Mike & Julie Boren, Joyce Lemons
Children's Church: 8:00 Michelle, 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.

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Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	115	106
10:30 AM	<u>195</u>	<u>161</u>
Total	310	267
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	10	0
K-1st	5	4
2nd-3rd	7	7
4th-5th	10	6
6th-8th	2	4
Sr High	3	3
Disciples	15	10
New Beginnings	6	7
Sermon Study	6	7
Misc Adult Grps	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>
Total	82	64