

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 8/26 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5&6:00 pm Youth Group
- 8/27 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 8/28 8:30 am Bible Study
Noon N. A. Meeting
5:00 pm Gym Rental
6:30 pm Elder Meeting
- 8/31 11:00 am Curless Auction
- 9/2 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5&6:00 pm Youth Group
- 9/3 8:00 pm AI Anon
- 9/4 8:30 am Bible Study
Noon N.A. Meeting
5:00 pm Gym Rental
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 9/5 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 9/6 11:30 am Circle V Meeting
- 9/7 11:00 am Curless Auction
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 9/9 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5&6:00 pm Youth Group

Nominating forms for officers and other elected officials with terms to begin January 1, 2019 will be on the sanctuary mantels on Sunday, Sept 2, 9 & 16. **Forms can be placed in the offering tray or submitted to the office by Monday morning, Sept 17.**

Regular youth group meetings are Sunday evenings at Crossroads. The 6th-8th grade will meet 5-6:30 and the high school will meet 6-7:30.

The **Elders** will meet Tues, **Aug 28**, 6:30.

Choir Practice will start Wed, **Sept 5**, 6:30.
Christmas Cantata Practice will start Wed, **Oct 3**, 6:30.
Contact Choir Director Kayla Boren if you have any questions.

The **Prayer Shawl Group** will resume in September.
Contact Charlotte Dunham for more info 833.2725.

CWF and CMF September Meetings

The first meeting of **Circle V** will be at the Courtyard Café for lunch at 11:30, Thurs, **Sept 6**.

Circle I will meet Mon, **Sept 10**, at Crossroads.

Charlene Gleckler has graciously invited **Circle IV** to her country home for the first circle meeting of the fall on Thurs, **Sept 13**, 9:30. Meet at Crossroads at 9:15 to car pool to the meeting. Looking forward to a new fall beginning!

Sept 18, Tues, 6:00, **CMF Dinner Meeting** at Crossroads. Sign up at the fellowship table if you plan to attend.

Prayer Concerns: Karl Benjamin, Dora Lee Claus, Stacey Helms, Evelyn Hoover, Katie Hull, Shirley Loyd, Wanda Mendenhall, Carol Schwartze, Linda Borrowman (friend of David Grimsley), Vera Murr (Karl Benjamin's sister), Etta Sargent (Brenda Kramer's mother), Sharron Shannon (Friend of Karl Benjamin)

If you experience trouble trying to login to RightNow Media, please call them at 972.560.4000 or the church office.

The start of school also starts the need for our local Snack Pack programs. If you would like to make a financial contribution, mark your offering envelope Snack Pack and funds will be directed accordingly.

Church League Softball has concluded for the year. Thank you everyone who participated or supported the event on Monday evenings! Our final record was 5-4.



The **Children First Annual Meeting** will be Sunday, **Sept 16**, after 10:30 service.

Consider purchasing a Scrip card from a long list of participating vendors including your local Walmart. A % of the card cost will be donated to Children First. Contact the office today!

Children First is taking registration for the 3 year old and 4 year old preschool that will begin Sept 4th and 5th respectively. Contact Jennifer for more info 285.4129.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Update

My ministry with Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Pittsfield is building. Every Weds. Night at 9 PM, we are meeting with coaches, youth, parents and anyone else who wants to build the gift of Jesus to our students and coaches. I had the blessing of speaking to our football players last week. I shared a 3D coaching theme with them. A coaches main job is to love their players and the players main job is to love each other. 3D coaching focus is on the physical, mental and heart of a student athlete, but truly any student teen.

I need your partnership in prayer and consideration to financially support my ministry. I simply ask you to allow me to speak with you about how you can partner with FCA and me. 217-473-5151 is my text or phone, jackcyhull@yahoo.com to email me or you can contribute monthly or one time by going to my.fca.org/jackhull. I have many ways you can join me. Thank you for your prayers and guidance in Teaching, Reaching and Empowering our youth and their educators.

Jack Hull
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In His Service

September Birthdays and Anniversaries 1 Bill Irwin, Barb Bradburn, Darin & Shelley Wintjen; 2 Joan Halsey, Amanda Haskins, John & Lisa Pennock; 3 Dave & Ashli Freesmeyer; 5 Steve & Vickie Tharp; 7 Ruth Anne Goodin; 8 Michael Smith, Rhodora Pursley; 9 Liam Bonnett; 10 Chuck & Carolyn Barber, John & Julie Plattner, Vivian Cloninger, Billy Fitzmaurice; 11 Jamie Pennock; 12 Courtney Pennock; 13 Judy Losch, Wyatt Korte; 14 Chris & Amber Apps, Brian & Angie Ruebush; 15 Terry Fine, Frank Smith, Connor Sweeting; 16 Dorothy Yaeger, Elijah Mendenhall, Kay McKinney; 17 Gary Mendenhall, Hendrix Lipcaman; 18 John & Jennifer Griffith; 19 Karen Goodwin, Ryder Lipcaman; 20 Alex Tharp; 21 Rex Lothridge; 22 Bethany Dunham; 23 Allison Plattner, Ben Freesen, Tate Kunzeman, Nathan Lothridge; 24 Loyd & Amy Casto, Amy Cox; 25 Steve Tharp; 26 Shelley Wintjen, Victoria Dain; 28 Bill & Rhonda Irwin, Mary Davis, 29 Darin Wintjen, Bill & Laura Grimsley, Darrell & Chris Sydney; 30 Ronald Halsey, Jonathan Schoenherr, Ellie Ten Eyck, Jathan Grimes.

Board Meeting Excerpts from August 14, 2018

Call to Order at 6:30pm by Moderator David Koltveit. The minutes were approved by general consensus.

Minister's Report: Pastor Michael commended Linda Belford for helping with the weekly preparation of Orange Sunday School and Youth Group curriculum. He also stated that in light of the many counseling needs and referrals in Pike County, he has preliminarily reached out to Hope Counseling in Springfield regarding the possibility of using rooms at FCC if they would be willing to send counselors and expand their business to Pittsfield.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Hart reported that as of July 31, 2018: Total Checking/Savings Assets = \$546,187.90. Total Unrestricted Checking = \$100,000.00. Total Budgeted Receipts = \$275,178.51. Total Budgeted Disbursements = \$204,001.16. Statement of Cash Flow on Non-budgeted Receipts Total = \$40,694.10 and Nonbudgeted. Disbursements = \$22,997.15 for a difference of \$17,696.95.

Michelle noted that 5 new deposits designated for the church construction/renovation totaling \$1,225.00 were made in the month of July. Also, \$13,740.83 was reclassified from the general unrestricted checking account. The Church construction/renovation fund now totals \$156,036.86

Rebecca Rhodes stated that while many of the costs of hosting the Whitetail Properties events in July were reflected in this summary, the \$19,706 gross income received in August from Whitetail will not be reflected until the August Treasurer's Report.

Rebecca also stated that the Ally CD designated for Church Construction/Renovation is due in mid-September. She said that Trustee Chair Charlie Gates is aware that the Trustees need to act before it matures next month.

Year-to-date worship attendance averaged 283 per week through July 31.

David Bishop moved to approve the Treasurer's report; Roger Dunham seconded, and the motion carried.

Trustees: No Report

Crossroads Center: Pastor Michael Ten Eyck stated that Keith Elledge has the refurbished chairlift for the stage on his property, and that he would like to have it moved back to Crossroads Center as soon as possible. It will be installed in the storage room to the west of the stage.

Children First: Pastor Michael summarized an incident at the church playground in which Children First employees asked a family to leave the park while daycare kids were present (per DCFS requirements). City Police were informed and Children First policies and posted notices were reviewed.

Balsman Property: Pastor Michael Ten Eyck states that Illinois Dept of Natural Resources recently informed him that the illegally harvested logs have now been stolen from the Balsman Property. Some were taken to a non-licensed sawmill in Martinsburg. Those logs are still there. However, the valuable veneer logs were also taken and have not yet been located. More information will be coming as the investigation continues.

Lovell Town Lot: no update.

The Building Task Force has not yet met in August. The Board did receive two subcommittee reports. There was discussion about the possibility of partnering with a local company to provide childcare for employees. Pastor Michael expressed his desire that some plan needs to move forward regardless of whether an agreement with this Partnering Group can be reached. There was discussion about what next steps the Task Force should be taking, now that the elders have given them the directive to move forward in submitting a plan to proceed first with the Education Wing. The elders desire that there be a presentation made to the congregation by the November meeting. The Task Force also submitted a draft of some preliminary communication to be presented to the congregation from the Task Force. Pastor Michael also expressed a desire to plan some "Fireside chat" evenings in which he will be available to speak with interested members of the congregation in an informal setting, though no dates have been set at this time.

Bob Evans, on behalf of the Pike County Historical Society, has requested the use of the church bus and volunteer driver for a fundraiser tour of historic buildings in Pittsfield on Sunday, September 16, at 1:00pm. Kathy Hull moved to permit the use of the church bus; N.D. Harrison seconded, and the motion carried.

Pastor Michael noted Kay Sealock's work on posted evacuation plans throughout FCC buildings. An ALICE training meeting was held on August 6 for several leaders and volunteers.

Roger Dunham moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm; Larry Wigington seconded, and Pastor Michael closed the meeting in prayer.

FCC Safety Committee Report

Schools have implemented safety plans for years, are required to do drills annually and it was felt to be in our best interest that we, at FCC, take precautions for the protection of our church family too. The FCC Safety Committee has met several times so we want to update the congregation as to our suggestions in times of emergency. Many church leaders/teachers will be discussing specifics about these situations with their groups/classes in the near future.

In case of Fire:

Walk through the nearest exit, be mindful of emergency vehicles if you must cross the street. Considering our location, they will likely be coming in several directions.

If the fire is in the sanctuary/education building proceed to FCC's playground.

If the fire is in Crossroads walk straight to the Congregational Park.

By following those directions families who are in different church buildings will know where the others in the family will be waiting for them.

In case of Tornado:

People in the sanctuary building should go down the basement stairs and gather close to the west metal doors. Crouch down with hands/arms protecting the head.

Those unable to do the stairs should crouch down outside the old office area facing the wall with hands/arms protecting the head. If not enough time for everyone to exit, get under a pew, go into the choir room, men's bathroom, or old pastor's office under the table.

People in the education building should go to the basement if time. Plan B would be to huddle under the stairs in the Fellowship Hall or into the NE classroom and crouch down facing the wall with hands/arms protecting the head. Draw the folding curtain closed.

People in Crossroads will be asked to leave the gym, dining room, and front meeting room areas and move (1) to the basement (2) to the side of the stage area and where the shower/ bathrooms are (3) in food scraping area, (4) the kitchen dry storage room. As many people as possible should sit facing the wall, hands/arms protecting the head.

In case of Dangerous Intruder: We greatly appreciate the training received by our local Sheriff's Department deputies Jordan Gerard and Jennifer Thompson concerning the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter Evacuate) Training Institute procedures. This course replaces the mindset of passivity (which has not worked in the past) and provides ideas in which to prepare our church in a proactive manner in case there is the threat of an aggressive intruder (which has proven to reduce casualties).

For more information on ALICE check the following address: https://www.alicetraining.com/gclid=CjwKCAjwhqXbBRAREiwAucooyxMImE9Nm0GwlFtytGNb9gOHMIuzE3U4SJtgru185c8ZMkwa94uOxoCeMEQAvD_BwE

It was also recommended that some of our doors be locked at least part of the time on Sunday mornings considering the many entrances that the church has. (The Pike County courthouse and most county schools have been doing this for several years.) A decision about this has not been made at this time.

- We must all be aware of unusual sounds and behaviors around us.
- If needed, alert others by yelling and quickly evacuate through the nearest exit or window. By all means call 911, don't depend upon others to do so. Try to tell the operator the location of the armed assailant.
- If the intruder is in a room, throw books, purses and other objects to distract the intruder while as many as possible flee.
- If the person is outside of a room, go out the windows and doors and run away from the location of the aggressive intruder. If exiting isn't an option, try to barricade the door with anything and everything possible but beware of standing in front of the door.

We realize that none of us imagine something as horrific as we have seen on the news in other communities happening in our corner of the world but many of the people as interviewed by reporters couldn't think it would happen in their area either. The Good Lord watches over us and provides us with thinking skills in order to handle and cope with situations as they arise. We believe planning is wise.

Please convey any comments, opinions to members of The Safety Committee which consists of: David Bishop, Zach Boren, Judy Ferguson, David Koltveit, Brian Ruebush, Matthew Sealock, Renita Ten Eyck, Pastor Michael Ten Eyck, Kay Sealock, Chr.

Elder Corner

A few months ago there was a large sign near the west edge of Pittsfield that read "Protect Life - Both Born and Unborn".

I certainly agree with the words on that sign; we have a duty to protect life. Fetuses are certainly unable to protect themselves. In addition to the picture of the fetus on the sign, a picture of a newborn baby could have been included. Life at this stage should be protected as well and all people are incapable of taking care of themselves the first few years of their lives.

Some people need help at later stages of life. I suspect most (but not all) of you reading this received encouragement to study and learn during your school years and you learned a work ethic. Many of you learned some useful job skills while growing up and were taught how to get along with others. What responsibility do we have to people at older ages who were not blessed with such a favorable home life? Do we have a responsibility to help them better their circumstances? Are these lives we should protect (and try to improve)?

God calls us to love and care for others.

Matt 25: "34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Most of us don't know what it would be like to grow up in a home enjoying no love, enjoying no encouragement and learning no meaningful skills. Most of us don't know how we would have turned out if we had been raised in such circumstances. I believe this passage in Matthew tells us to have empathy for those who are currently in these unfortunate situations and for those who grew up in this type of environment.

FCC contributes to Pike County Unmet Needs and we have our own Outreach Program. Both provide assistance to those in need . . . but our assistance should not be limited to our financial support for those programs. We individually should be eager to "get our hands dirty" and help those in need. The Bible teaches this in Matt 25. Following these instructions may get the attention of someone in need and allow us to follow another important set of instructions, those in the Great Commission. Helping others may open the door for us to share the "living water".

Reach out to help others with the physical and emotional needs they have in this life and spread God's word. Protect Life, Both Unborn and Born.

Yours in Christ,
N.D. Harrison

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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)	8/12	8/19
Operational	\$6,692.36	\$7,566.01
Property Improvement	23.00	23.00
Church Construction/Renova	25.00	25.00
Outreach-Missionaries	270.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	57.00	7.00
Unmet Needs	8.00	4.00
Snack Pack	40.00	40.00
Children First	<u>180.00</u>	<u>255.00</u>
Total	\$7,320.36	\$8,015.01

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
Received Last 7 Days \$2,409.71 \$7,566.01
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

Lectionary
8/26: 1 Kings 8:22-43; Joshua 24:1-18; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69
8/27: Ps 11; 1 Kings 5:13-18; Ephesians 5:21-6:9
8/28: Ps 11; 1 Kings 6:1-14; Ephesians 6:21-24
8/29: Ps 11; 1 Kings 6:15-38; John 15:16-25
8/30: Ps 45:1-9; Solomon 1:1-17; James 1:1-8
8/31: Ps 45:1-9; Solomon 2:1-7; James 1:9-16
9/1: Ps 45:1-9; Hosea 3:1-5; John 18:28-32
9/2: Solomon 2:8-13; Deut 4:1-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-23
9/3: Ps 144:9-15; Solomon 3:6-11; 1 Tim 4:6-16
9/4: Ps 144:9-15; Solomon 5:2-6:3; 1 Peter 2:19-25
9/5: Ps 144:9-15; Solomon 8:5-7; Mark 7:9-23
9/6: Ps 125; Proverbs 1:1-19, Romans 2:1-11
9/7: Ps 125; Proverbs 4:10-27; Romans 2:12-16
9/8: Ps 125; Proverbs 8:1-31; Matt 15:21-31

Serving Schedule

August 26, 2018
Elder: Kathy Hull, Helen Earls
Diaconate: Carole Elledge, Keith Elledge, Ann Ferguson, Charlie Hull, Jessica Hull, Tammi Koltveit
8:00 Communion: Hamer & Jenny Tate
10:30 Communion: Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain
Scripture: Tate Kunzeman
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
Shut-ins: Brad & Kathy Willman, Dan & Sue Speckhart
Children's Church: 8:00 Michelle, 10:30 Kacie

September 2, 2018
Elder: N.D. Harrison, David Bishop
Diaconate: Kay Sealock, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp, Rokettia Brokaw, Glen Cooley, Betty Hayden
8:00 Communion: TBA
10:30 Communion: TBA
Scripture: TBA
10:30 Nursery: TBA
Shut-ins: Roger & Charlotte Dunham, Howard & Vera Staffy
Children's Church: 8:00 Bethany 10:30 Korey & Lisa
Fellowship Treats: Edna Baughman, Sue Speckhart, Rosemary Clark, Becky Irwin

Wishes & Wants
For Sale: 3 cushion couch in beige/light brown with texture, \$80. Small white antique china cabinet, make offer. Judy Dunham 285.2738.

	8/12	8/19
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	105	130
10:30 AM	<u>137</u>	<u>129</u>
Total	242	259
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	5	6
K-1st	3	6
2nd-3rd	7	3
4th-5th	7	10
6th-8th	4	6
Sr High	3	4
Disciples	14	11
New Beginnings	0	0
Sermon Study	7	4
Misc Adult Grps	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
Total	65	66