

# The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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## Coming Events

- 9/16 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
11:45 am Children First Meeting  
5&6:00 pm Youth Group
- 9/17 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 9/18 8:30 am Bible Study  
Noon N. A. Meeting  
6:00 pm CMF Dinner Meeting
- 9/19 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 9/20 Noon Bible Study  
5:30 pm Children First Board Meeting  
6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Group
- 9/23 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5&6:00 pm Youth Group
- 9/24 8:00 pm AI Anon
- 9/25 8:30 am Bible Study  
Noon N.A. Meeting  
5:00 pm Gym Rental  
6:30 pm Elder Meeting
- 9/26 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting  
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 9/27 Noon Bible Study  
8:00 am Dining Room Rental
- 9/28 8:00 am Dining Room Rental
- 9/30 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
5&6:00 pm Youth Group

## Youth@First News for Sept 16

Middle School will wrap up their series "Vital" while High School will begin a new series about change called "Subject to Change".

Middle School 5-6:30.

High School 6-7:30.

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

**The Thursday noon study group will resume Sept 13 at the church building Long Room.** They will be in the book Ten Women of the Bible by Max Lucado in the chapter Mary of Bethany. Extra copies of the book are available for \$12. For more info contact Jenny Tate 248.1238.

**The CMF Dinner Meeting** will be Tues, **Sept 18**, 6:00, at Crossroads. Sign up at the fellowship table if you plan to attend so the CWF ladies know how much food to prepare.

**The Prayer Shawl Group** will resume **Sept 20**, 6:30, at Crossroads. Contact Charlotte Dunham for more info 833.2725.

The **Elders** will meet Tues, **Sept 25**, 6:30.

**Choir Practice** has started on Wednesdays, 6:30.  
Christmas Cantata Practice will start Wed, **Oct 3**, 6:30.  
The Cantata will be Sunday, Dec 16.  
Contact Choir Director Kayla Boren if you have any questions.

**Youth group meetings are Sunday evenings at Crossroads.** The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade meet 5-6:30 and the high school meet 6-7:30. **Parents and youth can find timely information on the Facebook groups youth@first and parents@first.**

**Kids Connection for grades K-5th will begin Wed, Oct 3.** This ministry will begin immediately after school until 5:15 at Crossroads on Wednesdays from October through March and include lesson, games and light snack. We will pick up kids at South School and PCS with the church bus and van and bring them to Crossroads. Contact the church office if you have any questions. **Permission forms need returned by Monday, Sept 17.** For your convenience, you can bring the forms to church on Sunday and submit to your child's Sunday School teacher.

**Prayer Concerns:** Rosemary Clark, Stacey Helms, Betty Hoover, Katie Hull, Richard Kindle, Harold & Shirley Loyd, Mary Wintjen, Dick Laingor (Ann Ferguson's cousin), Mike Waid (Friend of Karl Benjamin)

*We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Kevin Hittner who passed away.*

*The cookies delivered on the first day of school were very much appreciated. Thank you for thinking of us!  
-PHS Faculty & Staff.*



The **Children First Annual Meeting** will be Sunday, **Sept 16**, after 10:30 service in the sanctuary. Agenda includes electing officers and discussing the 2018-2019 budget.

The **Children First Board Meeting** will be Thursday, **Sept 20**, 5:30.

Children First is needing 1 gallon plastic milk/water jugs for a project. You can bring your empty, rinsed jugs to the admin building. Thank you in advance!

### **FINANCIAL PEACE CLASSES**

Do you want to start the New Year with Financial Peace?

We are pleased to announce that Tammi Koltveit and Jill Moss will be offering Financial Peace University (FPU). This is a 9-class program, each class lasting 45 minutes. The first class will begin Wednesday, **October 10<sup>th</sup>**. Classes will be held in the long room starting at 6:30. Child care will be provided.

With the FPU class, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future.

For more info, contact Tammi if you have questions, would like additional information and to sign up. She can be reached at [tjkolt@gmail.com](mailto:tjkolt@gmail.com) or 217-370-6194.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

As in past years, we will be supporting the Operation Christmas Child again this year. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

The National Collection Week is November 12–19, 2018. **The Outreach Committee would like all shoeboxes to be turned in by October 28<sup>th</sup>**. We do have the shoeboxes available. The church will be covering the cost of the shipping.

It is our plan to support different or additional International outreach opportunities for the coming years. With this goal in mind, if your heart leads you to give towards an international outreach, could you please just mark your giving as such rather than specifically to "Operation Christmas Child".

We will continue to provide information as to the opportunities throughout the community for those interested in supporting the Operation Christmas Child, but as a church, we may not be collecting the shoeboxes in the coming years.

Children's Church, K-5th grade, is available at both worship services each week. Children are dismissed during greeting time to meet in the fellowship hall where they will have curriculum designed for K-5th grade. Children 6th-12th grade are welcome to attend youth group each Sunday evening.

## Elder Corner

In the last many months, I have heard many of the stories of Elijah - 1 Kings 17 & 18.

How he prayed for it not to dew or rain for many years, and it did not.

How God had ravens bring Elijah food two times a day.

Then God fed a widow, her son and Elijah from a small jar of flour and a small jar of oil.

God keeps the widow's jar of flour and jar of oil from going empty.

How God used Elijah to return life to the widow's son.

How God sent fire to his wet alter, then consumed Elijah's sacrifice.

How when he prayed for rain and it did rain after many years.

Then later God sent a whirlwind to take Elijah to heaven.

How great a man of God Elijah was for God to take him home without dying.

Now we look at James 5:17. "Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years."

Maybe we need to let out the greatness that Elijah had in him that we also have in us.

Brad Willman  
Elder

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes** has a great opportunity for you and your small group, family and friends to see FCA in action. On **September 23rd** at Hamilton's Banquet Hall in Jacksonville we will have our 3rd annual Hometown Banquet for our East part of Western Illinois FCA. Darryl Strawberry, former major league baseball player, will share about his life and how Christ has saved him from his struggles. Area coaches and athletes will also share. Jack Hull will be the emcee. The night is free including a great catered meal. We ask you to be a table host and bring a table of 8 or 2 or 3 tables. We have 420 seats and want to fill the event asap. You can register by going to [westernifca.org](http://westernifca.org) today. Or call Jack at 217-473-5151. We take individual reservations too. Plus we are asking area churches and businesses to team up with us as banquet sponsors for \$250 or whatever they are lead to do. Ask Jack or Todd Sweatman. [tsweatman@fca.org](mailto:tsweatman@fca.org) 217-370-2008, for more details on FCA and how we are engaging, equipping and empower coaches and teachers to lead and support our area youth.

### CWF and CMF 2018-2019 Information

#### Tentative CWF & CMF Schedule

Sept 18 CMF Dinner Meeting (Circle I Serves)  
Nov 19 CMF Dinner Meeting (CMF Serves Self)  
Dec 7 CWF Christmas Bazaar at Crossroads  
Jan 15 CMF Dinner Meeting (Circle V Serves)  
Feb Circle IV & I Party at Eastside Healthcare  
Feb Circle V Party at Manor  
Feb 25 CWF Sponsored Blood Drive  
Mar 19 CMF Dinner Meeting (Circle IV Serves)  
May 21 CMF Dinner Meeting (CMF Serves Self)  
TBA Spring Fling

#### CWF Circle Meetings

Circle I	2nd Monday	6:30 p.m.	Crossroads	Carol Schwartze, 370-1580
Circle IV	2nd Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Cardinal Inn	Joyce Lemons, 285-4862
Circle V	1st Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Crossroads	Carole Elledge, 285-4929

We will not have Celebration Sunday on Sunday, **Sept 30**. We will have our regular schedule.

**First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois**  
 Church Building: 225 N. Memorial Street  
 Crossroads Center: 125 W. Jefferson Street  
 Administrative Building: 201 N. Mississippi, PO Box 306  
 Phone (217) 285-4129  
 Fax (217) 285-9649  
 Crossroads (217) 285-6171  
 E-mail: info@fccpittsfield.org

**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

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b>9/2</b>	<b>9/9</b>
Operational	\$10,934.97	\$9,486.80
Property Improvement	36.00	15.00
Church Construction/Renova	50.00	0.00
Outreach-Missionaries	340.00	40.00
DHF	50.00	0.00
Outreach-General	29.00	4.00
Unmet Needs	100.00	0.00
Snack Pack	165.00	15.00
Children First	<u>75.00</u>	<u>220.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,779.97</b>	<b>\$9,780.80</b>

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**  
 Received Last 7 Days \$13,034.97 \$9,486.80  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

**Lectionary**  
 9/16: Prov 1:20-33; Isa 50:4-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38  
 9/17: Ps 73:21-28; Prov 22:1-21; Rom 3:9-20  
 9/18: Ps 73:21-28; Prov 25:1-28; Col 3:1-11  
 9/19: Ps 73:21-28; Prov 29:1-27; John 7:25-36  
 9/20: Ps 1; Prov 30:1-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5  
 9/21: Ps 1; Prov 30:18-33; Rom 11:25-32  
 9/22: Ps 1; Ecclesiastes 1:1-18; Matt 23:29-39  
 9/23: Prov 31:10-31; Sol 1:16-2:1-22; Ps 54; James 3:13-4:3-8; Mark 9:30-37  
 9/24: Ps 128; Prov 27:1-27; James 4:8-17  
 9/25: Ps 128; Ecclesiastes 4:9-16; James 5:1-6  
 9/26: Ps 128; Ecclesiastes 5:1-20; John 8:21-38  
 9/27: Ps 124; Esther 1:1-21; Acts 4:13-31  
 9/28: Ps 124; Esther 2:1-23; Acts 12:20-25  
 9/29: Ps 124; Esther 3:1-15; Matt 5:13-20

**Serving Schedule**

**September 16, 2018**  
Elder: Brad Willman, Hamer Tate  
Diaconate: Taylor Sweeting, Steve Tharp, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson, Vickie Tharp  
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison  
10:30 Communion: Keith & Carole Elledge  
Scripture: Lauren Saxe  
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer  
Shut-ins: N.D. & Joyce Harrison, Larry & Sandy Wigington  
Children's Church: 8:00 Bethany 10:30 Korey & Lisa

**September 23, 2018**  
Elder: David Bishop, Larry Wigington  
Diaconate: Burdette Irwin, Amy Casto, Kathy Curfman, Carole Elledge, Keith Elledge, Ann Ferguson  
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes  
10:30 Communion: Ann Ferguson, Joyce Lemons  
Scripture: Matt Saxe  
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck  
Shut-ins: Dave & Sandy Herring; Ruth Bennett, Deloras Martin  
Children's Church: 8:00 Bethany 10:30 Korey & Lisa

**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.  
**Free:** 3 #02 inks new still in the box for a printer. Carole Elledge 285.4929.  
**For Sale:** Lot on the east edge of Pittsfield. Contact the church office or Bobby Smith.

	<b>9/2</b>	<b>9/9</b>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>		
8:00 AM	119	108
10:30 AM	<u>166</u>	<u>205</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>313</b>
<b>Christian Education</b>		
Age 3-PK	8	8
K-1st	9	7
2nd-3rd	4	5
4th-5th	10	12
6th-8th	11	11
Sr High	6	4
Disciples	14	12
New Beginnings	6	6
Sermon Study	4	6
Misc Adult Grps	<u>17</u>	<u>28</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>99</b>