

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 10/14 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
9:15 am Baptism Class
11:45 am Christian Ed Meeting
Vesper Service At Tate's
- 10/15 5:00 pm Basketball Practices
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 10/16 8:30 am Bible Study
Noon N. A. Meeting
5:00 pm Basketball Practices
- 10/17 3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Financial Peace University
- 10/18 Noon Bible Study
5:00 pm Basketball Practices
5:30 pm Children First Board Meeting
6:00 pm Republican Dinner
- 10/19 5:00 pm Basketball Practices
- 10/21 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5&6:00 pm Youth Group
- 10/22 5:00 pm Basketball Practices
8:00 pm AI Anon
- 10/23 8:30 am Bible Study
Noon N.A. Meeting
5:00 pm Basketball Practices
6:30 pm Elder Meeting
- 10/24 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Financial Peace University
- 10/25 Noon Bible Study
5:00 pm Basketball Practices
- 10/26 6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 10/27 10:00 am Pike County Youth League

The fall wiener roast and Vesper Service will be held at the Tate farm next Sunday, Oct. 14. Like a family meal, all food will be provided with donations in the box to help offset expenses. All you need to bring is your cooking fork if you have one and your lawn chair. The fire should be ready for roasting by 4:30. If you want to fish, paddle boat, play, or just have some relaxing time, feel free to come on down any time after 2:00. If you need directions see Hamer, Jenny or Rebecca or follow someone who knows the way. Ya'll come!!

Youth Group will attend the Tate Farm on Sunday evening instead of meeting at Crossroads.



Kids Connection for grades K-5th is every Wed at Crossroads until 5:15. Contact Kacie if you still need to register your child and submit forms.

Choir practice is on **Wednesdays**, 6:30, followed by **Cantata practice** at 7:00. Contact Kayla if you would like to join the choir!



October 28 will be Youth Sunday! We will have our regular morning schedule with 8:00 and 10:30 services. We hope you can attend and support the youth in our church family!

Youth Sunday

There will be a **Christian Ed Meeting** immediately after 10:30 service this coming Sunday, **Oct 14.**

The **Elders** will meet Tues, **Oct 23**, 6:30.

The **Prayer Shawl Group** has been busy crocheting shawls for our church family. The ladies have decided instead of meeting monthly, they want to encourage everyone to continue crocheting at home when time allows and to keep Charlotte informed of the shawls you have made.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Pastor Michael and his family are a vital part of our church family and we thank them for all they do and we hope you will too!

Prayer Concerns: Jane Calaway, Dora Lee Claus, Stacey Helms, Harold & Shirley Loyd, Norm & Nanci Bryant (Dave Bryant's parents),

We express our sympathy to David Jacobs and family with the passing of his aunt, Catherine Tunget.

The holiday season is drawing near. Scrip prepaid cards are available for all your shopping needs. A list of vendors is on the sanctuary mantels. Call the office and order your cards today. A percentage of your purchase is a contribution towards Children First.

The **Children First Board** will meet at 5:30 on Thurs, **Oct 18**.

Children First still needs **1 gallon plastic milk/water jugs** for a project. You can bring your empty, rinsed jugs to the admin building. The lids are not necessary.



The National Collection Week is November 12–19 for Operation Christmas Child. **The Outreach Committee would like all shoeboxes returned by October 28th.** We do have the shoeboxes available in the overflow room. The church will be covering the cost of the shipping.

The 2018 **Love Raffle quilt** is on display in the overflow room. Tickets are available from CWF members or the church office. \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

If you are wanting to contribute to the children's ministry, but not sure where it is needed, we would be grateful for your support. You can memo your check in the offering, or you can bring your donation to the admin building. This is very important for the growth of our kids & the 'Orange' aspect! We are excited! Thank you for your love!

Thank you for your kindness in remembering Kevin with your memorial towards the Children's education. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are deeply appreciated by the entire family. I have so many feelings at this time that are hard to put on paper. Deeply appreciate Pastor Michael for the heartfelt words about our beloved Kevin when we needed to hear it the most. The Christian Women put out a good meal for our family and friends. Thanks so much! But most of all, thank you everyone for being kind and loving our son Kevin. -Linda and Darrel Hittner.

Thank you Pastor Michael for the beautiful service you gave Richard. The family wants to thank the church for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it is deeply appreciated. Sincerely, The Richard Kindle family.

Thank you everyone for the prayers, cards, and food during my recent surgery and recovery. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated by Harold and I. -Shirley Loyd.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Kevin Hittner funeral luncheon. -CWF Bereavement Committee.

On Thursday, **Oct 18**, we will **prepare and serve** the Republican Dinner at Crossroads. Contact Kay Sealock if you are available to help.

Trivia Night

Sat, **Oct 27**, 6:00 p.m., Farm Bureau Hall.
Proceeds benefit Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp.
Teams will be \$100 for 6 members.
Sandwiches, chips and drinks will be available for purchase.
Please do not bring outside food or drinks.
Please pre-register and make check to MVCSC.
Contact Becky Winner 285-5116

Are you receiving our weekly "FCC Steeple Point" email containing timely info? If not, please write your email address in the red attendance book located in the pew back so we can update our records.

I am looking forward to “sweater weather.” It has been somewhat frustrating to me to have had a brief cooling spell followed by several over 80 degree days. Although it has been a fine summer, I am ready for the fall to arrive.

I want to get my sweaters out of storage and put away my summer wardrobe. I am ready to enjoy more campfires outside. I can't wait to **not** have to run the air conditioner at the church!

It is difficult when change should be happening, but it is not. This is true for many areas in our lives, but certainly spiritually as well. While it is common to experience seasons of getting spiritually stuck from time to time, there are some things we can do to help assist us in moving on to the next needed season.

The first is to consider the reasons for our lack of progress. Some questions to consider are:

- Am I remaining faithful in my spiritual disciplines such as prayer and Bible reading?
- Am I avoiding dealing with a specific issue God has laid on my heart to be addressed, such as forgiving someone, releasing a grudge, dealing with a harmful habit, following through with something the Holy Spirit has prompted me to do?

Along with these introspective questions is to access our willingness to actually change spiritually. Sadly, I have met some folks who actually are not willing to grow spiritually. This goes for individuals as well as churches.

I have met with churches who stated that they wanted to grow, but who had no interest at all in embracing the changes needed to facilitate growth. For example, a church leader I had spoken with was lamenting the lack of numerical growth in their church. I asked if they had ever invited someone new to church. They were shocked at the question... “Why would I do that? That is the pastor’s job.”

I recall a difficult conversation with a church leader who was frustrated at a perceived lack of growth at their church, but in the same conversation complained about decisions that were made for growth that meant change for them, such as giving up their seat, moving their meeting area, or even tolerating loud babies and children in service (gasp!).

The bottom line is that while change is tough and change is challenging, change is also needed. The key that I have found to help me in times of change is to keep my eyes on Jesus much more than my personal preferences. That sounds easy, but trust me, it is tough. The great thing is that the times I have been able to do it have been times of fantastic personal growth.

While change for the sake of change can be a waste of time, change for growth is tremendously rewarding. Are you changing?

Loving you all,
Michael

P.S. I have been surprised this past week with a barrage of cards and anonymous gifts. These acts of kindness ranged from walking into my office to find the entire ceiling covered with festive balloons, to my car getting a friendly graffiti workover. The Children’s Church made some thoughtful and beautiful handmade cards of appreciation.

For all of these, I wish to say thank you! I am blessed to serve a wonderful church family alongside a wonderful staff.

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Staff:

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 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)	9/30	10/7
Operational	\$10,525.71	\$9,192.77
Property Improvement	63.00	29.00
Church Construction/Renova	25.00	0.00
Outreach-Missionaries	90.00	270.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	51.17	13.00
Unmet Needs	550.00	0.00
Christian Education	300.00	5.00
Operation Christmas Child	0.00	150.00
Children First	<u>555.00</u>	<u>130.00</u>
Total	\$12,184.88	\$9,814.77

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$11,045.71 \$9,192.77
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

Lectionary

10/14: Job 23:1-17; Amos 5:6-15; Heb 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
 10/15: Ps 39; Job 26:1-14; Rev 7:9-17
 10/16: Ps 39; Job 28:12-29:10; Rev 8:1-5
 10/17: Ps 39; Job 32:1-22; Luke 16:19-31
 10/18: Ps 104:1-24; Job 36:1-16; Rom 15:7-13
 10/19: Ps 104:1-24; Job 37:1-24; Rev 17:1-18
 10/20: Ps 104:1-24; Job 39:1-30; Luke 22:24-30
 10/21: Job 38:1-7; Isa 53:4-12; Heb 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
 10/22: Ps 75; Job 40:1-24; Heb 6:1-12
 10/23: Ps 75; Job 41:1-11; Heb 6:13-20
 10/24: Ps 75; Job 41:12-34; John 13:1-17
 10/25: Ps 34:1-8; 2 Kings 20:12-19; Heb 7:1-10
 10/26: Ps 34:1-8; Nehemiah 1:1-11; Heb 7:11-22
 10/27: Ps 34:1-8; Job 42:7-9; Mark 8:22-26

Serving Schedule**October 14, 2018****Elder:** N.D. Harrison, Brad Willman**Diaconate:** Taylor Sweeting, Lauren Saxe, Ann Ferguson, Michelle Hart**8:00 Communion:** Steve & Vickie Tharp**10:30 Communion:** Mike & Julie Boren**Scripture:** Cherise Anderson**10:30 Nursery:** Ellie Ten Eyck**Shut-ins:** Julie Myers, Spencer & Kayla Boren**Children's Church:** 8:00 Michelle 10:30 Matt**Kids Connection Treats Oct 17:** Ann Ferguson, Joyce Lemons**October 21, 2018****Elder:** Larry Wigington, Matt Saxe**Diaconate:** Amy Casto, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson, Lainey Ten Eyck, Burdette Irwin**8:00 Communion:** Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman**10:30 Communion:** Zack & Libby Boren**Scripture:** Donnie Apps**10:30 Nursery:** Emma Saxe**Shut-ins:** Matt & Faith Saxe, Roger & Rokettia Brokaw**Children's Church:** 8:00 Michelle 10:30 Matt**Kids Connection Treats Oct 24:** Edith Gant, Wanda Mendenhall**Wishes & Wants**

Free: 3 #02 inks new still in the box for a printer. Carole Elledge
 285.4929.

	9/30	10/7
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	126	100
10:30 AM	<u>194</u>	<u>210</u>
Total	320	310

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	5	5
K-1st	6	6
2nd-3rd	7	6
4th-5th	12	9
6th-8th	11	3
Sr High	0	4
Disciples	10	12
New Beginnings	7	6
Sermon Study	7	8
Misc Adult Grps	<u>24</u>	<u>17</u>
Total	89	76