

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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Coming Events

- 2/17 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 2/18 1:00 pm Blood Drive
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 2/19 8:30 am Bible Study
- 2/20 3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 2/21 Noon Bible Study
10:00 am Sullivan Auction
5:30 pm Children First Board Meeting
- 2/24 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 2/25 6:00 pm Volleyball League
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 2/26 8:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Elder Meeting
- 2/27 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 2/28 Noon Bible Study
5:30 pm City of Pittsfield Meeting
- 3/1 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting

The **Volleyball League** will begin in Mon, **Feb 25** so start getting your team ready! Contact Matt Sealock for info or to sign up. Cost \$20 per person.



Junior High Parents: Cost for BELIEVE Conference is \$60 payable to the church. We also have a health and permission form that needs completed.

CWF will host an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** on Mon, **Feb 18**, at Crossroads Center from 1-6pm. Make plans now to stop by and save a life - give the gift of blood. Contact Barbara Fosco if you would like to help CWF that day.



The **Children First Board** will meet Thurs, **Feb 21**, 5:30.

The **Elders** will meet Tues, **Feb 26**, 6:00.

Easter choir practices will start at 6:30 on Wed, **March 6**.

Who: All Jr. High and High School Girls

What: Beauty by the Book for Teens

When: 9:15 AM beginning **Feb 10 through Mar 31**

Where: Upstairs Crossroads Center

Why: To study together part of Proverbs in which we will gain tools to become Biblical beauties inside and out! The class will include video guidance, group discussions, guest speakers and healthy food! Contact Kathy Curfman or Katie Hull if you have questions. Hope to see you there!

Prayer Concerns: Dora Lee Claus, Vivian Cloninger, Judy Ferguson, Karen Goodwin, Stacey Helms, Heather Arnold (Friend of Sonya Bishop) Kathy Clark (Hayley Wombles' aunt) Lauren Fencik (Friend of Ashli Freesmeyer)

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of the following who recently passed: Jane Currie, Gary Fine, Joyce Groom, Roger Pennock.

There will be a memorial service for Jane Currie on Sat, **Feb 16**, at the church. Visitation at 11:00 followed by service at 11:30. Family and friends are invited to the meal afterwards at Crossroads.

Carrol Hoover has moved to Georgia to be near daughter Ruth Ann and family. If you would like to send Carrol a card, his new address is:
Carrol Hoover
Iris Place Apt. 103
755 Epps Bridge Parkway
Athens, GA 30606

Thank you Rex Lothridge for doing concrete repair around the sanctuary entry steps!!!

St. Louis Christian College in Florissant will host **Men's Day**, "How Men Are Wired", on Sat, **Mar 2**. Registration begins at 9:30, Service at 10:00, BBQ lunch at noon. Register online at www.stlchristian.edu/mensday or call 314.837.6777. Contact Wayne Chamberlain if you would like to car pool.

Western IL Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold its annual banquet on Sunday, **March 17th**, at 4:00, at The Ambiance. The featured speaker will be Prince Amukamara of the Chicago Bears. Seating will be limited this year and we wanted to offer you an early opportunity to reserve a table(s) or individual tickets. There is no charge to attend, but you must make reservations. Please, do so soon by going to www.westernifca.org or by emailing Todd Sweatman at tsweatman@fca.org.

Thanks, for your continued support of FCA!!!

The **Intentional Church Conference** will be Sat, **April 6**, 9-3:30 at Decatur Christian Church. For more info or to register, go to intentionalchurchconference.com. Let us know if you plan to attend so we can organize a car pool.

Crossroads Center is open for walking. Hours are Monday through Thursday mornings from 8:00 until 10:00. The gym office will be staffed during that time. Special events may alter the schedule and will be posted.

Thank you to all who helped make the Valentine dinner another huge success! It was a wonderful evening with great food and even greater fellowship! It is a wonderful opportunity for the youth to serve the congregation and to work with each other in the set up and the serving. There were 25 youth who participated. They all looked so sharp and we are very proud of them!

A special thank you goes to Betty Hayden who headed up this project in the kitchen with Eleanor Jenkins and Sandy Wigington's assistance. Betty has done this for the youth for many years. She truly loves the kids and they love her! She does an amazing job!! We are also extremely grateful for her capable helpers and their husbands. They all truly have a servant's heart! Thank you, Thank you!!

We want to thank the parents who came one or both days or stayed to clean up for their support of the kids and this ministry. Proverbs 22: 6 says "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Thank you, parents, for seeing the importance of Christian Education in your children's lives and providing transportation to get them here every week! We value the trust you place in us.

Also, a big thank you to Michael Ten Eyck, Gary Mendenhall, and Bobby Smith for cutting the steaks, Joyce Lemons for washing table cloths, the men that stood out in the cold for hours cooking the meat – Michael Ten Eyck, Gary Mendenhall, Larry Wigington, Matt Saxe, and Matt Sealock, the parents' that helped in the kitchen and with the serving and with the clean up, Katie Hull for heading up the decorating, Pastor Michael, Matt Sealock, Matt Saxe, Katie Hull, Katie McDevitt, and Kayla Boren for their leadership with the kids and for helping serve. We have great youth leaders and we are grateful for all of them!! We could not have done it without all of you!

I would also like to thank the congregation for always supporting the youth in all they do. You are the best! We are grateful to have such a loving and supporting Church family. God Bless you all!!!

Helen and the youth@first

We live in a world today filled with so much negativity, in the news and throughout society. Hate and radical behavior. I'd like to concentrate on THE POWER OF POSITIVITY. I want to read some quotes that I find very inspiring:

Encouragement is awesome. It can actually change the course of another person's day, week, or life.-CHUCK SWINDOLL

God is in control and therefore in everything I can give thanks. Cheerfulness sharpens the edge and removes the rust from the mind. A joyous heart supplies oil to our inward machinery, and makes the whole of our powers work with ease and efficiency; hence it is of the utmost importance that we maintain a contented, cheerful, genial disposition. -JAMES H. AUGHEY

Nothing is so sour that it can't be sweetened by a good attitude.-WOODROW KROLL

We choose what attitudes we have right now. And it's a continuing choice.-JOHN MAXWELL

Many things are possible for the person who has hope. Even more is possible for the person who has faith. And still more is possible for the person who knows how to love. But everything is possible for the person who practices all three virtues. -BROTHER LAWRENCE

You will find a joy in overcoming obstacles.-HELEN KELLER

Nothing paralyzes our lives like the attitude that things can never change. We need to remind ourselves that God can change things. Outlook determines outcome. If we see only the problems, we will be defeated; but if we see the possibilities in the problems, we can have victory. -WARREN WIERSBE

Your ATTITUDE, not your APTITUDE, will determine your ALTITUDE.-ZIG ZIGLAR

Remain positive through your trials and tribulations in life and celebrate the joys! God gave US the greatest GIFT OF ALL...SALVATION through Jesus Christ, who suffered, bled and died on the cross so that we might have eternal life! -RUTH BENNETT Thought I'd sneak that one in!!

And concluding with these scriptures from ROMANS 12:11-21 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay, says the Lord. On the contrary: If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

ROMANS 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In Christian Love,
Ruth Bennett
Elder

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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>2/3</u>	<u>2/10</u>
Operational	\$14,010.73	\$6,739.81
Property Improvement	73.00	53.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	51.17	8.00
Church Constr/Renova	0.00	0.00
Snack Pack	15.00	0.00
Unmet Needs	3.00	0.00
Children First	<u>60.00</u>	<u>260.00</u>
Total	\$14,307.90	\$7,155.81

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$15,383.32 \$5,813.27
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Lectionary
 2/17: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26
 2/18: Ps 120; 2 Kings 24:18-25:21; 1 Cor 15:20-34
 2/19: Ps 120; Ezra 1:1-11; 2 Cor 1:12-19
 2/20: Ps 120; Jer 22:11-17; Luke 11:37-52
 2/21: Ps 37:1-11; Gen 43:16-34; Rom 8:1-11
 2/22: Ps 37; 1-11; Gen 44:1-17; 1 John 2:12-17
 2/23: Ps 37:1-11; Gen 44:18-34; Luke 12:57-59
 2/24: Gen 45:3-15; Ps 37:1-11; 1 Cor 15:35-50; Luke 6:27-38
 2/25: Ps 38; Gen 33:1-17; 1 Cor 11:2-16
 2/26: Ps 38; 1 Sam 24:1-22; 1 Cor 11:17-33
 2/27: Ps 38; Lev 5:1-13; Luke 17:1-4
 2/28: Ps 99; Deut 9:1-5; Acts 3:11-16
 3/1: Ps 99; Deut 9:6-14; Acts 10:1-8
 3/2: Ps 99; Deut 9:15-24; Luke 10:21-24

Serving Schedule

February 17, 2019
Elder: N.D. Harrison, Helen Earls
Diaconate: Taylor Sweeting, Lainey Ten Eyck, Amy Casto, Keith Elledge, Ann Ferguson, Tammi Koltveit
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
10:30 Communion: Jamie & Sarah Sweeting
Scripture: Faith Saxe
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Children's Church: 8:00 Michelle, 10:30 Matt
Shut-ins: Helen Earls
Kids Connection 2/20: Special Treat

February 24, 2019
Elder: Ruth Bennett, Helen Earls
Diaconate: Charlie Hull, Jessica Hull, Billy Fitzmaurice, Becky Fitzmaurice, Stan Moss, Jill Moss
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Ruth Bennett, Kay Sealock
Scripture: Lauren Saxe
10:30 Nursery: Jordyn Apps
Children's Church: 8:00 Michelle, 10:30 Matt
Shut-ins: Joyce Lemons
Kids Connection 2/27: Cheryl Birch, Barbara Fosco

Wishes & Wants
 None at this time.

	<u>2/3</u>	<u>2/10</u>
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	73	98
10:30 AM	<u>181</u>	<u>170</u>
Total	254	268
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	7	6
K-1st	5	6
2nd-3rd	4	6
4th-5th	14	10
6th-8th	6	5
Sr High	0	5
Disciples	11	8
New Beginnings	8	7
Sermon Study	6	5
Misc Adult Grps	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>
Total	75	71