

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 5/12 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
- 5/13 6:00 pm Volleyball League
6:30 pm Circle I Meeting
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 5/14 8:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Church Board Meeting
- 5/16 Pike County Health Fair
Noon Bible Study
5:30 pm Children First Board Meeting
- 5/18 8:00 am Church Camp Cleaning
8:00 am CMF Breakfast Meeting
- 5/19 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Breakfast Brunch
1:00 pm Children First Graduation
1:00 pm Fellowship Hall Rental
5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 5/20 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 5/21 8:30 am Bible Study
- 5/22 8:30 am Unmet Needs
- 5/23 Noon Bible Study
- 5/25 4:00 pm FCC Outdoors

Let us know by May 13 if you will have an 8th Grade, High School or College graduate in your family. **We will recognize them at the May 19 worship services. Please bring us a picture of your high school and college graduates for the graduation board.**



Do you enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing, camping, or even just going to the park for a picnic? **FCC Outdoors is a new fellowship group for all ages (0 to 99!),** with a mission to reach, teach, and empower through family-centered, outdoor activities that encourage Christian fellowship and connection with God's creation. **FCC Outdoors will have a "kickoff" family-fun event at Pittsfield Lake on Saturday, May 25th at 4pm.** More details to come! Also, join us on Facebook to keep updated on upcoming events and other information. Contact Jeremy Schoenherr, Ed Picone, or Billy Fitzmaurice with questions.

Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp News

Camp cleaning will be Sat, May 18, 8:00 a.m. All help is greatly appreciated!

Family Fun Day will be May 19. The first youth camp - high school - will start June 2. **Forms are on the sanctuary mantels and camp website. CMF will pay half the cost for youth in our church family.**

Church Board will meet Tues, **May 14, 6:00.** Packets will be at the church on Sunday. **Children First Board** will meet Thurs, **May 16, 5:30.**

CMF will have a breakfast meeting at the Cardinal Inn on Sat, **May 18, 8:00 a.m.** All men of the church are invited. Contact CMF president Roger Dunham for more info.

Children First News

Fundraiser and Graduation will be Sunday, **May 19,** at Crossroads.

The **breakfast brunch** will be served from 10:30 until 12:45. Cost \$9 adults, \$6 children 10 and under.

Preschool Graduation will be in the gym at 1:00.



Silent Auction items are available to bid on at the church near the coffee table. Winners will be announced that day, need not be present to win. Ways you can help with the day include attending the brunch, donating items or bidding on the silent auction, or be a table sponsor and be listed as one of our donors. There is no set dollar amount to become a table sponsor.

A Summer Program is available for ages 6-12 with hours from 7:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Activities will include field trips, science experiments and theme weeks. To register your child or for more info, contact Jennifer at 285-4129 or email at childrenfirst@fccpittsfield.org.

Prepaid gift cards are available through the office. They make great gifts for a birthday, anniversary, Mother's Day, Father's Day, vacation, etc. A list of vendors is on the sanctuary mantels and at the office.

Prayer Concerns: Dora Lee Claus, Tim Collver, Joan Halsey, Ron Halsey, Danielle Hayes, Stacey Helms, Carol Schwartz, Kim Speckhart, Leonard Wade, Jamie Wintjen

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of the following who recently passed: Heather Callihan (Bobby Smith's niece), Bertha DeJaynes (Loyd DeJaynes' mother), Don Martin, Courtney Wade

*Thank you, thank you, thank you, my loving and comforting church family. You have given me encouragement and strength through your cards, phone calls, messages, food deliveries and most of all, your prayers. I am so BLESSED by an AWESOME GOD!! I was never alone!
Love, Judy Ferguson.*

Thank you to the anonymous donor for supporting our Tuesday morning Bible Study and making childcare possible for the many young mothers in attendance.



On Sunday, April 28, Hangout 45 (4th & 5th Graders) filled your church bus to capacity and headed to Jacksonville to view the movie "Breakthrough." Twenty five youth and chaperones attended and had a wonderful experience. Thank you Larry for driving!

Church League Softball will begin in May. Contact Matt Sealock if you would like to play on team FCC.



Youth Group will not meet Sunday, **May 12**, so everyone can spend time with family on Mother's Day.

Circle I Meeting will be Mon, **May 13**, 6:30.

Bible School News

It's that time of year again! VBS - POWER UP! - will be Mon-Fri, **July 15-19**.

Registration and family fun time will be Sunday, **July 14**.

If you are looking to help in some way, we have a list of items we'll need to start out with! Thank you so much for your help in making VBS so awesome for our kids!

4-55 gallon trash barrels (that we can spray paint)
Green (All shades) Black square paper plates
2 rolls of Plastic Black Tarp (We will be painting)
White Balloons-5 packs
3 Rolls of White/Cardboard color Paper
5 packs of balloons (multi-color)
Sturdy Square boxes (not broken down)
Tall Pieces (3ft-5ft) of Sturdy Cardboard
Colored square Plastic table clothes-ALL colors
LOTS of water balloons
5 packs of Construction paper
colorful Flag Banner
Green Spray Paint (5 cans)
Red Spray Paint (5 cans)
Yellow Spray Paint (5 cans)
3 Old Tires

Please contact Kacie at klipcaman6@gmail.com or 217-242-7271. I can let you know if the items have already been picked up! Thank you!



Happy Mother's Day!

May 12

Senior Resource Expo will be Thurs, May 23, 10:00-2:00 at the Quincy Senior & Family Resource Center, 639 York St, Quincy. The event is free and open to the public. The Expo will feature vendors and exhibitors who provide services, explain benefit programs and offer support to seniors, retirees, persons with disabilities and their caregivers. There will be breakout informational sessions beginning at 10:30, door prizes and giveaways. Fried chicken dinner will be served 11-1:30. For more info call 217.223.5700.

Orange Conference Report by Kacie Lipcaman

This year's theme at OC was "It's Personal", because, it is. The eternity of a child is personal to each and every one of us. We all play a role in the eternity of others. God didn't say, "You have already developed relationships with a few people, so you are good to go; don't pour into anyone else." Instead, Jesus says in Mathew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Every relationship is personal. Everyone plays a part. The word that is most often used in the New Testament to describe "the church" is family. We are ALL in this together. We are a family, and it's personally MY responsibility to assure that every kid is given every tool, every chance, and every ounce of love so that they may see the love of God, through our love for them.

Every year, God puts something different on my heart while at Orange Conference. I like to say, "I caught the Orange bug!" I laugh because when Helen got back from Orange five years ago, I thought to myself "Wowza! What happened to her?" I get it . . . She caught the bug. I get it because the following year I caught it, too. This year, I was able to witness four others do the same, and to say it's life changing is an understatement.

When I got back from Orange last year, God told me to focus in on our pre-teens, that we had a special group here and that it was my personal duty to pour into them. I knew this from the second I got back. Of course, I shared with Helen, and she reminded me to pray about it. I did, and the answer couldn't have been clearer. God is moving in our pre-teens! To witness His works in such beautiful ways in these kids is so powerful. I have seen firsthand what God is doing in these kids. They share the Gospel every chance they get, they stand alongside each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, they are building valuable relationships with each other, and they are building ultimate relationships with their Lord and Savior. They are FULLY invested in their walk with Jesus. They are inviting friends to church, they are having FUN in church, they are PRAYING to God for all the little things, and not just for the cats and dogs, either. :) I see that every kid is beginning to feel like they are enough, because Jesus is more than enough. It's so incredible and exciting! In order to feel like YOU have a place in the life of a child, you must be close enough to care. Can you imagine our world, if every child had one person outside of their parents pouring into them? Wow!

I attended four breakout sessions, along with our main sessions. I listened to and tried to soak every word in from about twenty different speakers, all sharing their stories, God's miracles, their trials, and their triumphs. It is amazing to think we all had a common denominator sitting in a room with 8,000 people. We are ALL purpose partners.

I attended "Help Every Pre-teen Feel Known". In this session, Kellen, (Kellen is seven feet tall and a host of the kids' So and So show. My Sunday School kids now think I'm so cool because I got a selfie with him!) focused on only two of the questions in the five question "It's Personal" series. The two questions he covered were "Do you know my name?" and "Do you know where I live?" At the beginning of the segment, I thought, "Yes, of course I do... We live in Pittsfield. I know everyone's name, middle name, mom's name, grandparent's name, dog's name, what street he lives on, what street he USED to live on.... etc." But, those two questions go deeper than that.

In a child's eyes... Do you know my name? But do you REALLY know my name? Do you know that my last name is different than my mom's and that I don't know my dad? Do you know that I was adopted and given a different last name than my sister who is somewhere out there and whom I've never met? Do you know that every time you say MY NAME, it assures me that I matter and I have value to you? Do you know that every time you say MY NAME, I feel loved? Do you know that every time you say MY NAME, it's personal? That is powerful stuff. Getting to know a child is more than just knowing his name to write it on the roster or counting his name as a number for attendance. It's everything.

In a child's eyes... Do you know where I live? But, do you REALLY know where I live? Do you know that I live in the country and have to always find ways to play by myself? Do you know that I live in a house that looks perfect on the outside, but on the inside my parents fight every single night? Do you know where I live spiritually? Do you know where I live emotionally? Do you know where I live at school? Do you know that I struggle with friendships, with relationships, with my siblings?" When we make it personal, we dive deeper into the two questions that I was positive I already knew. It turns out I have work to do.

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My next breakout was "Intentional Parenting" with Doug Fields. WOW! Small group leaders need to be partnering with parents because we all know it takes a village. Building the relationship with the parents is so important, because if you want a relationship with a kid, you must have one with the parents. He discussed the difference in intentional parenting and quick fix parenting and how in today's culture, it's so easy to get caught up in a quick fix mentality. We were even able to pick up a study, and we are hopeful this summer we can partner with parents.

Jon Acuff is one of my favorite speakers and authors. His session was geared towards using motivation in action. We go to Orange, and come home and want to move mountains, but we have to understand, if we want to do something BIG, we have to do something small. Something that stuck out to me specifically that he said was "action will always beat out motivation." I'll come back to that.

I was able to attend another breakout by THE Dan Scott. Dan Scott is the writer of the 252 Orange Curriculum and the author of Caught In Between. He has five kids of his own, and he is a small group leader and a man who knows Kids. This breakout was called, "How to Start a Pre-teen Ministry" focusing on 4th-6th graders. I'm actually still soaking all of this in. This age has been a priority for me. Kids used to "check out" from church or their faith in high school. THIS is the age that they check out now. It's critical and it's worth everything to walk alongside these kids in their faith walk.

As Jon Acuff said, "Action will always beat Motivation". Someone asked me on the Sunday we got back from Orange Conference, "So, you go to Orange and come back and do what?" My to do list after Orange Conference is a mile long. It's a "mountain" of things that God has called me to do. But, as one of the speakers said, **"If you want to move something big, you have to do something small."**

I love that someone asked me that question. She cares. She REALLY wanted to know what we do with what we soak in for a solid three days. So, when we come back from Orange, we hit the ground running. We plan, we pray, we pour into those around us – really into anyone who will listen! :) We ACT! Of course, we come back motivated from Orange, but action trumps motivation. We act on God's calling. We invest in every single child. We know his name, we know where he lives, we make sure that he has someone who SEES him. Every child deserves to be seen by someone. We create a safe place for our kids to find HOPE. We work hard to partner with parents, we help build the FUTURE of our Church with these kids because they aren't only the future of the church, they are the Church. We assure them that they have a purpose, and they matter, they are loved, and they are valued. I'd say our "to do" list is plentiful. But, all of this happens over time. It's not just Sunday, one day a week, that will build relationships. It's an investment that costs zero, but worth everything.

Orange Conference is so important to the leaders of the church. I can't thank you enough for trusting us with this responsibility. This is only a very tiny portion of what I wanted to say, but you probably don't have three days to read all of my notes.

God is moving in our youth and all I can say is WOW! In the three years of Orange Conference, the themes were "One Voice", "We Are Better Together" and "It's Personal". These three themes tie into one. When we have One Voice under One God, for ONE purpose, we come together. We are better together, and that's when it becomes personal.

Everything changes when it's someone you know. We must KNOW our youth, so everything will change. It's personal!

All my love,
Kacie Lipcaman

Board Meeting Excerpts From April 9, 2019

Call to Order at 6:00 pm by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. In the absence of Elder Matt Saxe, N.D Harrison gave an opening prayer. Minutes from last meeting approved by general consensus.

Minister's Report: Highlights include: REMODEL ISSUES. In the matter of installing carpet it was discovered the company did not send enough carpet. Planning Holy Week. Instructing new member classes. Finishing touches on sanctuary. Shout out to everyone who volunteered time to help.

Treasurer: Attached

In the absence of Michelle Hart, Rebecca Rhodes reported as of March 31:

Checking/Savings = \$512,703.70

Unrestricted Operating Checking = \$100,000.00

Budgeted Receipts = \$120,288.56

Budgeted Disbursements = \$79,498.34

Average Attendance YTD = 276

Excess Unrestricted Operating Checking moved towards church construction/renovate during March = \$16,157.27

Net Nonbudgeted Activity = \$15,853.23

Withus Distribution received in March \$4,682.46

Church Remodeling 2019 Disbursements = \$8,562.62.

Disbursements are under budget approximately \$45,000.00.

Rebecca reported even if we were at full staff we would still be under budget.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report was made by Roger Brokaw, seconded by Zack Boren. Motion Carried.

Crossroads: Date for hospital to move into kitchen has been moved up to Friday, May 10, and start cooking in our facility on Monday, May 13.

Children's First: Still have not needed any budgeted funds from the church. We have 2 teacher qualified candidates and met with John Wood to help. We have 7 kids enrolled in the summer program so far. Started meals with the hospital and it seems to be working well.

Orange Conference: Christian Education will take 6 to Orange Conference. Very motivated group this year. It is making a difference in our children.

Balsman Property: Finalizing contract.

Task Force: The committee is working on a time to meet.

Old Business:

Waiting to hear back from U.S. Cellular on the potential cell tower.

New Business:

Elders met and discussed to start the search for a new bus. Gary is inquiring.

Judy Ferguson made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Tim Belford. Motion Carried.

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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)	4/28	5/5
Operational	\$10,724.25	\$7,348.30
Property Improvement	50.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	200.00	70.00
DHF	0.00	25.00
Outreach-General	0.00	53.00
Church Constr/Renova	1,000.00	680.00
Snack Pack	15.00	0.00
Church Camp	0.00	100.00
Children First	<u>40.00</u>	<u>140.00</u>
Total	\$12,029.25	\$8,419.30

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$10,724.25 \$7,341.30
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Lectionary

5/12: Acts 9:36-43; Ps 23; Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
 5/13: Ps 100; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Rev 15:1-4
 5/14: Ps 100, Ezekiel 45:1-9; Acts 9:32-35
 5/15: Ps 100; Jer 50:17-20; John 10:31-42
 5/16: Ps 148; Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; Rev 10:1-11
 5/17: Ps 148; Daniel 7:13-14; Rev 11:15
 5/18: Ps 148; Daniel 7:27; Rev 11:16-19
 5/19: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 148; Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
 5/20: Ps 133; 1 Sam 20:1-42; Acts 11:19-26
 5/21: Ps 133; 2 Sam 1:4-27; Acts 11:27-30
 5/22: Ps 133; Lev 19:9-18; Luke 10:25-28
 5/23: Ps 67; Prov 2:1-5; Acts 15:36-41
 5/24: Ps 67; Prov 2:6-8; Acts 16:1-8
 5/25: Ps 67; Prov 2:9-15; Luke 19:1-10

Serving Schedule**May 12, 2019**

Elder: Jeremy Schoenherr, Brad Willman
Diaconate: Kacie Lipcaman, Michelle Hart, Angie Ruebush, Brian Ruebush, Sonya Bishop, Tammi Koltveit
8:00 Communion: Steve & Vickie Tharp
10:30 Communion: Mike & Julie Boren
Scripture: Ruth Bennett
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
Children's Church: 8:00 Bethany 10:30 Korey & Lisa
Shut-ins: Spencer & Kayla Boren

May 19, 2019

Elder: Helen Earls, Kathy Willman
Diaconate: Burdette Irwin, Cherise Anderson, Lauren Saxe, Faith Saxe, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Zack & Libby Boren
Scripture: Julie Boren
10:30 Nursery: Emma Saxe
Children's Church: 8:00 Bethany 10:30 Korey & Lisa
Shut-ins: Zack & Libby Boren

	4/28	5/5
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	105	104
10:30 AM	<u>195</u>	<u>184</u>
Total	300	288
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	9	9
K-1st	8	6
2nd-3rd	4	9
4th-5th	15	17
Jr/Sr High	16	20
Disciples	7	10
New Beginnings	5	8
Sermon Study	8	8
Misc Adult Grps	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>
Total	89	106