

The Pittsfield Christian

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Coming Events

- 6/30 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
9:15 am VBS Meeting
8:00 pm Youth Group Pool Party
- 7/1 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 7/2 8:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 7/5 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 7/7 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Group
- 7/8 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
7:00 pm Church League Softball
- 7/9 8:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Church Board Meeting
- 7/10 8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting
- 7/11 5:30 pm Hobby Horse Meeting
7:00 pm Jr/Sr Girls Bible Study
- 7/13 9:30 am FCC Outdoors
- 7/14 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
3:00 pm VBS Kick-Off

The tile floors in the admin building will be refinished starting Sat, June 29.

If you come to the building during the week of July 1-5, you may have to enter through the back door on the southwest corner. We will have signs posted on the front door.

The Sunday School class that meets in the building will meet in the fellowship hall on June 30.

Junior High / High School girls will meet at Kayla's home each Thursday at 7pm this summer for Bible Study.

Junior High boys are meeting for small group dinner on Wednesday evenings. Contact is Rodney Gordley 217.577.1865 for more info.

The Men's Breakfast and Study will be this coming Saturday morning, June 29, from 7-8:30 at Crossroads. Contact Zack Boren for more information.

Youth Group Schedule:

- June 30 - 8:00 Pool Party @ King Pool
July 7 - Help set up for VBS.
July 14 - VBS kickoff!
July 21 - Sky Zone for VBS help.
July 28 - Regular youth group.
Aug 4 - Regular youth group.
Aug 11 - Regular youth group.
Aug 18 - Escape room /pizza blitz kickoff night.

Vacation Bible School Kick-off will be Sunday, July 14, from 3-7pm. There will be a cookout and games. Watch for more details.

VBS will be Monday through Friday, July 15-19, 6-8:15. Family Meal for VBS helpers and attendees will be served starting at 5:00. Serving for the church family will be from 5:30-6:00.

Preregister your child online for VBS at the church website fccpittsfield.org by accessing the Special Events tab.

Church camp forms are on the sanctuary mantels and camp website. Parents should pay the camp one half of their child's fee and let the camp know we will pay the other half. Be sure to let Rebecca know the dates our child attended.

The Church Board will meet Tues, July 9, 6:00. Packets will be ready Sunday, July 7.

UPDATED Church League Softball:

- 7/8 7:00, 7/22 9:00, 7/29 9:00.
Come out and support team FCC!

FCC Outdoors - July 13 9:30 a.m.

McCully Heritage Project in Calhoun County (just south of Kampsville)
Family Hike with a Scavenger Hunt
Come enjoy a beautiful morning and see some amazing wildlife.
*Bring a picnic lunch if you want to stay and eat!

Prayer Concerns: Dora Lee Claus, Landon Davenport,
Stacey Helms, Gary Hittner, Kathy Wainman,

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Kenneth Bonnett who passed away.

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, prayers and words of encouragement during my recent two surgeries. What a blessing to have so much support from my church family. -Mary Lou Chamberlain.

*Dear Church Family,
Christian love flows in the First Christian Church. I can attest to that love. Words do not begin to express the thankfulness myself and family feel. Don's sickness was long months and sometimes a bumpy road but God, friends and church family were there all the time with food, calls, visits and love. God blessed us everyday. A special thank you to dear Michael who was a pillar of spiritual help and guidance and comfort. Thank you my church family.
In Christian Love,
Deloras Martin, Jeff, Susan and family.*

On Tues, June 11, we received a semi load of Kiddie Kushion for the playground. We want to thank the following individuals who brought their equipment, shovels and wheelbarrows to help spread it around: Mike Boren, Bob Clark, Jim Rahe, Jeremy Schoenherr, Bobby Smith, Michael Smith, Hamer Tate. A special thank you to Terra Schoenherr who helped as well!

On July 2nd, Gary is having back surgery. I would like to see if I could find 3-4 volunteers who could take a turn mowing our yard for those few weeks. It would be once a week (if the weather cooperates) and takes about 3 hours to do. We have the mower and would provide the gas, only looking for someone to do the task. One person a week for 4 weeks should do it I think (unless the doctor says otherwise, then we'll have to make a different plan). If you are interested in helping us out, please call me at 430-0040 or Gary at 430-0041. Thanks a bunch! - Angie Hittner

The church office will be closed Thurs, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Children First will be closed July 1-8 due to floor refinishing.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries 2 Michelle Gates, Bev White; 4 Jimmy Dain, Stacey Helms, Brooks Richmiller, Jim Stark; 5 John & Ashlyn Havens; 6 Sue Speckhart, Charlie Hull, Myrtle Tharp; 8 Cherise Anderson, Michelle Hart; 9 Mike Boren, N.D. Harrison II, Carmen Long, Kayla Boren, Izack Haskins; 10 Keith & Carole Elledge, Preston Dunham; 11 Levi Grimes; 12 Marjorie Lamb, Shelby Bauer; 14 Corey Tharp, Jeremy & Alicia Tate; 15 Julie Boren; 16 Marie Awbrey; 17 John Pennock, Lauren Saxe, Sydney Bauer, Riley Bogue; 18 Bill & Helen Earls; 20 Austin Fine; 21 David & Sonya Bishop; 22 Scott Bacon; 23 Teresa Bauer, Dan Chamberlain, Hamer & Jenny Tate, Jordyn Apps, Laura Grimsley, Stan Moss; 24 Charles Owens, Jim Dain; 26 Greg & Kim Bonnett; 27 Chris Phipps; 28 Kathy Hull, Kayla & Spencer Boren, Carol Schwartz, Dana & Judy Ferguson; 29 Carolyn Capps; 30 Levi & Ashley Grimes, Evan Lipcaman, CJ & Danielle Hayes, Caleb Wombles; 31 Jeremy & Jade Schoenherr, Rorie Dunham, Richard & Rebecca Rhodes.

Orange Conference 2019 Report

By: Ashli Freesmeyer

I was blessed again this year to be one of the six chosen church members to attend Orange Conference 2019. Usually my schedule is not crazy busy, but this year was a different story—so I will be honest and say my attitude in the beginning of our travels to Georgia were not the best. I was tired, had a million things to do still at home/business wise, and the list goes on of what I felt was “more important”. But, like last year, once my feet hit that arena to stand up and worship with 8,000 other Christians on night one of two, I knew this is exactly what my soul needed. I tend to put my soul on the back burner in life and let all other areas take precedence, when in all actuality it should be the other way around. Needless to say, my attitude started to slowly melt away as I sat and listened to amazing speakers, one after another. This also brings this statement to life that I had written down from one of the speakers: ‘Busyness is the enemy of spirituality’—and I’d say that is the absolute truth!

This year’s conference theme was called ‘It’s Personal’. Every single speaker that presented on the main stage, and every single break out session I attended was absolutely amazing when they discussed the more personal approach of ministry, and how to properly gear it toward our youth. I knew in my head when it came time to write this reflection piece that it would be so easy to talk about all the great points made by everybody. But something happened during day three, Friday morning—our last day there—and it hit me all of a sudden. It was like God was sitting there shaking his head and saying “It’s about time!” I had just finished listening to Danielle Strickland speak about how if you want to do something BIG...you need to do something SMALL. She then drove her message home at the end saying, “YOU NEED TO KNOW THEIR NAME!” That statement right there resonated with me so much that after I returned to my seat from break, I instantly got my notebook out to write down the thoughts in my head so that I would not forget any of them.

As I sat there and began to write in my notebook, I realized that every single speaker I had listened to over the course of these three days spoke about the importance of names. Every session began with how important it is to know

somebody's name and how powerful names are. I mean, duh, how many songs do we sing that talk about the power in the name of Jesus!? So not only had I sat and listened to over a dozen speakers talk about this subject, but something about hearing it come from Danielle Strickland made it hit home that this has been a major issue for me, my entire life! I seriously never gave it a ton of energy or thought before, and then it just all began to hit me and I realized that there is something to this. It has always been a thought/annoyance in the back of my mind, but I never let it get any bigger than that. I mean this basically goes back to the moment I was born and my dad picking out my name and the spelling. As you can imagine being named 'Ashli' in the days that name was popular with the spelling being 'Ashley', it was bound to come with some circumstances. I sat there in that arena and started recalling all the special pieces I used to cherish as a child, and they were items that had my name (correct spelling) on them. One of my most favorite pieces was a poster that I believe my grandmother had given me—it was in a frame and it had my name at the top, and then the poster went on to tell me what my name meant (only parts I can remember now is quite, serene, beautiful meadow). I even remember going through an old box and that poster was in there and I didn't want to throw it away, but I think I did because I assumed you just don't keep things like that as an adult. Oh how I wish I had kept it now! I also then began to recall all the different pieces of jewelry I had received throughout my childhood years that somebody had taken the time to have custom made just for me, and to have my name spelled correctly on it (I do still have some of those). I once had a teacher in high school that misspelled my name every day—she knew that it was different and spelled it every other way possible, but never the correct way. To her it was no big deal, but to me I remember discrediting her in my mind since I wasn't important enough to her to learn how to spell my name. Even this past year I have developed my own opinion that if a person doesn't take the time to know how to spell my name correctly, then I am obviously not that important to them. And this is more than likely why I am a major stickler when it comes to spelling other people's names correctly! As I wrote all of these thoughts down it poured out feelings and emotions I have never truly felt before in regards to my name (even now as I type them out I am holding back tears). I am not sure what all of this means, but I am beginning

to sense that this possibly has been a calling of mine for awhile now, and I absolutely would have never thought of it as that way before Orange Conference 2019!!

They used the story of Zacchaeus to portray how powerful it really is to be more personal, and to use somebody's name. It also points out how Jesus continued to break the mold and go after the ones whom everybody else scorned, to prove that the new commandment of LOVE EACH OTHER is the most important commandment of all. It was an action that proved God is personal! God made all of us in His image—like speaker Dharius Daniels said that God spoke everything else on this Earth into existence. But, when it came to man He got his hands dirty—God's hands formed man! This is why we should all work on looking at every person as a work of art—a true masterpiece that was formed by God himself! We need to work on seeing all of them—even the ones in the “back” that don't fit into our conformity box of the world. The church should be the place that hurt children/people want to RUN to, not the place that will place more judgement on their head because of what they did/have done.

All of these points can be geared toward anybody, but Orange Conference is specifically geared toward youth. Another huge statement made by Dharius Daniels is that every kid needs to be seen as an appointment, not an interruption! Our primary goal at the church with our youth needs to be to make relationships matter MORE! And that is exactly what I plan to do from here on out. I have so many ideas rolling through my head, and I know the other five ladies of this group do too. I can't wait to see what plan of action we come up with this year, and how we begin to implement it! Again, thank you so much for this opportunity, and I hope and pray our church continues on this tradition/legacy for generations!

Sincerely,
Ashli Freesmeyer

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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)	6/9	6/16	6/23
Operational	\$11,743.45	\$7,778.80	\$6,560.81
Property Improvement	28.00	38.00	38.00
Outreach-Missionaries	270.00	110.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	31.00	53.00	38.00
Church Constr/Renova	0.00	25.00	0.00
Unmet Needs	0.00	3.00	0.00
Snack Pack	0.00	20.00	0.00
Children First	60.00	100.00	300.00
Total	\$12,157.45	\$8,152.80	\$7,031.81

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days	\$12,884.45	\$7,763.50	\$6,560.81
Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget	\$9,494		

Lectionary
 6/30: 2 Kings 2:1-14; 1 Kings 19:15-21; Galatians 5:1-25; Luke 9:51-62
 7/1: Ps 75; 2 Kings 2:15-22; 1 John 2:7-11
 7/2: Ps 75; 2 Kings 3:4-20; Ephesians 5:6-20
 7/3: Ps 75; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Matt 10:16-25
 7/4: Ps 30; 2 Kings 4:8-17; Romans 7:14-25
 7/5: Ps 30; 2 Kings 4:18-31; 2 Cor 8:1-7
 7/6: Ps 30; 2 Kings 4:32-37; Luke 9:1-6
 7/7: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Isa 66:10-14; Gal 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-20
 7/8: Ps 6; 2 Kings 5:15-19; Acts 19:21-27
 7/9: Ps 6; 2 Kings 5:19-27; Acts 19:28-41
 7/10: Ps 6; 2 Kings 6:1-7; Luke 10:13-16
 7/11: Ps 82; Amos 1:1-2:3; James 2:14-26
 7/12: Ps 82; Amos 2:4-11; Acts 7:9-16
 7/13: Ps 82; Amos 2:12-3:8; John 3:16-21

Serving Schedule

June 30, 2019

Elder: Brad Willman, Jeremy Schoenherr
Diaconate: Lainey Ten Eyck, Amy Casto, Barbara Fosco, Carole Elledge, Kathy Curfman, Taylor Sweeting
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Ann Ferguson, Joyce Lemons
Scripture: Brenda Kramer
10:30 Nursery: TBA
Children's Church: 10:30 Matt, Hannah, Jessica
Shut-ins: Sandy Herring

July 7, 2019

Elder: Bob Clark, Matt Saxe
Diaconate: Ann Ferguson, Tammi Koltveit, Billy Fitzmaurice, Becky Fitzmaurice
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison
10:30 Communion: Jamie & Sarah Sweeting
Scripture: Tate Kunzeman
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Children's Church: 10:30 Korey & Lisa
Shut-ins: N.D. & Joyce Harrison
Fellowship Treats: Laura Grimsley, Ashley Ferguson, Judy Ferguson, Tereasa Apps

Wishes & Wants

We have free kittens for everyone!
 Call Rebecca 217.653.9089.

	6/9	6/16	6/23
Worship Attendance			
8:00 AM	112	116	114
10:30 AM	<u>162</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>148</u>
Total	274	279	262
Christian Education			
Age 3-PK	8	8	8
K-1st	6	6	-7
2nd-3rd	6	6	8
4th-5th	8	7	12
Jr/Sr High	6	16	15
Disciples	10	12	9
New Beginnings	8	9	8
Sermon Study	6	9	9
Misc Adult Grps	<u>15</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>20</u>
Total	73	90	96