

The Pittsfield Christian

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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Coming Events

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| 8/18 | 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship |
| | 9:15 am Sunday School |
| | 9:15 am First Things First |
| | 5:00 pm Youth Group Kick-Off |
| 8/19 | 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting |
| 8/20 | 8:30 am Bible Study |
| 8/22 | 5:30 pm Children First Board Meeting |
| 8/23 | 11:00 am Curless Auction |
| 8/24 | 8:00 am Meeting Room Rental |
| 8/25 | 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship |
| | 9:15 am Sunday School |
| | 9:15 am Baptism Class |
| | 11:30 am All Church Cookout |
| | 5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group |
| 8/26 | 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting |
| 8/27 | 8:30 am Bible Study |
| | 6:00 pm Elder Meeting |
| 8/28 | 8:30 Unmet Needs Meeting |



Mark your calendar for Sun, **Aug 25**. After 10:30 service we will have a **cookout for the entire church family!** Tables will be set up south of the church building. The waterslide from VBS Kick-off will be back for the young and young at heart! Bring your lawn chairs. **Sign up at the coffee table if you can help with food prep or see Kay.**

On Wed, Sept 11 we will have a special worship service in the sanctuary at 7:00. Watch for info.

Promotion Sunday will be August 18th! Youth classes will meet in their church rooms at 9:15 then promptly walk together to Crossroads at 9:20 for Promotion Celebration. They will return to the church by 10:15 for dismissal.

Pastor Michael will host **First Things First** on Sunday, **Aug 18**, 9:15 for anyone interested in joining the church and learning more info. He will start a **Baptism Class** on Sunday, **Aug 25**, 9:15. Contact the office or Michael if interested.

To help with Sunday clean up, we would like to remind the serving deacons to collect and dispose of the used communion cups in the pew backs after worship service. Thank you in advance.

Our youth group kick-off for grades 7th—12th for the school season will be Sunday, Aug 18. The Escape Room Night will begin at 5:00 and conclude around 7:30 at Crossroads. **Pizza will be provided.** Regular youth group meetings are Sunday evenings with study, worship and activities. 7th-8th grade meets 5-6:30. High school meets 6-7:30.



The **Children First Board** will meet Thurs, **Aug 22**, 5:30. The **Children First Annual Meeting** will be immediately after 10:30 service on Sunday, **Sept 15**.

Elders will meet Tues, **Aug 27**, 6:00.

On Wed, **Sept 11**, we will have a **special worship service** in the sanctuary at 7pm. Watch for more details.

Choir News

Choir Practice will start Wed, **Sept 4**, 6:30.
Christmas Cantata Practice will start Wed, **Oct 2**, 6:30.
Contact Choir Director Kayla Boren if you have any questions or would like to join this music ministry.

Circle IV News

Vera Staffy and Kathy Curfman will be hosting the first Circle IV meeting of the season at Vera's home on the deck - weather permitting - Thurs, **Sept 12**, 9:30. Looking forward to September kick-off!

Kids Connection for grades **K-6th** will begin Wed, **Oct 16**. The program will start right after school until 5:15 at Crossroads Center.

CFW Circle I & V are now combined and will meet on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 this fall at Crossroads. If you are interested in participating in night Circle meetings, contact the church office.

Prayer Concerns: Tereasa Apps, Dora Lee Claus, Landon Davenport, Stacey Helms, Arthur Knake, Shirley Loyd, Sheila Miller (friend of Karl Benjamin), Renee Sevier (Karl Benjamin's niece), Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)

We express our sympathy to Carol Schwartze and family with the passing of her sister-in-law, Jackie Moore and the passing of her niece, Debra Gross. We also express our sympathy to Cindy Chamberlain and family with the passing of her father, John Bell.

Thank you everyone who has been available to help prepare the bus for painting, paint or donate equipment. We hope to have it finished and on the road soon!

Debbie Houchins Gouran was awarded the 2019 Carol V. Claus Baughman Scholarship. Debbie is a student at JWCC majoring in the education field. Congratulations Debbie!

*Dear First Christian Church of Pittsfield, IL,
With the passing of my sister, Norma Wiley, I thank FCC for keeping Norma and sons Daniel and Michael Wiley and Daniel's daughter, Sabina, in prayers with your FCC prayer group. I thank Pastor Michael Ten Eyck for his sympathy and loving spiritual visits. FCC, your loving prayers and sympathy are greatly appreciated.*

*Love,
Betty Hoover, sister
Daniel, Michael, Sabina Wiley & Family*

Thank you Kelly Rhodes for filling in so I could use vacation time this summer! -Gina Bryant.

Christian Church items 125 years ago, Aug 8, 1894

"Nearly two hundred and fifty attended Sunday school last Sunday."

"The members are very thankful to Mrs. George Barber for the beautiful floral offerings that adorn the pulpit every Sunday."

"All the Christian churches in Pike County will join in a basket meeting to be held at Goodin's spring, three and a half miles southwest of Pittsfield, Sunday, August 26. An eminent speaker from abroad will be secured, and a grand time is expected. Everybody invited."



Lifetouch will take pictures for the new directory Nov 1-2 and Nov 6-9. If we have your email address then in the near future you will receive a link from Lifetouch to book your picture time. If you do not have email then we will help book your time. Watch newsletter and bulletin for more info.

The summer has certainly flown by, and now it is time for the new school year to commence. As much as many lament the end of summer, I find it better to focus on the opportunities that new beginnings afford. Certainly, the Christian Faith is all about new beginnings. This theme can, and should, seep into our outlook on life. While this is true, we as a church family also need to be aware of the emotional challenges of our brothers and sisters who may struggle during this time of year. For instance: the young families who are sending their kids to school for the very first time and feel the anxiety of having to entrust their children to others, the journeymen educators who are mustering the needed fortitude for yet another school year, the parents who have invested their lives into raising their children and now see them leaving the nest to pursue their dreams, and those who are melancholy for the past.

What can we do as fellow members of a church family? There are several meaningful things. Let me first pull from scripture.

Eccl 4:9-12 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! 11 Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? 12 And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken. ESV

Gal 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ESV

Gal 6:9-10 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. ESV

Rom 12:4-13 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. 9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ESV

Be sensitive to the needs of your church family. The sensitivity I am referring to is not just empathizing with whatever may be going on, but an awareness that leads to action. These do not need to necessarily be great actions, but the simple communication of your support through words and deeds. Writing a card or electronic message to let them know you are supporting them can go a long way.

Above all, pray. Never underestimate the power of prayer. Let your prayers be led by the Holy Spirit. Take time to listen as you intercede. Let that person know you are praying for them and be open to praying together. Ask them how you can specifically pray for them. Doing these things will help us develop deeper relationships together within the body of Christ.

Remember that this is a time of new beginnings. Just because you may not have done this in the past should not hinder you, but rather give you the chance to make new, life-giving habits.

If you are struggling through this time yourself, I have some good advice for you as well. It is the same advice. Focusing on others is a wonderful remedy for the heaviness of our own heart.

Loving you all,
Michael

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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)	8/4	8/11
Operational	\$10,333.23	\$6,874.60
Property Improvement	53.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	3.00	28.00
Church Constr/Renova	800.00	0.00
Children First	<u>10.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>
Total	\$11,294.23	\$7,060.60

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$11,813.23 \$6,478.00
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Lectionary
 8/18: Isa 5:1-7; Jer 23:23-29; Heb 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
 8/19: Ps 74; Isa 5:8-23; 1 John 4:1-6
 8/20: Ps 74; Isa 5:24-30; Acts 7:44-53
 8/21: Ps 74; Isa 27:1-13; Luke 19:45-48
 8/22: Ps 71:1-6; Jer 6:1-19; Heb 12:3-17
 8/23: Ps 71:1-6; Jer 6:20-30; Acts 17:1-9
 8/24: Ps 71:1-6; Jer 1:1-19; Luke 6:1-5
 8/25: Jer 1:4-10; Isa 58:9-14; Heb 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
 8/26: Ps 10; Jer 7:1-15; Heb 3:7-4:11
 8/27: Ps 10; Jer 7:16-26; Rev 3:7-13
 8/28: Ps 10; Jer 7:27-34; Luke 6:6-11
 8/29: Ps 81:1-16; Jer 11:1-17; 1 Pet 3:8-12
 8/30: Ps 81:1-16; Jer 12:1-13; 1 Pet 4:7-11
 8/31: Ps 81:1-16; Jer 2:1-22; Matt 20:20-28

Serving Schedule

August 18, 2019
Elder: Zack Boren, Ruth Bennett
Diaconate: Kacie Lipcaman, Kathy Curfman, Angie Ruebush, Brian Ruebush
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison
10:30 Communion: Kathy Curfman, Edith Gant
Scripture: Cameron Sweeting
10:30 Nursery: Jordyn Apps
Children's Church: 10:30 Libby & Matt
Shut-ins: Dan & Sue Speckhart

August 25, 2019
Elder: Ruth Bennett, Roger Brokaw
Diaconate: Kevin Tharp, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp, Bethany Dunham, Sonya Bishop, Michelle Hart
8:00 Communion: Richard & Rebecca Rhodes
10:30 Communion: Roger & Charlotte Dunham
Scripture: TBA
10:30 Nursery: Shelby Bauer
Children's Church: 10:30 Libby & Matt
Shut-ins: Hamer & Jenny Tate

Wishes & Wants
 Karl Benjamin has a 3:00 appointment in Quincy on Tues, Oct 22, for his hearing aids and needs a ride. Appointment should take approx. 30 minutes. Contact him at 217.408.6836 if available.

	8/4	8/11
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	93	123
10:30 AM	<u>158</u>	<u>137</u>
Total	251	260
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	11	4
K-1st	5	7
2nd-3rd	8	5
4th-5th	6	13
Jr/Sr High	9	4
Disciples	11	9
New Beginnings	6	0
Sermon Study	6	4
Misc Adult Grps	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>
Total	82	71