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Rollback Sunday, July 30. Hymns will be sung at both services.

Hangout45, for 4th & 5th Grade, will be Sunday, **July 30**, from 2-4:00 at the Annex. Fellowship, Fun, Food! Contact Danielle Hayes or Katie Sidwell for info!

Coffee Talk, Tues, **Aug 1**, 10:00 at the annex.

August 6, Cookie Sunday!

There will be a **Christian Ed Meeting** on Sunday, **Aug 6**. Time and details to be determined. Contact Kacie for more info.

Church Board Meeting, Tues, **Aug 8**, 6:00. Packets will be ready Aug 6.

Summer Scripture Fun! For ages: going into 2nd grade through going into 4th grade. Scripture memory, music, crafts, snacks, games. 5-6:00, **August 9**. Each child participating will receive a book with the scripture memory cards to take home and practice with their family. Contact Kayla for more info.

Circle IV Meeting, Thurs, **Aug 10**, 9:30.

Promotion Sunday for youth classes will be **Aug 13**.

Children's Church is currently planned to resume on **Aug 13**. Stay tuned for more details.

The next **Teen Worship Night** will be Sunday, **Aug 13**, 6-8:00 at Crossroads Center. All area teens 6th grade+ are invited for worship and fellowship! Guest speaker will be Curtis Sethaler.

In addition to the **Prayer Concern** list printed in the newsletter and bulletin, we also offer the **Prayer Chain**. With the chain, the office is notified of an individual(s) in need of immediate prayer. The office will then contact the first person of each group sharing with them the pertinent info. The first person will then call the next person in their group with calls continuing through each group. We must have permission from the person or family before we start the Prayer Chain or can list a name on the Prayer Concern list. **Let the office know by July 31 if you would like to added to the Prayer Chain calling list.**

<p>Deloras Martin is living in Florida so she can be close to family and she would love to hear from you!</p> <p>Her contact info is:</p> <p>Delores Martin 10730 US Highway 1 Unit 131 Sebastian, FL 32958-8422 217.730.7543</p>	<p>Carolyn Casteel will celebrate her 100th birthday at her store on Tues, Aug 15, with an open house from 9-noon. Plan to stop by and wish her a happy birthday!</p>
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August Birthdays & Anniversaries 1 Gary Pursley, Renna Walters, Audriana Mendenhall-Roig; 2 Justin & Amber Poor; 3 Becky Fitzmaurice; 4 Charlie & Jessica Hull; 5 Jean Sanderson; 6 Tereasa Apps, Sue Evans, Lindsey Hull; 7 Danielle Hayes; 8 Bill Ferguson, Denny & Beryl Richards, Brennan Tomhave; 9 Noah Mendenhall, Cameron Sweeting, Rachel Boatright; 10 Faith Saxe, Stan & Jill Moss; 11 Wayne Baughman; 12 Don Chamberlain; 13 Michael & Renita Ten Eyck; 14 Reggie Pennock, Brandi Pennock, Bobby Smith; 15 Carolyn Casteel, Terry & Judy Sweeting, Larry Wigington, Kathy Wainman; 16 Emma Saxe, Alysia Cooley; 17 John & Cheryl Birch, Madelyn Saxe; 18 Gary & Rhodora Pursley, Anna Gengler; 19 Butch & Jacque Walston, Sarah McNulty; 20 Chris Apps; 21 Sophia Freesen; 22 Terry & Bryn Fine; 23 Nancy Collard, Sarah Sweeting, Judy Ferguson, Judy Kallal, Roger & Rokettia Brokaw; 24 Steve Lehr; 25 Kelly Lentz; 29 Ciera Anderson; 31 Caroline Smith, Oliver Shade.

Excerpts from July 11, 2023 board meeting:

Call to order at 6:03PM by Moderator Brad Losch. Roger Brokaw gave the opening devotion and prayer. Minutes from the June 13, 2023, meeting were approved by general consensus.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Michael added there will be a security team training in August, and the building project is at a communication stand still. The builder is waiting on the architect, and the architect is waiting on a company. He reminded everyone he will be gone this weekend and Roger Storms will be here this weekend.

Trustees: Dan Speckhart submitted a Trustee Report. Rebecca added the Trustees sold the 2,700 bushels of corn at about \$5.82 per bushel for a total of approximately \$15,700. Two-thirds is pledge to the building fund and one-third is pledge to operating expenses. Brandi Pennock moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Hamer Tate seconded. Passed unanimously.

Christian Education: Kacie Lipcaman submitted a report. Kacie started back at the Church on July 3, 2023. She stated things are going well with all the activities for youth that have been going on. They are in full VBS mode right now. She added there will be a Christian Ed meeting on August 6, 2023, after the 10:30am service.

Crossroads Center: Pastor Michael added they are still working on getting the gym floors done. Rebecca had talked to him yesterday and he said he would get her dates.

Building Team: Moderator Brad Losch and Pastor Michael provided an update. They do have a contract with the demolition guy. They are still planning on starting demo the first week of August. The building team went through the old building to make a list of all the items that need salvaged. We are now working on figuring out the most cost effective way to store those items. Some of the items will need moisture-controlled storage.

New Business: VBS Kickoff Family Meal is this Sunday after second service.

Thank you to everyone who made VBS possible this year! Thank you to all who were praying over the VBS, the leaders, the students, and the mission! We are so grateful for your love,

Kitchen Crew:

Judy Ferguson, Jenny Tate, Kay Sealock, Joyce Lemons, Vickie Tharp, Caree Collver, Debbie Wright, Judy Losch, Sandy Wigington, Linda Baumer, Brianne Sealock

VBS volunteers, leaders, registration:

Matt Sealock, Justin Poor, Billy Fitzmaurice, Niki Dixon, Becky Fitzmaurice, Kayla Boren, Katie McDevitt, Kacie Lipcaman, Renita Ten Eyck, Bethany Dunham, Cindy Chamberlain. Carol Cooley, Danielle Hayes, CJ Hayes, Rod Gordley, Bob Clark, Grace Henthorn, Sarah McNulty, Becky Daniel, Ali Curless, Libby Boren, Mike Boren, Julie Boren, Jordan Lamb, Amber Poor, Renna Walters, Katie Sidwell, Zack Boren, John Hull, Evan Lipcaman, Caleb Dixon, Tom Robinson, Jordan Lamb, Amy Casto, Michelle Hart

Thank you to the Junior High and High School students for your countless hours of prep before, during, and after! You are so appreciated!

It is amazing to me how the Bible consistently takes on new life with each season of my journey. I am awestruck how a particular verse may encourage or convict me in a specific way in one moment and then years later take on new depth and meaning for me.

Last Sunday I shared from one of my favorite Psalms; Psalm 90. Along with the deep theological insights about God, our humanity, and God's grace, I have always been drawn to verse 12. Ps 90:12 *Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.* -NIV

For most of my life, I have been convicted to view this verse in light of the brevity of our time here on Earth, and the powerful possibility of being used as an instrument in God's divine purpose. Each day we have been given is precious and full of divine potential if we will yield to God and welcome the empowering of the Holy Spirit. This verse challenges me to not procrastinate as well as to seek God's priorities for my life.

I have to confess that once I get a sense of a specific verse, I am prone to read over it quickly, as if to say, "I've got this." Thankfully, I was challenged over the last few weeks to dig a bit deeper in meditating on this verse. This verse took on new life and freshness with focusing on one word... "gain."

In Hebrew, this word has a wide variety of usages. It is often used with the idea of "bringing" something, or presenting something.

This understanding was a lightbulb moment for me. Being taught to rightly number my days helps me to BRING my heart to wisdom. The Young's Literal Translation really emphasizes this idea. Ps 90:12 *To number our days aright let [us] know, And we bring the heart to wisdom.* -YLT

This may seem like a very subtle nuance, but it has significance in life application. We offer our hearts to God's wisdom. It is our choice to receive or reject. Life is precious, brief, and we have been offered divine wisdom and guidance if we will yield to its counsel.

The writer of Hebrews admonishes us to view God's word as more than mere words on a page... Heb 4:12 *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.* ESV

God is still speaking. Take care to not assume that you know what He is going to say today. Take time to listen intently. Give the effort to dig deep into His word. Yes, even the ones you know so very well. The Holy Spirit may open our eyes to some deeper understanding that we may need today.

Loving you all,
Michael

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Staff:

Michael Ten Eyck, Pastor
 Kayla Boren, Music Coordinator
 Rebecca Rhodes, Administrative Secretary
 Kacie Lipcaman, Christian Education
 Grace Henthorn, Custodian
 Bob Clark, Audio/Video/Maintenance
 Shari Clark, Event Coordinator
 Rodney Gordley, Facilities Assistant

Office Hours: M-TH 8:00am-3:30pm; F 8:00am-Noon

Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Stewardship (Offering Only)	<u>7/10-16</u>	<u>7/17-23</u>
Operational	\$5,928.49	\$10,923.87
Property Improvement	50.00	30.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	80.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
DHF-Ukraine	50.00	50.00
Construction/Renovation	7,464.29	3,368.72
Unmet Needs	4.00	0.00
VBS Offering	0.00	784.25
Outreach-General	<u>59.00</u>	<u>205.00</u>
Total	\$13,625.78	\$15,471.84

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$6,470.49 \$10,923.87
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,732

Serving Schedule:

July 30: Elders: Brad Willman, Kathy Hull
 8:00 Prep: Steve & Vickie Tharp
 10:30 Prep: Rokettia Brokaw, Rosi Picone
 Aug 6: Elders: Kathy Hull, Brad Willman
 8:00 Prep: Michael & Jessi Smith
 10:30 Prep: Gary & Carol Sherwin
 Treats: Speckhart, Wainman, Dehart, Fosco

7/30: Gen 29:15-28; 1 Kings 3:5-12; Rom 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-52
7/31: Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:25-36; James 3:13-18
8/1: Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:37-43; Ephesians 6:10-18
8/2: Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 46:2-47:12; Mark 4:30-34
8/3: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 14:1-2; Philippians 4:10-15
8/4: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 41:8-10; Romans 9:6-13
8/5: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 31:1-21; Matthew 7:7-11
8/6: Gen 32:22-31; Isa 55:1-5; Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21
8/7: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 31:22-42; Romans 1:8-15
8/8: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 32:3-21; Acts 2:37-47
8/9: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 43:1-7; Matthew 15:32-39
8/10: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 35:22b-29; Acts 17:10-15
8/11: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 36:1-8; Acts 18:24-28
8/12: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 37:5-11; Matthew 16:1-4

PRAYER CONCERNS: Tereasa Apps, John Birch, Carolyn Casteel, Vivian Cloninger, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Karen Goodwin, Marjie Guthrie, Kathy Lehr, Gary Mendenhall, Sandy Reel, Bill Schwartz, Mary Van Hoose, Search for Associate or Youth Minister, Karen Birch (John Birch's sister), Marty Carnes (Leecia Carnes' mother), James Dean (Friend of Karl Benjamin), Bradyn Jensen (Leecia Carnes Family), Deb Kruger (Friend of Brandi Pennock), Rusty Sealock (Jean Sanderson's son-in-law), Journee Vinyard (Kim Bauer's family), Tom Wainman (Kathy Wainman's family)
With sympathy: Joanna Chastain (Chloe Chastain's stepmother), Barbara Whewell (Sandy Reel's sister), Robert "Bob" Wood (Nora Renoud's brother).

We are looking for resources within the church who can respond in a crisis situation. If you have training in first aid, crisis management, or medial training then please let Spencer Boren or the office know.

Ways to Give

- Mail: PO Box 306, Pittsfield, IL 62363
- Online: Website fccpittsfield.org then Resources
- At the Office: 115 W. Jefferson Street
- Black metal offering boxes are secured on the sanctuary mantels.

Ways To Watch/Listen

fccpittsfield.org - Ministries, Live Stream or Resources, Sermons.
YouTube - Search First Christian Church of Pittsfield and subscribe.
Facebook - Search First Christian Church of Pittsfield.
WBBA 97.5, Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Sermon only.
90.9 FM while parked next to the church building.

The church office will be open on Friday during the summer as needed.

Worship Service	<u>7/16</u>	<u>7/23</u>
8:00	93	104
10:30	<u>151</u>	<u>164</u>
Total	244	268

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	4	8
K-2nd	6	9
3rd-5th	0	23
6th-8th	2	11
Jr/Sr High	0	0
Disciples	15	14
Sermon Study	10	10
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
Total	46	85