

# The Pittsfield Christian

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On Sunday, Aug 6, Tori Waters declared her faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized at 10:30 service. Tori is a 2023 PHS graduate and will attend Southern IL University - Edwardsville this fall.

On Sunday, July 30, Buster and Wanda Mendenhall came forward and placed their membership with FCC. Welcome Buster and Wanda!

Elliette Ann Renoud was born June 28 to Ben and Delanie (Casto) Renoud. Theodore James Simmons was born July 30 to Jake and Cindy Simmons. Congratulations to all of the families!

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

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

Youth Sunday School Classes:

Age 3-PK: Drop off & pick up at Crossroads Center upstairs.

K-5th Grade: Drop off at Annex; pick up at Crossroads Center.

6th-12th Grade: Annex.

**PROMOTION  
SUNDAY**

**Children's Church** will resume **Aug 13** at 10:30 service for K-2nd Grade. Children will be dismissed after the opening worship music and should line up in the back hallway. Parents should pick up children at Crossroads Center.



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.

**Teen  
Worship!**

**Elder Meeting**, Tues, **Aug 22**, 6:00.

## College Ministry

Our college students are getting ready to start another school year, so it's time for us to gear up again too. Please keep all of our students in your prayers, and take a minute to show them love and support if you run into any of them before they leave.

Let's meet on Monday, **August 28**, at 7 pm to pack care packages. We do have some items left over from last spring for the boxes, but please also consider bringing an item to put in the box.

At the meeting, we'll discuss how to pair up our new college students with a member from our group and whether it makes sense to keep the existing pairings or if we should change all of them for the new year.

Contact Alicia Tate for more info or to participate 630.251.2757.



**Youth Group, Wednesdays, 6-8:00.** The schedule may change once the school schedule is released. Watch for announcements.

*I want to thank everyone for the prayers and concerns during my recent foot injury. I greatly appreciate my church family!*  
*In Christian Love,*  
*Mary Van Hoose*

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!

### **Demolition of old education building draws near as project progress continues**

Progress continues on the new education building which will serve current and future needs of our church. You've probably seen the protective fence set up as the demolition of the old building draws near. But much more has been going on behind the scenes.

\*The temporary power service to the church was installed. Power was disconnected to the Christian ed building.

\*Gas and communication was disconnected to the Christian ed building.

\*Hamer Tate and some volunteers diligently removed items that could be used in the future or salvaged.

We are happy to report that the updated floor plan drawing has been received from the architect. The construction team met and reviewed these plans before forwarding them to ministry departments for review; feedback was provided to the builder. The drawings are posted in the coffee area of the sanctuary for viewing by the congregation. Please let us know what you think!

What's next?

This week, the breezeway will be detached from the sanctuary building. Demolition is scheduled to begin within the next two weeks. Also, we will be meeting with electrical and plumbing contractors to review room specifics and fixture placements.

Pastor Michael is planning a video in the near future to review the status of the education building project, so stay tuned!

Financially, fundraising for the project is in its final stages. To date, \$1,665,946.66 has been raised toward our \$1.8 million goal.



## **Elder Corner**

1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore. Psalm 133

Unity is sometimes illusive. Eph 4:13 encourages us to “maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.” Psalm 133 gives a word picture of what unity is like. It is like the precious oil on the head, beard, and clothes of Aaron. While that may not sound very appealing to us in the 21st century, at the time this was written, being anointed with oil was an honor. It generally had a fragrant, pleasing odor. Many times in the Bible, oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. In Aaron’s case, he was set apart as a holy priest to God and anointed by the Holy Spirit to intercede for the people and the anointing was not a dribble of oil but a pouring, to the extent that it ran down onto his clothing.. What a blessing for them. The oil pouring over Aaron was an opportunity for them to maintain a relationship with God, to have that unity with Him and each other.

David also compares unity to the refreshing dew that fell on the mountains of Israel, specifically Mount Hermon. Although a lot of Israel was arid, it is reported that the dew on Mount Hermon would get their tents as wet as if it had rain during the night.

Obviously, unity is desirable. Sometimes we get to see that unity at work among us. Vacation Bible School was one of those recent times. It was great to see so many people involved in so many ways, to bring about the successful accomplishment of our goal as a group of believers, to reach, teach, and empower. Thank you to all who participated! I am sure you felt the power of the Holy Spirit and the unity He brings when we when are focused on His work. God bless!

In Christian Love,

Roger Brokaw  
Elder

*Behold, how GOOD and*  
*how PLEASANT it is for brothers*  
*to dwell together in UNITY!*

Psalm 133:1

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**Office Hours: M-TH 8:00am-3:30pm; F 8:00am-Noon**  
**Worship Times:** Every Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

<b>Stewardship (Offering Only)</b>	<b><u>7/24-30</u></b>	<b><u>7/31-8/6</u></b>
Operational	\$7,073.53	\$16,751.69
Property Improvement	30.00	30.00
Outreach-Missionaries	40.00	40.00
DHF	30.00	30.00
DHF-Ukraine	50.00	90.00
Construction/Renovation	1,668.98	1,384.29
Outreach-General	<u>225.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
Total	\$9,117.51	\$18,330.98

**Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)**

Received Last 7 Days \$7,073.53 \$17,251.69  
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,732

**Serving Schedule:**

Aug 13: Elders: Matt Saxe, Roger Brokaw  
 8:00 Prep: Dan & Sue Speckhart  
 10:30 Prep: Larry & Sandy Wigington  
 Aug 20: Elders: Hamer Tate, N.D. Harrison  
 8:00 Prep: Michael & Jessi Smith  
 10:30 Prep: Jeremy & Alicia Tate

**8/13:** Gen 37:1-28; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Rom 10:5-15; Matt 14:22-33  
**8/14:** Psalm 28; Genesis 37:29-36; 2 Peter 2:4-10  
**8/15:** Psalm 28; Genesis 39:1-23; Romans 9:14-29  
**8/16:** Psalm 28; Genesis 40:1-23; Matthew 8:23-27  
**8/17:** Psalm 133; Genesis 41:14-36; Revelation 15:1-4  
**8/18:** Psalm 133; Genesis 41:37-57; Acts 14:19-28  
**8/19:** Psalm 133; Genesis 42:1-28; Matthew 14:34-36  
**8/20:** Gen 45:1-15; Isa 56:1-8; Rom 11:1-32; Matt 15:10-28  
**8/21:** Psalm 130; Genesis 43:1-34; Acts 15:1-21  
**8/22:** Psalm 130; Genesis 44:1-34; Romans 11:13-29  
**8/23:** Psalm 130; Genesis 45:16-28; Matthew 8:1-13  
**8/24:** Psalm 124; Genesis 49:1-33; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11  
**8/25:** Psalm 124; Genesis 49:29-50:14; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18  
**8/26:** Psalm 124; Genesis 50:15-26; Matthew 16:5-12

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Tereasa Apps, John Birch, Carolyn Casteel, Vivian Cloninger, Tressa Dickerson, Brian Douglas, Sue Evans, Karen Goodwin, Marjie Guthrie, Kathy Lehr, Gary Mendenhall, Sandra Reel, Bill Schwartz, 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:*

*Lloyd Allen Pence (Mary Harshman's brother)*

**Ways to Give**

- Mail: PO Box 306, Pittsfield, IL 62363
- Online: Website [fccpittsfield.org](http://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](http://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.

<b>Worship Service</b>	<b><u>7/30</u></b>	<b><u>8/6</u></b>
8:00	77	96
10:30	<u>135</u>	<u>153</u>
Total	212	249

**Christian Education**

Age 3-PK	4	6
K-2nd	6	9
3rd-5th	5	23
6th-8th	9	17
Jr/Sr High	2	3
Disciples	13	10
Sermon Study	11	11
C.O.F.F.E.E.	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>
Total	59	90