

## Ministries

### Adult Bible Studies

At our adult Bible studies, we *worship, pray, share and study God's Word*. Our desire is to provide a place where people can *be known* and *get to know* others. Please join us.

### Camp Spofford

Groups attend both the men's and women's retreats held in the fall at Camp Spofford in New Hampshire.

### Men's Events

Men join together to attend programs at Promise Keepers (when they are in this area) and Iron Sharpens Iron each spring.

### Women's Events

Women attend various events with speakers such as Beth Moore.

### Faithlift

Faithlift is a one-day non-denominational women's retreat for Christian teaching, fellowship, worship and encouragement. Faithlift is presented in the spring.

### Children's Ministries

Vacation Bible School  
Pioneer Club

### Seniors' Fellowship

Meets the 2nd Saturday of the month for lunch, fellowship, devotional time, and fun.

### Evangelical Free?

The term **Evangelical** refers to our commitment to the proclamation of the Gospel and to the authority of Scriptures as being inerrant in the original writings and the only safe and sufficient guide to faith and practice.

The term **Free** refers to our form of church government as being congregational. Evangelical Free Churches depend upon the active participation of lay people in the decisions and directions.

## Officers

The Evangelical Free Church of Pittsfield is governed by officers elected at the annual meeting held each April.

Elected officials are:

**The Board of Elders** who serve the Lord Jesus Christ by shepherding and overseeing the spiritual life of those attending the Evangelical Free Church of Pittsfield.

### Financial Secretary

### Treasurer

### Church Clerk

**The Board of Deacons** who serve the Lord Jesus Christ by implementing the mission, vision, short and long range plans of the Evangelical Free Church through the following Ministry teams.

Education and Equipping

Stewardship and Administration

Buildings and Properties

Congregational Care

Evangelism and Outreach

Public Worship

### Need more information?

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*A caring church for your whole family...*

**Impacting our world with the Word of  
God and the love of Christ**

## Sunday Services

### Worship Service

**9:30 – 10:45**

Communion – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month

Baby – Preschool Nursery available

### Sunday School (grades K-6)

**9:45 – 11:00**

**Adult Fellowship** immediately following the  
worship service

**Mid week Bible studies** are available

**The Evangelical Free Church of  
Pittsfield is affiliated with the New  
England District Association of the  
Evangelical Free Church of America.**

**We are a body of evangelical believers  
in Jesus Christ, carrying out the  
commission of Christ to His Church.**

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## Core Values

**1. Personal Relationships with God** – We are committed to providing opportunities for people to find God, as well as to grow into maturity in their relationship with Him. *Colossians 2:6-7*

**2. The centrality of God's Word** – We are committed to the inerrancy of the Scriptures, to grow in grace and knowledge of God, and to the application of Biblical principles to everyday life through obedience. *2 Timothy 3:14-17*

**3. Fervent Prayer** – We are committed to seeking our Heavenly Father through fervent and dependant prayer, yielding to the Holy Spirit's control. *Acts 4:23-31*

**4. Relevant Worship**– We are committed to personal and corporate worship that is intimate, inspiring and that encourages communion with God *John 4:24*

**5. Encouraging relationships**– We are committed to encourage all our people by providing regular small groups, classes, discipling relationships, as well as other fellowship activities to stimulate personal and spiritual growth. *Romans 12:9-21*

**6. Using our talents and gifts to serve**– We are committed to equip the body to discover, develop and utilize their individual gifts to help build the Body of Christ through outreach or in-reach *Romans:12 1-8*

**7. Leadership development and multiplication** – We are committed to provide those with leadership gifts and calling the necessary training and mentoring to develop and use these gifts. *2 Timothy 2:2*

**8. Church vision & mission commitment** – We are committed to coordinate all our activities around the church's vision and together work as a team under the leadership of the elders to accomplish our common mission.

## Mission

To impact our world with the word of God and the love of Christ, by showing our love to Christ, sharing Christ's love with each other, and spreading Christ's love to the world.

## Vision

With the great commission as our direction and the greatest commandment as our motivation, we dedicate ourselves to appreciating and appropriating the love of Christ. We will be a church committed to genuine and heartfelt worship. We will engage in encouraging and edifying fellowship. We will fervently proclaim to our community and the world the hope Jesus Christ offers. We desire, individually and as a church, to be used by God to help people everywhere begin a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We will live as faithful followers dedicated to His service and we will motivate others to join us in this journey.

## The Great Commission: Matthew 28:19-20

<sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## The Great Commandment: Mark 12:30-31

<sup>30</sup>Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.<sup>31</sup>The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

## Statement of Faith

We believe:

1. The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired word of God without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the Divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.

2. In one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

3. That Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into Heaven, where at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is now our High Priest and Advocate.

4. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.

5. That man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.

6. That the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provided the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become children of God.

7. That water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation.

8. That the true Church is composed of all such persons who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit, and are united together in the body of Christ of which He is the head.

9. That only those who are thus members of the true Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church.

10. That Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church and that every local church has the right, under Christ, to decide and govern its own affairs.

11. In the personal and premillennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.

12. In the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord, of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting punishment.