Our Vision

To be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion

for justice. (Micah 6:8)

<u>Palm Sunday:</u> The Passion Week begins, and commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, where he was greeted by crowds waving palm branches. Matthew 21:9 (NIV) The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" But not everyone, was excited to see Jesus.

Holy Monday: Jesus cleanses the Temple, for the second time. Mark 11:15-17 (NIV) ¹⁵ On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, ¹⁶ and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. ¹⁷ And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: "'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers." Peter at Cornelius' house realized that God accepts people from every nation. PRAISE GOD! Acts 10:34

Holy Tuesday: Jesus continues to teach and debates with religious leaders. Luke 20:1-8 (NIV) ¹ One day as he was teaching the people in the temple courts and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, together with the elders, came up to him. ² "Tell us by what authority you are doing these things," they said. "Who gave you this authority?" ³ He replied, "I will also ask you a question. Tell me, ⁴ John's baptism--was it from heaven, or from men?" ⁵ They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Why didn't you believe him?' ⁶ But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us, because they are persuaded that John was a prophet." ⁷ So they answered, "We don't know where it was from." ⁸ Jesus said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

Holy Wednesday: Judas Iscariot makes a deal to betray Jesus. Luke 22:1-6 (NIV) ¹ Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, ² and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. ³ Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. ⁴ And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. ⁵ They were delighted and agreed to give him money. ⁶ He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

-Pastor's Note-

NO NEED TO WONDER, SO PLEASE DON'T FORGET. JESUS IS

Maundy Thursday: Jesus celebrates the Last Supper with his disciples, institutes the Eucharist, and predicts his betrayal and suffering and much more. Luke 22:47-53 (NIV) 47 While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, 48 but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" 49 When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" 50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. 51 But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him. 52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? 53 Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour--when darkness reigns."

<u>Good Friday</u>: Jesus is arrested, tried, condemned, crucified, and buried. Peter denies Jesus three times, Judas commits suicide, a thief being crucified beside Jesus receives the hope of heaven.

Luke 23:39-43 (NIV) ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

John 19:28-30 (NIV) ²⁸ Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Remember, Isaiah 53:7 (NIV) Isaiah prophesied 700 plus years BC. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Our Mission

To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Jesus said in Matthew 26:53 (NIV) Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

Jesus could have asked His Father and He would have sent 72,000 angels.

But, He didn't ask. Because He knew His journey wasn't complete.

And let's not forget, that Jesus, brutally beaten, nailed to a cross, mocked and hated, was still the Christ of compassion. He said, Father forgive them, for they know not what they are doing. Luke 23:34

Thank you, Jesus, for your forgiveness! For your Holy Compassion!

<u>Easter Sunday</u>: *Today we celebrate* Jesus who rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples, fulfilling the prophecies of the Old Testament. *Hallelujah to the Lamb of God! HE IS RISEN! X3*

Luke 24:1-12 (NIV) ¹ On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were **wondering** about this, suddenly two men in clothes

that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! **Remember** how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." ⁸ **Then they remembered his words.** ⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and **he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.** *Shalom SHALOM!*

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Prayer Requests



Shut Ins

George Brooks Geraldine Neal

Health Concerns

Nancy Neal Charlotte Dunahoe David & Shirley Hines Joanna Camacho

John & Lois Gibson Roger Mullins

Eddie & Betty Williams

Mary Ann Moyer Theresa Thomason Mary Crigger Melissa Smith Amelia Evans

Cindy Scharff & family

Virginia Hudson Kim Tinder

Raymond & Nancy Mulkey

Jeff Stiltner Steve Hedrick Norma Barr Randy Peek Katherine Swauger

Tonia Russell Kathy Davis Raymond Spradin Dr. Amanda Reese

Jan Bailey

Mary Lynn Malamirsua Jeff Nehrkorn

John Jewell Janet Shawver Doug Baker

Jovan Goolsby Colon Bernard Pauley Zelma Aichel Rav Workman Brandon Shifflet Isaiah Smith Chad Peters Mark Riley Andrea Peterson

Mason Hatcher Doug McDaniel, Sr Tim Kuntz

Betty Lou Gibberson Mark Smith Pat O'Neal Tony Davis Richie Williams Randy Bailey Glenn Woolwine Nick Cumby Katie Goodwin Carolyn Radcliff Mrs. Jess

Tony Hood Melissa Woolwine

Melinda Mills Katie & Trey McDaniel

Lonnie Johnson Samuel J. Martin Amy

Betty Coe Kelli Anne Louthan Raymond Shupe Ron Campbell

Retha Smith Bereavement

The Family of Steven Blavlock

Prayer Request

Our Pastor Our Country Our Church Family Kairos Our First Responders General Church

Regional Church Regional Minister & Staff Celebrate Recovery Wade Center

Scout Troop 14 AL & Sonia Hancock Nikki Massaro Gary Hendricks Bob Searle

Melissa Smith & Family

Barbara Rose

FCC Property Committee

Jon Gendron Lacky Family

Recovery Centers in the area

Malik Robinson Joyce Farmer The Maples FCC Youth Ben & Michelle Kathy & Larry Peters Shirley Grim Vicki Miller

Betsy & Steve Cardwell Turman Family Tammy Godfrey The Colley Family

Jordan Malachi Foster Sue Luterick Amy Johnson Bryanna Taylor Crystal Kinzer Cody Samantha

Jovan Goolsby Colon Halley Boerboom Amber Crist Shelly Sexton

Unspecified Prayer Request

A.C. Martin Lauren & Kelly Leslie & Lauren May 2025 Lectionary

May 1: Psalm 30; Isaiah 5:11-17; Revelation 3:14-22

May 2: Psalm 30; Isaiah 6:1-4; Revelation 4:1-11

May 3: Psalm 30; Genesis 18:1-8; Luke 14:12-14

May 4: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

May 5: Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:1-25; Acts 9:19b-31

May 6: Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:26-2:1; Acts 26:1-18

May 7: Psalm 121; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11

May 8: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 11:1-25; Revelation 5:1-10

May 9: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 20:39-44; Revelation 6:1-7:4 May 10: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 28:25-26; Luke 12:29-32

May 11: Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

May 12: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Revelation 15:1-4

May 13: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 45:1-9; Acts 9:32-35

May 14: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 50:17-20; John 10:31-42

May 15: Psalm 148; Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; Revelation 10:1-11

May 16: Psalm 148; Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 11:15

May 17: Psalm 148; Daniel 7:27; Revelation 11:16-19

May 18: Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

May 19: Psalm 133; 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42; Acts 11:19-26

May 20: Psalm 133; 2 Samuel 1:4-27; Acts 11:27-30

May 21: Psalm 133; Leviticus 19:9-18; Luke 10:25-28

May 22: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:1-5; Acts 15:36-41

May 23: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:6-8; Acts 16:1-8

May 24: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:9-15; Luke 19:1-10 May 25: Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5,

John 14:23-29, John 5:1-9

May 26: Psalm 93; 1 Chronicles 12:16-22; Revelation 21:5-

May 27: Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 15:1-15; Revelation 21:15-

May 28: Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 34:20-33; Luke 2:25-38

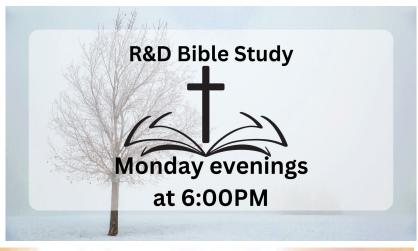
May 29: Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

May 30: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:12-17; Revelation 22:6-9

May 31: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:18-23; John 1:14-18



Join us each Sunday morning at 10:00AM for our Worship service You don't have to have a Facebook account to be able to view the live video! If you are unable to watch it live, no worries you can always go back and watch the service from the beginning. Just go on the link to the church's Facebook which is: https://www.facebook.com/bluefieldfcc





April Youth News

Greetings Church Family,

With Easter just behind us, many of us have heard of the phrase "Easter People". What are Easter people you ask? An Easter person is someone who embraces the joy of new life and the hope that comes from Jesus overcoming death for us. The world may be full of suffering but in being an Easter person one focuses on the promises on the resurrection and abundant life that can be found in Christ Jesus. So, while it maybe easy to be an Easter person during the Lenten and Easter season's, I want to encourage you to be Easter People each and every day, finding hope in the promises that can be found in both Jesus and the resurrection of Jesus.

Just a note camp sign ups are now open!!! Camp for youth that have just finished kindergarten through 8th grade is June 8-13 in Rockwood, PA. CYF for youth that have just finished 9th -12th grades is June 22-28 in Bethany, WV. The cost is \$280 per camper, but if your youth wants to go to camp scholarships are available. Church camp (CYF & Mid-Winter) through FCC have been some of my fondest memories in my growth with Christ. To be able to be a counselor now at these camps and events has truly become a meaningful eye opening experience for me, since I have been working with the youth.

Thank you for the opportunity to service such a loving and gracious congregation.

-Sarah Neal

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Tuesday Evening Bible Study
with Roger Mullins
7:00PM on Facebook Live &
In person
We will be studying the book of
Revelation



HAVE A HURT,
HABIT OR
HANG-UP?
JOIN US FOR

Celebrate Recovery

At First Christian Church every Thursday at 6:00PM. Call the church at 304-327-5633 for more info.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for March 2025. God continues to bless us with faithful givers. God is good, all the time!! And let's PRAISE GOD that 2025 is off to a great start with your faithful giving!

You cannot out-give God!!

As a reminder, please continue to check for LIGHTS, RUNNING TOILETS, A/C OR HEAT, APPLIANCES, etc. following all meetings at the church. Don't assume someone else will lock up or turn off. Also, if you become aware of maintenance issues with the property, please bring it to the attention of the Property Ministry Team or the church office. Thanks to Scott, Allen, George and all the rest of the guys who selflessly give their time to keep our facilities in great condition!!! Our Church is truly blessed!

Ronnie Hypes, Treasurer

First Christian Church Financial Information for March 2025

Total GF offerings and	\$ 21,851.99	\$ 74,581.83
Total expenses	18,772.28	58,038.65
Excess (deficit) of offerings		
to expenses	3,079.71	16,543.18
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	(10,000.00)
Increase (decrease)	\$ 3,079.71	\$ 6,543.28

March 2025	
General Fund	\$ 13, 553.49
Memorial and Special Gifts Property Repairs and	16,888.50
Replacement	1,730.61
Scholarship	12,698.09
Bequested Funds and other	
savings	110,639.31
Total	\$ 155,510.00





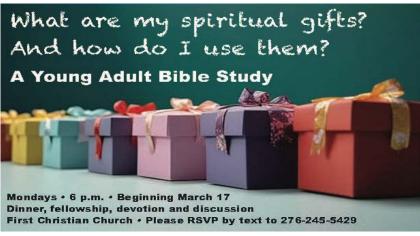






Want to get our daily church emails?

Please let Sarah know by emailing fccbluefield@gmail.com and she will put you on our email list.







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May you be blessed today. We heartily welcome all

Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am -1:00 pm www.bluefieldfcc.com





10:00 am Combined Worship Service 9:00 am Bible Study

Bluefield, WV 24701 Disciples of Christ 2200 Bland Road



Non-Profit Organization Bluefield, WV 24701

> 1st and 3rd Tuesday—6:00PM **Youth Meeting**

Sunday Worship for our Youth

Annual

Summer Camp & Winter Retreat

If you have any questions concerning youth events please contact Darrin Coe, Youth Minister at 276-245-8374

