

Our Vision

To be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice. (Micah 6:8)

I came home yesterday and as I stepped onto our front porch; I could see that we had a visitor. I'm going to call him Rusty because I don't know what else to call him. He looks to be an older male dachshund, with all his plumbing.

At first glance we thought the dog had mange and was itching and scratching profusely. Dr. Blair determined this morning that Rusty is infested with fleas. It's obvious that the dog has not been cared for. Its nails are terribly long and when I fed him, he ate like it had been a while since his last meal.

So, I went through the full range of emotions. Frustrated that someone dropped him off and obvious to me, didn't have the decency to take care of their responsibility. This is not my problem! I don't have time for this mess! So frustrating! We have two dogs and don't need a third.

My precious kindhearted wife is at the vet with Rusty now. It's not her first rescue. She started with me. That's a story for another time. There have been more cats and dogs than I can remember. And with all that said, it's not the dog's fault. And it's now our responsibility. Doing nothing is not an option. My wife has taught me that. Anyone need a good used Rusty dog?

Several hundred dollars later, the little guy is resting and has taken over Beau's bed. Beau is passed out on the family room floor. Traumatized I'm sure with this uninvited visitor in his spot. Doubtful.

So, what would you do? We tried to find the rightful owner and the dog was clearly in need of medical attention. We did what we knew to do. Are we out the money? Most likely. Do we really think the owner of this pup is going to reimburse us for caring for their dog? Well, they didn't ask us to. It's not our pet, and it belongs to someone else, and we have been advised to have Animal Control take the lead. Say a little prayer for Rusty the dachshund.

~Pastor's Note~

RUSTY

You've heard me say it before, "doing nothing is not an option." In the moment, we needed to decide to deal with the opportunity in front of us, or not. We chose to do something about Rusty. You've also heard me say, "ministry comes with a price tag." I'm no animal activist by definition and yet, I also am unable to ignore a helpless animal or person.

Ministry speaks more to the spiritual needs of a person, whereas ministering to the needs of others goes beyond the spiritual and is incorporated with physical, mental, and social needs. We are all ministers of sorts and all we need to do to help someone, or some helpless animal is to pay attention and lend a helping hand. Be available. Do something!

Be intentional. Stop counting the cost. Ask for wise council and begin by asking God for direction and discernment.

Folks, we all need help. Most of us, if we are willing to admit it, are a little rusty in certain areas of our lives. What if someone was available to help us with our needs, our situations, our circumstances? What if? Without uttering a single word, Rusty screamed help! You could not ignore the fact that he was in dire straits. People tend to mask it much better. We put on our best face, and we grind through life and maybe just maybe, someone is available to help us. Listen to us. Minister to our every need. Would we be so bold as to ask for help? Jesus is a good starting point. The body of Christ is also available to us.

The body of Christ is a community of believers. When we hurt, our whole body hurts. When we are absent, there is a vital part of the whole body that's missing. It may be that we've become a little rusty and in need of a little polishing. Maybe we've concluded that we can't fix things on our own. Please allow the body of Christ to come along side and minister to us. And in doing so, the whole body is ministering to itself.

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)

We begin a twelve-week series on Experiencing God (Knowing & Doing the Will of God) beginning in September. You still have time to join us. Currently, we have around 45 folks who have decided to join in. There is room for you. We need all hands-on deck. Remember, we are building a faith community.

A love relationship with God is more important than any other single factor in your life. -Henry Blackaby

Experiencing God! Let's Experience God together.

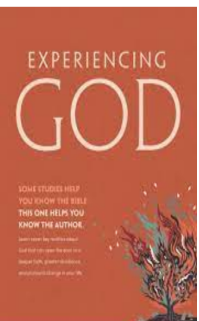
PEACE my friends.

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Coming in September

Experiencing God Bible Study

**Contact the PDoug
for more information**





Prayer Requests



Shut Ins

Pat Hartley
George Brooks

Health Concerns

Nancy Neal
Charlotte Dunahoe
Ruth Stevenson
Zack Carter
Wayne Collins
Phyllis
David Hines
Kimberly Duesing
Tom Farmer
Joanna Camacho
Nolan Farmer
Betty Lou Gibberson
Shirley Hines
Buck Sowers
John Gibson
Karen Beavers
Roger Mullins
Lois Comerose
Tonia Russell
Betty Williams
Jackie Rucker
Doug McDaniel Sr.
Meghan McGuire
Mary Ann Moyer
Theresa Thomason
Jimmy Musser
Pat Gomillan
Jeana Cury
Lois Gibson
Pam Yost Spracher
Phyllis Willis
Brandon Goins
Mary Crigger
Rev. Bill Allen
Melissa Smith
Charles Neal
Keisha Kibler
Joyce Farmer
Gery Piluso
Justin Simon
Jordan & Nathan Evans
John Murphy
Barbara McCarty
Joyce Farmer

Brittany Thompson
David Reed
Cindy Scharff & family
John Jewell
Vivian Romano
Amy Brewster
Jessica McDaniel
Tracey Mitchell
Bob Rose
Rev. Jonathan Rockness
Branson Searle
Debbie Blankenship
Bettie Lee Kay
Anthony Graham
Nancy Howerton
Martha Morris
Dan Goodwine
Shirley Levitt

Bereavement

None at this time.

Prayer Request

Our Pastor
Our Country
Our Church Family
Kairos
Our First Responders
General Church
Regional Church
Regional Minister & Staff
Celebrate Recovery
Wade Center
Fatima Sano
Boy Scout Troop 14
AL & Sonia Hancock
Zelma Aichel
Nikki Massaro
Gary Hendricks
Bob Searle
The family of Dave Potonzo
Melissa Smith & Family
Barbara Rose
FCC Property Committee
Jon Gendron
Lacky Family
Recovery Centers in the area
All those effected by flooding

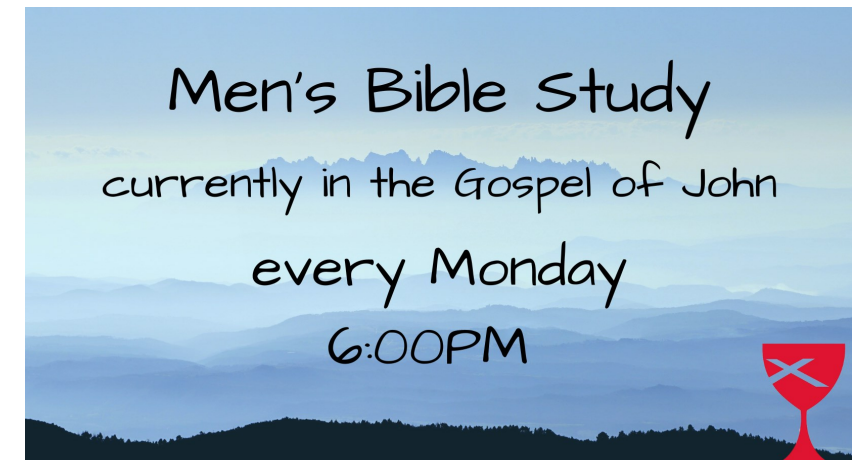
September 2023 Lectionary

Sept. 1: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 3:16-22; 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12
Sept 2: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 4:1-9; Matthew 8:14-17
Sept 3: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b, Jeremiah 15:15-21, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28
Sept 4: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 4:10-31; Revelation 3:1-6
Sept 5: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 5:1-6:13; Revelation 3:7-13
Sept 6: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 7:14-25; Matthew 12:22-32
Sept 7: Psalm 149; Exodus 9:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21
Sept 8: Psalm 149; Exodus 10:21-29; Romans 10:15b-21
Sept 9: Psalm 149; Exodus 11:1-10; Matthew 23:29-36
Sept 10: Psalm 149, Ezekiel 33:7-11, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20
Sept 11: Psalm 121; Exodus 12:14-28; 1 Peter 2:11-17
Sept 12: Psalm 121; Exodus 12:29-42; Romans 13:1-7
Sept 13: Psalm 121; Exodus 13:1-10; Matthew 21:18-22
Sept 14: Psalm 114; Exodus 13:17-22; 1 John 3:11-16
Sept 15: Psalm 114; Exodus 14:1-18; Acts 7:9-16
Sept 16: Psalm 114; Exodus 15:19-21; Matthew 6:7-15
Sept 17: Psalm 114, Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35
Sept 18: Psalm 77; Joshua 3:1-17; Hebrews 11:23-29
Sept 19: Psalm 77; Nehemiah 9:9-15; Romans 14:13-15:
Sept 20: Psalm 77; 2 Kings 2:1-18; Mark 11:20-25
Sept 21: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 15:22-27; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4
Sept 22: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:1-21; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
Sept 23: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:22-30; Matthew 19:23-30
Sept 24: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45, Jonah 3:10-4:11, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16
Sept 25: Psalm 119:97-104; Exodus 16:31-35; Romans 16:1-16
Sept 26: Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:1-9; Romans 16:17-20
Sept 27: Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:18-23, 31-32; Matthew 18:1-5
Sept 28: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Isaiah 48:17-21; James 4:11-16
Sept 29: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 20:1-13; Acts 13:32-41
Sept 30: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 27:12-14; Mark 11:27-33



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>





Greetings Church Family,

Summer is quickly ending, with the youth heading back to school in the next coming weeks. On Sunday, August 13, 2023 we had our Back to School Pool Party. We had about 25 youth there in total, we played games, ate hotdogs, gave out prizes, and of course swam. Thank you to all those who came, and all of those who made this years Back to School Pool Party a success. With school heading back we are doing a back to school, school supplies drive. If you would like to donate you may do so from now until September 3, 2023 by bringing supplies and placing them in the box in the Narthex.

We school starting, we want to encourage all of our youth to make church part of your weekly routine, as you had back to school. Church is so very much important, especially when you are a youth. It helps to guide and direct you to learn and make the right decision in the world today. On each Sunday morning, Family Breakfast start at 9:00AM, followed by youth Sunday School classes are 9:30AM. Then Worship at 10:00AM. Please know for the youth who are in 5th grade and under there is Junior Church during Worship for them. As for the older youth, we ask that you remain in Worship, unless the teacher of Junior Church for that day asks for your help.

Next major thing to come up is Christmas, please stay tune for updates about a Christmas program in the upcoming month or so.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve such a gracious church family and God Bless,

Sarah Neal



Name: _____ Date: _____



GIANT Back to School Word Search

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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Answer

Arithmetic

Art

Assignment

Backpack

Binder

Biology

Blackboard

Cafeteria

Calculator

Chair

Chemistry

Clock

Compass

Crayon

Curriculum

Desk

Dictionary

Drama

Dress Code

Education

Eraser

Exam

Folder

Friend

Geography

Globe

Glue

Grade

Gymnasium

Highlighter

History

Kindergarten

Language

Learn

Lesson

Library

Listen

Lunchbox

Map

Marker

Math

Music

Notebook

Open House

Paper

Pencil

Physics

Principal

Protractor

Pupil

Question

Read

Recess

Respect

Ruler

Schedule

School Bus

Science

Scissors

Sharpener

Silence

Stapler

Student

Subject

Tape

Teacher

Test

Textbook

Tutor

Uniform

Write



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Tuesday Night Bible Study

Currently Studying the book of Acts

**Tuesday
7:00PM**

Live in person



Morning Prayer

**Wednesday's
7:30AM**

Bethany Hall



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.



July 2023

TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for July 2023. God continues to bless us with faithful givers. God is good, all the time!! I just remind everyone to be faithful with your offerings through the summer vacation season. You are a faithful bunch, and because of such, God continues to bless His church here at 2200 Bland Road. Praise God for His faithfulness to His church!

We continue to raise funds to replace two HVAC units. The total cost will be approximately \$20,000. If you would like to donate over and above your regular giving to help with this project, just mark your donation for HVAC repair and it will go toward the project.

E-GIVING CHANGE: E-giving!! You can continue to make gifts to FCC online at the church website, www.bluefieldfcc.com, just click on the GIVE button and follow the directions. We have a new mobile app, VANCO MOBILE. Sarah has more detailed instructions for the transition that she will send to you via email. Just contact her if you need help. There is a charge to the church for gifts made by debit or credit card, but you can also adjust your gift to help cover that cost as well.

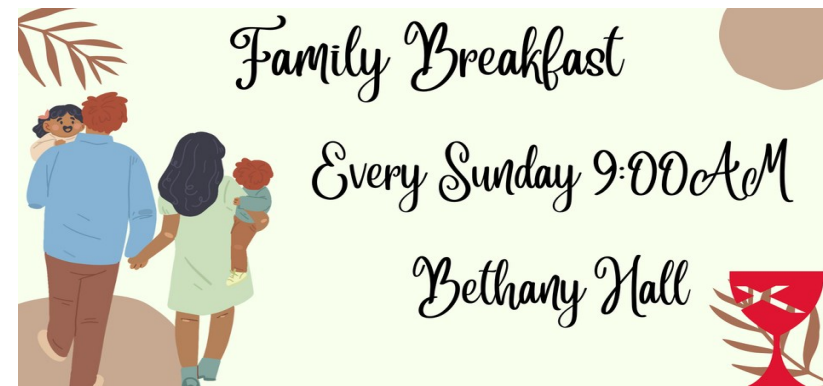
As a reminder, please continue to check for LIGHTS, RUNNING TOILETS, A/C OR HEAT, etc. following all meetings at the church. Don't assume someone else will lock up or turn off. This really helps to hold down utility costs. Also, if you become aware of maintenance issues with the property, please bring it to the attention of the Property Ministry Team or the church office. Delayed repairs can be more expensive than when they are caught early. 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 July 2023

	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total GF offerings and other sources	\$ 13,543.58	\$ 102,780.15
Total expenses	12,434.33	111,870.42
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	1,109.25	(9,090.27)
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ 1,109.25	\$ (9,090.27)
Balances on hand July 31, 2023		
General Fund		\$ 3,217.55
Memorial and Special Gifts		16,424.61
Property Repairs and Replacement		7,006.09
Scholarship		9,843.11
Bequested Funds and other savings		108,807.94
Total		<u>\$ 145,299.30</u>



Join us each Sunday morning at 9:00AM for our Family Breakfast. All are invited to attend. We hope to see you there.

School
Supplies
Drive



School
Supplies
Drive

Now - Sunday, September 3, 2023
Please place items in the box in the Narthex



September 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Teen Believers	4 6:00PM Men's Bible Study	5 6:00PM Prayer Gathering	6 7:00AM Prayer 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	7 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	8	9
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17 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Teen Believers	18 6:00PM Men's Bible Study	19 6:00PM Prayer Gathering	20 7:00AM Prayer 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	21 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	22	23
24 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Teen Believers	25 6:00PM Men's Bible Study	26 6:00PM Prayer Gathering	27 7:00AM Prayer 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	28 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	29	30
1	2	Birthday's & Annversaies Bill & Masha Fuzia - Sept 9 David & Shirley Hines - Sept 11 George Smith - Sept 1 Eddie Williams - Sept 2 Al Handcock - Sept 5 Charity Martin - Sept 5 Raymond Mulkey - Sept 5 Noah Bailey - Sept 6 Sarah Neal - Sept 8 Betty Williams - Sept 9 Jay O'Neal Sept 12 Nick Shoemaker - Sept 19 Susan Smith - Sept 24 Chuck Louthan - Sept 27 Janey Shawver - Sept 29				

We heartily welcome all
May you be blessed today.

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Welcome To Our Church

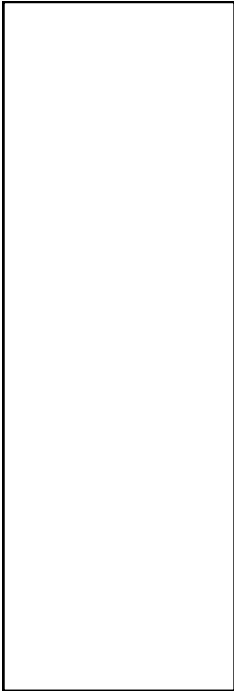


9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Combined Worship Service
Douglas W. McDaniel Jr., Pastor

First Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
2200 Bland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701



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Youth Events

Sunday Teen Believers
6:00PM

Annual
Summer Camp & Winter Retreat

*Youth Outreach Ministry

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