

### **Our Vision**

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

*I want to share a true story with you today. It's a chapter from my book of life. It's a story that I have shared before and it's a story that you may or may not be familiar with.*

*This part of the story begins when I met a minister by the name of Mike Baker. You see I had started a little ministry effort entitled Community Men's Fellowship. I'll get back to Mike in a minute.*

*We started with Monday Night Football poker night. If you chose to play you paid a \$10 entry fee. If you won, you kept your \$10 and the remainder was donated to a charity of your choosing. Several of those men who were not a part of a local church fellowship at the time have gone on to be faithful Deacons and Elders in their respective churches. Praise God!*

*Then we started playing basketball on Sunday nights at the old Wade School gym. We'd play for an hour, stop, and have a devotion and a prayer time and play for another hour. We had over a hundred different men and their sons come over a five-year span.*

*It was during this time that I was invited to field a team to go into Pocahontas State Correctional Center to play against the residents of that facility.*

*The only prison or jail that I had ever been in was when I was in high school. It was an effort to invoke each student with a healthy fear of being incarcerated.*

*2008 we took our first group in and played against the resident team and lost the game. Like our Wade School format, we stopped at half time and had a devotion. I spoke on the PROMISE – PURPOSE – PROVISION of God.*

*Then the unthinkable happened. One of the residents, Dan Jennings shared that they needed to be praying for us. I say unthinkable, because we went in the prison to serve these men and when brother Dan said what he said, I immediately discerned in my spirit that I was living in a prison setting. Thanks be to God; I have been set free!*

*We lost the basketball game by 60 points and God won a deeper place in my heart! PRAISE!*

*September 2009, I went into preach for the very first time at Pocahontas State Correctional Center and as I entered the visitation room that was set up for worship with a band and choir, I was immediately moved because I had stepped on Holy Ground. God was up to something! God is always up to something!*

# ~Pastor's Note~

## **GOD IS ALWAYS UP TO SOMETHING!**

*To my amazement, the first man I met looked like my dad's twin. Imagine if you can, meeting someone for the very first time and they look identical to one of your parents. Yes, I was taken aback!*

*The gentleman that I had met at the prison was Chaplain Richardson. I had never seen him before in my life. I would see him a couple more times in the prison when I was preaching or bringing teams in to play basketball and volleyball.*

*Three months after I had met the Chaplain he called and asked if I'd like to go to a men's gathering at a local church on a Sunday night. I agreed to go, but in my heart, I wasn't really interested.*

*Thank God the power of the Holy Spirit will put you in places you don't want to go!*

*After the men's meeting Chaplain Richardson and I went back to my office to share a pot of coffee and get to know one another. There was a freaky connection that I could not explain, and we were about to find out what God had been up to.*

*The Chaplain said and I quote, "I was amazed three months ago when your name came across my desk."*

*I had no idea what that meant, and then he began to explain that he was told by his mother that his biological father's name was Doug McDaniel. Then he said that I was clearly too young to have been his dad.*

*So, I told him about the first time I had met him back in September and how I was awestruck by how much he looked like my dad.*

*I said Kevin, I'm Doug, Jr and you look exactly like my dad. He would share factoids that his mom had told him and every one of them was consistent with Doug, Sr.*

*I called my dad the next morning to tell him my story and my dad was speechless. If you know my dad, you'd know that's a pretty amazing feat to shut him up. He's a talker, as is Kevin!*

*Dad would finally ask me what I expected him to do with this information. I plainly told him that I was the messenger and that he would have to decide what to do. The phone call ended.*

*Four hours later I got the phone call of a lifetime when I heard my father say, "I have to see this through." I cried!*

*Two weeks later Kevin and my dad met up, with Kevin's mom in tow. Dad called me to say that they had met and did a DNA swab. Two more weeks would pass, and dad called to say that he was the proud daddy of a 37-year-old baby boy.*

### **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)**

*And the rest of the story is what they call, HISTORY.*

*Back to Mike Baker. Mike had asked me to fill the pulpit at Bluefield Community Church when he was out of town, back in 2010.*

*I was struggling to fill the pulpit, because remember I was living in my own prison. I didn't think that I could measure up. God had called me into ministry when I was eighteen and I had done a mighty fine job of ignoring God. That's a lie! You can't ignore God! You can be disobedient, but you can't ignore the God of the universe.*

*My heart was hardened, and then God began to break the prison chains in my life. Then Mike Baker said something I will never forget, PRAISE GOD! Mike said, "You are either going to do what God is leading you to, or you're not."*

*Again, the power of the Holy Spirit moved me into my calling. Thank God for this chapter of my book of life and His continued leading and shaping of my life.*

*One verse that has meant the world to me over the years is **John 3:30** He must become greater; I must become less. In context John the Baptist knew that Jesus' ministry must be greater than his own.*

*Spiritually and practically, I had to allow Jesus to be greater. Greater than my excuses. Greater than my weakness and my baggage. Greater than everything in my life. When I began to submit to this important truth, life began to change in ways I couldn't have possibly imagined.*

*Family of God, allow Jesus to be greater. You won't regret it.*

*And remember, GOD IS ALWAYS UP TO SOMETHING!*

*I'd love for you to share a chapter from your book of life.*

**Psalm 150:6** Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

**AMEN and HALLELUJAH!**

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## Prayer Requests



### Shut Ins

Margaret Goodwin  
Pat Hartley  
George Brooks  
Donald Kidd

Karen Beavers  
Bobby Neal  
Don Dickerson  
Roger Mullins  
Lois Comerose  
Tonia Russell

### Health Concerns

Nancy Neal  
Bill Fuzia  
Charlotte Dunahoe  
Ruth Stevenson  
Zack Carter  
Wayne Collins  
Phyllis

Betty Williams  
Don  
Jackie Rucker  
Doug McDaniel Sr.  
Meghan McGuire  
Allen Neal  
Melissa Carnett

### Bereavement

The Family of June Turner

### Prayer Request

Our Pastor  
Our Country  
Our Church Family  
Kairos  
Our First Responders  
General Church  
Regional Church  
Regional Minister & Staff  
Celebrate Recovery  
Wade Center  
Bryant “Jason” Mills  
Reggie Young  
Fatima Sano  
Boy Scout Troop 14  
Sam & Abbagail  
Shoemaker  
AL & Sonia Hancock  
Alex Garr

### Unspecified Prayer Request

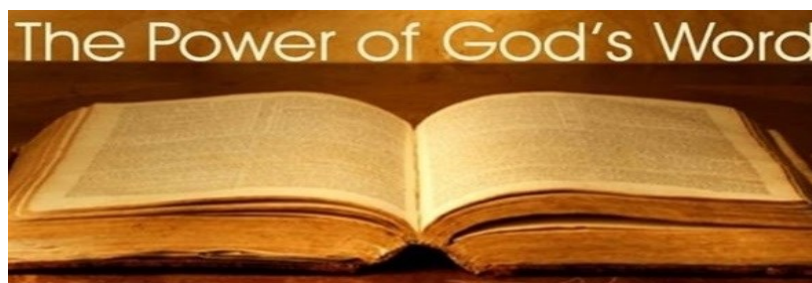
Terri Dodson  
Wayne Pelts

John Gibson

## September Lectionary

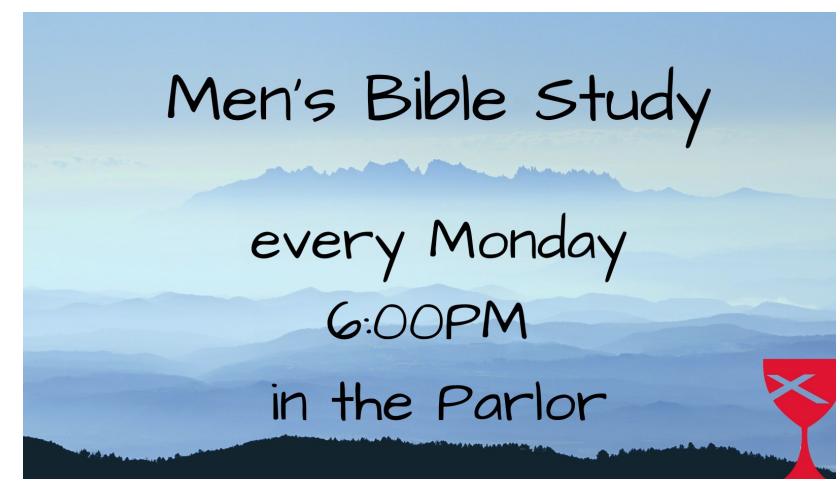
August 28: Psalm 81:1, 10-16, Proverbs 25:6-7, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14  
August 29: Psalm 58; Jeremiah 2:23-37; Hebrews 13:7-21  
August 30: Psalm 58; Jeremiah 3:1-14; Titus 1:1-9  
August 31: Psalm 58; Jeremiah 3:15-25; Luke 14:15-24

September 1: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 15:10-21; Philippians 2:25-30  
September 2: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 16:14-17:4; Colossians 4:7-17  
September 3: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 17:14-27; Matthew 10:34-42  
September 4: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Philemon 1:1-21, Luke 14:25-33  
September 5: Psalm 2; Jeremiah 18:12-23; 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
September 6: Psalm 2; Jeremiah 19:1-15; 1 Timothy 4:6-16  
September 7: Psalm 2; Jeremiah 20:1-18; Luke 18:18-30  
September 8: Psalm 14; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Timothy 1:1-11  
September 9: Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:1-10; 2 Peter 2:1-10a  
September 10: Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:13-21, 29-31; John 10:11-2  
September 11: Psalm 14, Exodus 32:7-14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10  
September 12: Psalm 94; Jeremiah 5:1-17; 1 Timothy 1:18-20  
September 13: Psalm 94; Jeremiah 5:18-31; 2 Peter 3:8-13  
September 14: Psalm 94; Jeremiah 14:1-10, 17-22; Luke 22:31-33, 54-62  
September 15: Psalm 79:1-9; Jeremiah 12:14-13:11; Romans 3:1-8  
September 16: Psalm 79:1-9; Jeremiah 8:1-13; Romans 8:31-39  
September 17: Psalm 79:1-9; Jeremiah 8:14-17; 9:2-11; Mark 12:41-44  
September 18: Psalm 79:1-9, Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13  
September 19: Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 9:12-26; Acts 4:1-12  
September 20: Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 10:1-16; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23  
September 21: Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 10:17-25; Luke 20:45-21:4  
September 22: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 23:9-22; 2 Corinthians 8:8-15  
September 23: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 23:23-32; Ephesians 2:1-10  
September 24: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 24:1-10; Luke 9:43b-48  
September 25: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16, Amos 6:1a, 4-7, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31  
September 26: Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:16-35; Revelation 3:14-22  
September 27: Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:36-44; James 5:1-6  
September 28: Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 33:1-13; Matthew 19:16-22  
September 29: Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:1-11; Revelation 2:8-11  
September 30: Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:12-30; Revelation 2:12-29



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 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,

It is back to school time for our kids and it has been a good summer.

We held our end of Summer pool party at Harmony acres on August 1, 2022. We had about 25 youth attend that event. I believe fun was had by all who attended.

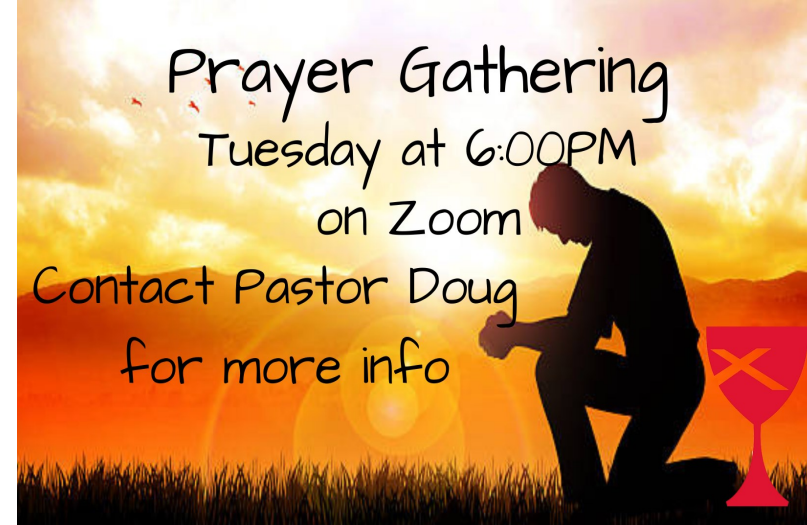
We also were able to purchase some school supplies for the youth of the church. If your youth has not received their bag, please let Sarah know.

With the school year starting be on the look out for fall activities that are going to be coming up.

As always thank you for the opportunity to serve.

God Bless,

Sarah Neal







July 2022

TREASURER'S  
REPORT



### Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for July 2022. God is good, all the time!! We had a good month (breakeven) in July, but I know we can do better! I know with vacations and other reasons to be away, it can be easy to forget your offerings. So, as you are always faithful, be sure to remember your offerings if you are planning to be away. You have been so faithful to keep up your gifts to God and His church. 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](http://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 2022

	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total GF offerings and other sources	\$ 12,369.28	\$ 100,098.70
Total expenses	11,929.18	112,658..94
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	440.10	(12,560.24)
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ 440.10	\$ (12,560.24)
Balances on hand		
July 31, 2022		
General Fund		\$ 4,976.61
Memorial and Special Gifts		15,571.83
Property Repairs and Replacement		3,807.83
Scholarship		6,364.08
Bequested Funds and other savings		108,927.45
Total		<b>\$ 139,647.45</b>



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



# September 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	2	3
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2	3	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.

Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am -1:00 pm  
304-327-5633  
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Welcome To Our Church

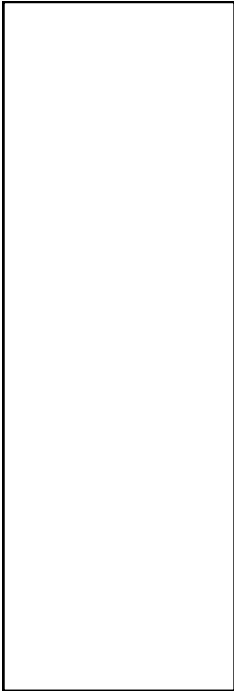


9:00 am Bible Study  
10:00 am Combined Worship Service  
Douglas W. McDaniel Jr., Pastor

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Youth Events

Sunday Teen Believers  
6:00PM

WOWZZA Wednesday  
1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month

\*Youth Outreach Ministry

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