

Our Vision

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



‘Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house

Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was The matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be The Day!

The light of His face made me cover my head
It was Jesus! Returning just like He had said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His Hand
Was written the name of every saved man and woman.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
When He said "It's not here" My head hung in shame!

~Pastor's Note~

Twas the Night Before Jesus Came

The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He rose without a sound
While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and this sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true after ALL!

Source unknown (Variously attributed to Randy Story, Stormy Gale, Lou Pinter, and Audrey Patricia Woolverton)

So, once upon a time ago, some 2,021 years ago the expectant Jesus would be born. We traditionally celebrate the Advent season at this time of year. The HOPE – PEACE – LOVE – JOY of the Christ child has come. Praise be to God!

There were shepherds camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God’s angel stood among them and God’s glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, “Don’t be afraid. I’m here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David’s town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you’re to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger.” At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God’s praises:

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)



Glory to God in the heavenly heights,
Peace to all men and women on earth who please him.
Luke 2:8-14 - The Message

Can I get an AMEN?

But it’s the second Advent of Messiah that I long for.

It’s the HOME GOING of all home goings!

So, as you process through all the trimmings of the Christmas season remember this.

JESUS WILL RETURN!

And until He does, let it be said of us beloved of God that Jesus the Christ has returned in us.

Have a blessed and Merry Christmas and keep looking up!

Shalom and SHALOM.

PDoug





Prayer Requests



Shut Ins

June Turner
Margaret Goodwin
Pat Hartley
George Brooks

Health Concerns

Josh Stultz
Nancy Neal
Bill Fuzia
Paul Lester
Charlotte Dunahoe
Nina Adams
Judy Tabor
Ruth Stevenson
Eddie Williams
Zack Carter
Wayne Collins
Sarah Wall
Rev. Paul Lantis
Betsy Canterbury
Maggie Hancock
Beth DeLaney
Theresa Thomason
Doug Eastridge
Chris
Kim Tinder
Sue Shields
Thomas Tabor
Debbie Webb
Gabriel
Janet Shawver
Lois
Phyllis
Gary Jones
Josh Neal
Carolyn Caldwell
John
Loretta Morris
Fonda
Amanda Bolton &
Baby Bree

Joann Thompson
Martha Ellen
Sandra & Doug Sykes

Bereavement

The Family of Guy Eastridge
The Family of Amber Ross
The Family of Jack Sarver
The Family of David Thompson

Prayer Request

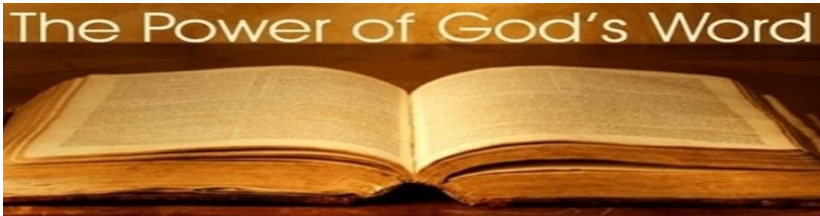
Our Pastor
Our Country
Our Church Family
Kairos
Our First Responders
General Church
Regional Church
Regional Minister & Staff
Celebrate Recovery
Justin Simon
Smith Family
Wade Center
Al & Sonia Hancock
Retha Smith & Family

PRAY on it
over it
about it
through it

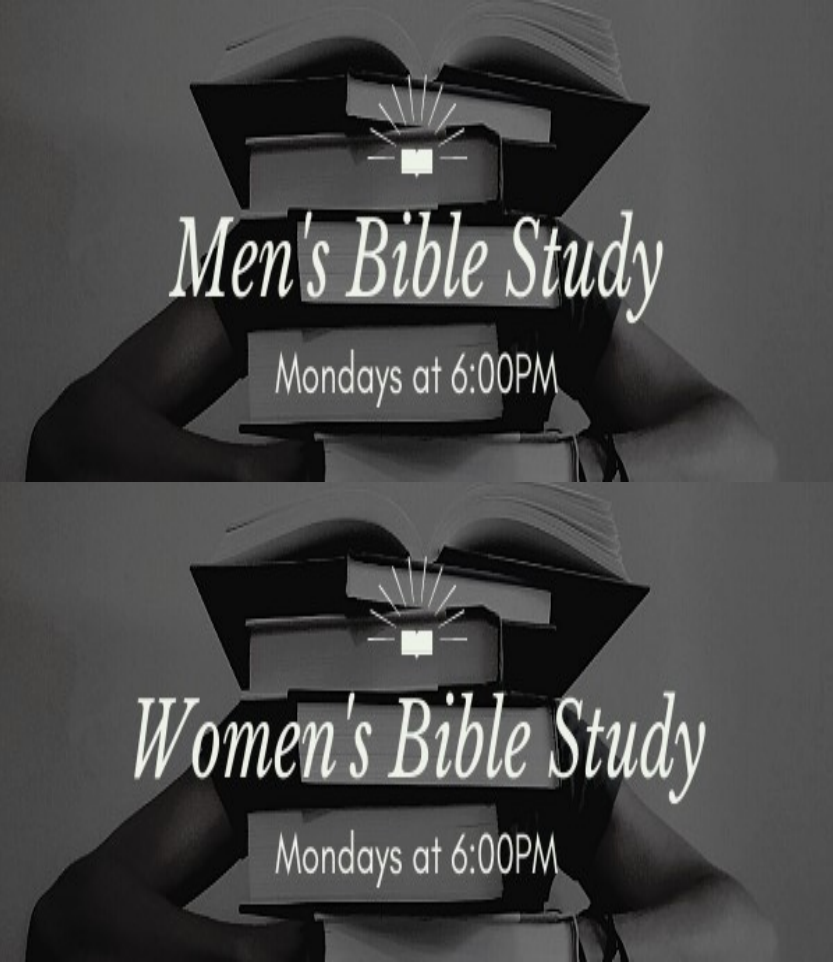
January Lectionary

December 27: Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:32-36; John 21:19b-24
December 28: Psalm 148; Isaiah 54:1-13; Revelation 21:1-7
December 29: Psalm 147:12-20; 1 Chronicles 28:1-10; 1 Corinthians 3:10-17
December 30: Psalm 147:12-20; 2 Chronicles 1:7-13; Mark 13:32-37
December 31: Psalm 147:12-20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19

January 1: Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8, *Philippians 2:5-11*, Luke 2:15-21
January 2: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:(1-9), 10-18
January 3: Psalm 72; Job 42:10-17; Luke 8:16-21
January 4: Psalm 72; Isaiah 6:1-5; Acts 7:44-53
January 5: Psalm 72; Jeremiah 31:7-14; John 1:10-18
January 6: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12
January 7: Psalm 72; Daniel 2:1-19; Ephesians 4:17-5:1
January 8: Psalm 72; Daniel 2:24-49; Ephesians 5:15-20
January 9: Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 10: Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 4:1-16; Ephesians 6:10-17
January 11: Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 5:12-21; 1 John 5:13-21
January 12: Psalm 106:1-12; Numbers 27:1-11; Luke 11:33-36
January 13: Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:1-5; Acts 8:18-24
January 14: Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:19-25; 1 Corinthians 7:1-7
January 15: Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 4:1-4; Luke 11:14-23
January 16: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11
January 17: Psalm 145; Isaiah 54:1-8; Romans 12:9-21
January 18: Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-17
January 19: Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:9-5:1; Luke 5:33-39
January 20: Psalm 19; Isaiah 61:1-7; Romans 7:1-6
January 21: Psalm 19; Nehemiah 2:1-10; Romans 12:1-8
January 22: Psalm 19; Nehemiah 5:1-13; Luke 2:39-52
January 23: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21
January 24: Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:1-10; 1 Corinthians 14:1-12
January 25: Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:11-26; 2 Corinthians 7:2-12
January 26: Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:27-32; Luke 4:38-44
January 27: Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 34:1-7; Acts 10:44-48
January 28: Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 35:20-27; Acts 19:1-10
January 29: Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21; John 1:43-51
January 30: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 • Luke 4:21-30
January 31: Psalm 56; 1 Kings 17:8-16; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16



Join us each Sunday morning at 10:00AM for our Worship on Facebook live.
Just a note you do not 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 all,

With the year coming to an end, of course everyone is beginning to think about what their New Years Resolutions are going to be. For me, I am not one to make resolutions of these kinds, but this year is going to be a little bit different.

This year my resolution of sorts is to God. To allow myself to grow in my relationship with God and to draw myself closer to Him. I challenge each and everyone of you to do the same. To me there is always room for improvement with your walk with God.

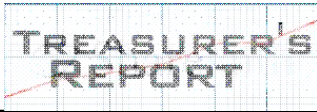
Thank you for the opportunity to serve and God Bless & Happy New Year!

Sarah Neal





November 2021



Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for November 2021. God is good, all the time!! God continues to bless us as we are faithful to His call and guidance. You have been so faithful to keep up your gifts to God and His church. Praise God for His faithfulness to His church! Praise God for each of you and your faithfulness to the ministries at FCC. I am grateful for your faithfulness to financially support God's work in this place.

DON'T FORGET: E-giving!! You can now make gifts to FCC online at the church website, www.bluefieldfcc.com, just click on the GIVE button and follow the directions. You can also download a mobile app to your smart phone. Sarah has more detailed instructions for the more technologically challenged among us. 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 November 2021

Table with 3 columns: Description, Month-to-date, Year-to-date. Rows include Total GF offerings and other sources, Total expenses, Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses, Transfers from (to) savings, Increase (decrease), and a summary for November 30, 2021.



Men's Celebrate Recovery Step Study
Wednesday's at 6:00PM

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
SURELY YOUR GOODNESS AND LOVE WILL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.
PSALMS 23:6



January 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 *10:00AM Worship Service *Teen Believers 6PM	3 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study	4 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	5 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	6 *6:00PM CR	7	8
9 *10:00AM Worship Service *Teen Believers 6PM	10 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study *6:00PM Women's Bible Study	11 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	12 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	13 *6:00PM CR	14	15
16 *10:00AM Worship Service *Teen Believers 6PM	17 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study *6:00PM Women's Bible Study	18 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	19 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	20 *6:00PM CR	21 *Newsletter Submissions Due 11:00AM	22
23 *10:00AM Worship Service *Teen Believers 6PM	24 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study *6:00PM Women's Bible Study	25 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	26 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	27 *6:00PM CR	28	29
30 *10:00AM Worship Service *Teen Believers 6PM	31 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study *6:00PM Women's Bible Study	Janaury Birthdays Noah Casey - Janaury 2, Bradley Tabor - January 3, Kyle Croye - January 10, Trentin Swauger - January 11, Maria Whited - January 16, Kevin Tabor - January 17, Chris Boerboom - January 19, Christian Bailey - January 21, June Turner - January 26, Randy Bailey - Janaury 27, Robert Croye - 28, Tanaya Smith - Janaury 28 - Ann Taylor - January 28				

We heartily welcome all
May you be blessed today.

Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am -1:00 pm
304-327-5633
www.bluefieldfcc.com

Welcome To Our Church

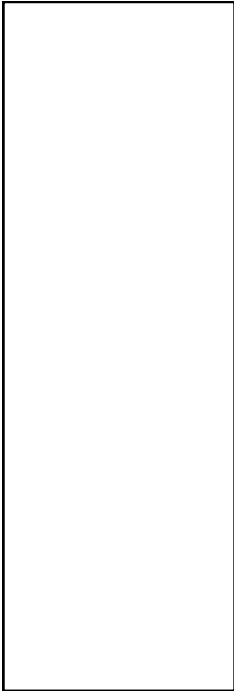


9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Combined Worship Service
Douglas W. McDaniel Jr., Pastor

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



US Postage Paid
Permit # 51
Bluefield, WV 24701
Non-Profit Organization



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