

### Our Vision

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



*As a child I barely remember an Easter without Easter baskets and chocolate bunnies and jelly beans. We would boil the eggs and ready ourselves to color and decorate and right before our very eyes a regular Grade A egg purchased from the grocer the day before would be transformed magically into an Easter Egg. (OK, even I knew it was an egg but to keep my mom happy I played along) Baskets and fake grass and chocolate eggs and candied eggs and the little marshmallow peeps. (Apparently when I was a kid, sugar was good for you) Did I happen to mention jelly beans? Yes, I have an affinity for jelly beans!*

*Great thanks should go to Gene Autry for writing “Peter Cottontail”. “Here comes Peter Cottontail, Hoppin' down the bunny trail, Hippity hoppin', Easter's on its way. Bringin' every girl and boy, Baskets full of Easter joy, Things to make your Easter bright and gay.” (Oh, and there are four other verses and you can thank me later for not sharing) I guess Mr. Autry thought that kids should have a song to go along with the Easter Egg hunt and so now you'll be humming this thing the rest of the day. Remember, I'm just the messenger and I'm weaving my way to an important point so give me a little leash and a chance to have a little fun in my writing. Easter as far back as I can remember had little to do with the resurrection of Jesus Christ and everything to do with “PC” - that's short for Peter Cottontail.*

# ~Pastor's Note~

## A Journey Toward Easter

*So, it seems as if we've traded JC for PC. Well at least we kept Christmas Christian! OK, let me just stick to Easter. Sunday, I mentioned a dad who was lamenting over the fact that he had raised his children in church and failed to raise them in Christ. That's a challenging and sobering statement for me as I type this. Was I a dad that traded JC for PC? When I look back on it I have to admit that there was more focus on the rabbit and less attention to the resurrection it seems. How could I possibly have gotten that turned around? How is it that a born-again believer could have missed the significance of Easter morning? I mean I bought a new suit and shirt and tie. Yes, I'm exaggerating a little to make my point, so you can breathe a little easier.*

*During the Lenten Season I choose to journey toward Easter. What do I mean when I suggest journey? Well to journey is an act of traveling from one place to another. The important word there is “act”. To act is to take action or do something and so for me I want to “journey toward”, be engaged in and alert as I approach Easter. I don't want Easter to just happen, I want Easter to happen to me every day. I want to be looking for Easter and I refuse to trade JC – that's short for Jesus Christ, for PC.*

*So how can you journey toward Easter? Recommit yourself to Jesus Christ and begin again to see the significance of Easter. Remember your baptism as if you've just come out of the water and take all the time*

### 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)



*you need to dry off. See again for yourself the story that was foretold, and drink in the message of the cross. Watch and listen to how Jesus journeyed toward Easter as He made His way back to Jerusalem and listen for the victory chant of Hosanna in the highest! Take notice of the last supper and the significance of the table and the offering of the bread and the wine. Take notice again or for the first time the passionate love that Jesus has for the Father and for mankind displayed at the cross. Don't miss it any longer church! Resurrection Day is upon us and for me I choose to journey toward Easter.*

*Join me in the journey of a life time! We are Easter people!*

*The peace of Christ be with you....*

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## Prayer Requests



### SHUT INS

June Turner  
 Ruth Shields  
 Margaret Goodwin  
 Marilyn Hypes  
 Donnie Hypes  
 Evelyn Wickham

Ian Lambert  
 Peyton Cline  
 Josh Cline  
 Carolyn Bassett  
 Bill Bassett  
 Jerry Cumby  
 Betty Lou Gibberson  
 Gery Piluso  
 Sue Luterick  
 Daniel Shrewsbury  
 Patty Baker  
 Shirley Stevenson  
 Carol Stafford

### HEALTH

### CONCERNS

Lois Gibson  
 Pat Hartley  
 Justin Falconi  
 Jim Brewster  
 Eddie Williams  
 Betty Williams  
 Buck Sowers  
 Louisa Sowers  
 Jim Russell  
 Nancy Tabor  
 Zack Carter  
 Bill Neal  
 Wayne Walker  
 Harry Hancock  
 Glenn Shoemaker  
 Darrel Bailey  
 Charles Kailey  
 Allen Neal

### BEREAVEMENT

The Family of George Smalls  
 The Family of Eunice Cooper  
 (loss of her Sister)  
 The Family of Marie  
 Boerboom

### PRAYER REQUEST

Randy & Jan Bailey  
 Retha Smith & Family  
 Our Pastor  
 Our Country  
 Tim & April Scott  
 BCC Congregation  
 FCC Congregation.  
 Tara McCarty



### Need a Ride To Church?

Contact Melissa Woolwine at 304-320-4292 or  
 Glenn Woolwine at 540-353-3421.  
 They will arrange for you to be picked up.



If you are interested in being on the Pastor's prayer warrior list, please email or text him so he can include you as a prayer warrior.



Did you know that you can link up your email to the church's calendar. If you would like to and need assistance just call the office and Sarah will walk you through the process.

# Youth Activities

## WOWZZA Wednesday



March 14 & 28  
 5:30PM

In the Christianaires Room



## BBQ Dinner Fundraiser

For  
 Celebrate Recovery

**Monday March 5, 2018**

**5:30-7:30PM**

Cost is \$10



**Thursday March 29, 2018**

**6:00PM Dinner  
 7:00PM Service**





Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for January 2018. Praise the Lord we did not have to make any transfers this month! God is good all the time and all of the time God is good! Let us always be mindful to return to God's storehouse a portion of the many gifts he has so richly bestowed upon us all. Praise God for His faithfulness to His church! Praise God for each of you and your faithfulness to the ministries at FCC. We serve a mighty God! I am so appreciative for your faithfulness to God's work in this place and our community.

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 (Co-chairmen, George Birkelbach and Scott Collier) or the church office. Delayed repairs can be more expensive than when they are caught early.

Our Church is truly blessed!

Mary Anne Musser, Treasurer



First Christian Church		
Financial Information for January 2018		
	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total offerings and other sources	\$ 15,044.00	\$ 15,044.00
Total expenses	15,370.16	15,370.16
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	(326.16)	(326.16)
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ (326.16)	\$ (326.16)
Balances on hand January 31, 2018:		
General Fund		\$ 3,598.36
Memorial and Special Gifts		14,061.34
Property Repairs and Replacement		342.67
Scholarship		4,395.45
Bequested Funds and other savings		72,817.19
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 95,215.01</b>

Praise and give thanks to the Lord



Sunday April 1, 2018 8:00AM



Sunday April 1, 2018 9:00AM



Sunday April 1, 2018 10:00AM



# March 2018

☆ Birthdays

♥ Anniversaries



For birthday/anniversary additions/changes please notify Sarah

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	2 *Kairos Cookies Due by Noon	3 ☆ *Cathy Evans
4 *BCC Service 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *FCC Service 11:00AM *Youth 7:00PM—8:00PM	5 ☆ *Meyling Reyes *CR fundraiser dinner 5:30PM—7:30PM *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	6 *BCC Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM	7 *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	8 *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	9	10
11 *Daylight Savings Time Begins *BCC Service 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *FCC Service 11:00AM *Youth 7:00PM—8:00PM	12 *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	13 Union Mission Dinner *BCC Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM	14 *WOWZZA Wednesday 5:30PM *Ash Wednesday Service 7:00PM	15 *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	16 ☆ *Ronnie Hypes *Newsletter Submissions Due	17 *Men's Breakfast
18 *BCC Service 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *FCC Service 11:00AM *Youth 7:00PM—8:00PM	19 *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	20 ☆ *RJ Wilson *BCC Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM	21 *Newsletter Assembly & Mailing 10:00AM *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	22 *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	23 ☆ *Russ Taylor	24
25 ☆ *Grace Matthews *BCC Service 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *FCC Service 11:00AM *Youth 7:00PM-8:00PM	26 *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	27 *BCC Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM	28 *WOWZZA Wednesday 5:30PM *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	29 ☆ *Natasha McDaniel *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Maundy Thursday Service 7:00PM	30 *Good Friday	31

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](http://www.bluefieldfcc.com)

## Welcome To Our Church



9:00 am Worship Service  
Bluefield Community Church Service

Sunday School: 10:00 am

11:00 am Worship Service  
First Christian Church

Douglas W. McDaniel Jr., Pastor

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



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# Youth Events

Sunday Youth Night  
7:00PM—8:00PM

Wednesday  
5:30-6:30 PM WOWZZA March 14 & 28

\*Youth Outreach Ministry

If you have any questions concerning youth  
events please contact  
Sarah Neal, Youth Mentor [dorkygirl19886@gmail.com](mailto:dorkygirl19886@gmail.com)  
or 304.910.9933