

Our Vision

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



How many of us set our alarm clocks (phones/devices) with absolutely no intention of getting up when the alarm sounds? You set it for 6am the night before knowing that you really don't need to get up until 7am, and if you really push it you can let it ride until 7:30am. Why not set it for the time that you plan to get up? I know, I know, good intentions.

As I write you today, I'm thinking that if I hadn't hit the snooze button I'd be done with this Pastor's Note by now. I could be off working on something else or leisurely enjoying a cup of coffee because I'm caught up with the things that I need to do for now. But I chose the snooze button again and now I'm feeling guilty of the would'a, could'a, should'as. No need to feel guilty Doug! Just get up! Because now is no time to hit the snooze button.

Last Wednesday marked the beginning of the Lenten Season with the imposition of Ashes. My wife loves this service stating that it's so simple and powerful and that the meaning is needed in our lives right now. Of course, I thought she liked it because it's so short. Sorry, I digress!! We need to be reminded of where we come from and to where we will return. We must be reminded of our need to repent and believe the gospel. I wonder if anyone hit the snooze button on this opportunity?

“Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It takes its name from the ceremonial imposition of ashes on the foreheads of the worshippers as a sign of human sin and mortality. This ancient tradition, going back at least to the tenth century, communicates the human condition before God by solemn word and sign. The ashes take an added significance if they are made from burning the branches carried the previous Palm Sunday”. -Chalice Worship

I share that important information with us because some of us have hit the snooze button on Ash Wednesday and other special services that we observe through the year. It's ok to miss a service, but I implore you to not hit the snooze button. It's ok, especially in the wake of COVID to miss a church service. But please, stop hitting the snooze button. ZOOM in, Facebook in, listen in, come on in.

~Pastor's Note~

Now is not the time to hit the snooze button.

I'm personally challenged by the opportunities I have missed through the years because I just simply blew them off. When I think of hitting the snooze button it's not because I'm actually trying to get more sleep. It's because I'm trying to avoid the inevitable! Well Doug, it's high time that stops!

Some of us are taking a 40-day journey until Easter in hopes of drawing closer in our relationship to our Savior. Some of us will give up something for the 40 days, where others may add a spiritual discipline to our daily regimen. Either way, as we think of what it must have been like for Jesus on his last 40 days, I think it's a good practice for us to try as much as we can to slip into His sandals through prayer, self-examination, repentance, and self-denial.

Or, like me, you can just hit the snooze button again. So, you didn't begin Lent with the Ash Wednesday service? You didn't receive the imposition of Ashes? You haven't given it much thought? You've never participated in this ancient practice before?

Would you like to begin? Then stop hitting the snooze button and begin. You don't know what to do? Call me. It seems too late? It's not. Beloved it's never too late to begin adding Christian discipline to our lives. I'll even go out on a limb (trust me it's a huge limb) to tell us that we would be better for practicing prayer, self-examination, repentance, and self-denial throughout the entire year. But that's just my take on it.

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (NIV2011) ¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹² We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³ If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The

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)



old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Can you imagine if Jesus were to have hit the snooze button?

Thanks be to God; He was always about His Father's business.

Let that be said of us today, and let's consider giving up the snooze buttons.

I'm praying for you, please pray for me.

Shalom my friends.

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Prayer Requests



SHUT INS

June Turner
Margaret Goodwin
Pat Hartley

HEALTH CONCERNS

Nick Whited
Nancy Neal
Bill Fuzia
Paul Lester
Wanda Collier
Charlotte Dunahoe
Burger Boerboom
Nina Adams
Judy Tabor
Randy Stevens
Glenn Woolwine
Mark Johnson
Ruth Stevenson
Jeep Grim
Shirley Hines
Frank Tinder
Eddie Williams
Amber Ross
John Gibson
Boerboom Family

Zack Carter
Wayne Collins
The mother of George Smith
Paris Swisher
Sarah Wall
Rev. Paul Lantis
Betsy Canterbury
Chuck & Susan Allen
Maggie Hancock
Cooper Muncy
Debbie & Her Husband
Barbara
Danny
Mike Keefer
Jackson
Arthur Stafford
Todd Brinkley
Charlie Coe
Charles and Wendy Paynter
Dawn Lawless
Roger Coe
Gerald Reed
Mary Shoemaker
Doris Holmes
Cookie Martin
Eddie & Regina Hall
Barbara Martin
Sharon Farley
Patty Neilson Viar
Gene Davis
Margaret French Farmer

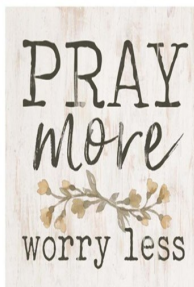
Betty Rorrer
Nancy Mullins
Sylvia McKenize
Mary Baldwin
Jennifer Harris
Dr Paul Gilley & family
Theresa Thomason
Johnny Melvin
Elizabeth LeGrande & Family
Chuck Law
Teresa

BEREAVEMENT

The family of Lance (Betsy Cardwell's Cousin)
The Family of Kelly Furry
The family of Harry Hancock

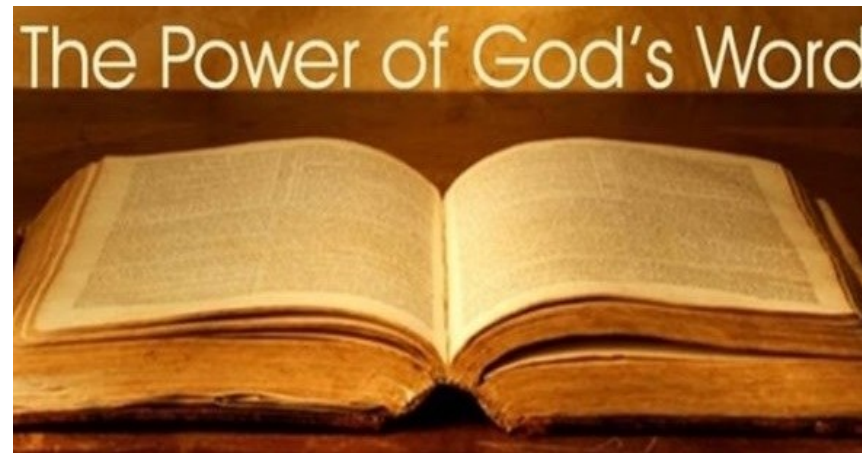
PRAYER REQUEST

Randy & Jan Bailey
Retha Smith & Family
Our Pastor
Our Country
Our Church Family
Robert Searle
Jon Gendron
Our First Responders
General Church
Regional Church
Regional Minister & Staff
Candice Humphrey
Celebrate Recovery
Amber Ross & Family
Gretchen Honaker & Family
Todd Brinkley
Al & Sonia Hancock
Ann Gilbert
Jerry Fritz
Samantha Richardson
The Hayes Family
Justin Simon
Paul & Theresa Dodson
Smith Family
Margaux Hudson & Family
Wade Center
Stacy



March Lectionary

March 1: Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 1:8-12
March 2: Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19
March 3: Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Jeremiah 30:12-22; John 12:36-43
March 4: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:1-9a; 1 Peter 2:4-10
March 5: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40
March 6: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:16-25; Mark 9:2-8
March 7: Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22
March 8: Psalm 84; 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23
March 9: Psalm 84; 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19; Hebrews 9:23-28
March 10: Psalm 84; Ezra 6:1-16; Mark 11:15-19
March 11: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Genesis 9:8-17; Ephesians 1:3-6
March 12: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Daniel 12:5-13; Ephesians 1:7-14
March 13: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Numbers 20:22-29; John 3:1-13
March 14: Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21
March 15: Psalm 107:1-16; Exodus 15:22-27; Hebrews 3:1-6
March 16: Psalm 107:1-16; Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13
March 17: Psalm 107:1-16; Isaiah 60:15-22; John 8:12-20
March 18: Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 30:15-18; Hebrews 4:1-13
March 19: Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 30:1-10; Hebrews 4:14-5:4
March 20: Psalm 51:1-12; Habakkuk 3:2-13; John 12:1-11
March 21: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33
March 22: Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 43:8-13; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11
March 23: Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 44:1-8; Acts 2:14-24
March 24: Psalm 119:9-16; Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23; John 12:34-50
March 25: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Deuteronomy 16:1-8; Philippians 2:1-11
March 26: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:1-9; Philippians 2:12-18
March 27: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:10-16; Mark 10:32-34, 46-52
March 28: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Mark 11:1-11
March 29: Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11, Hebrews 9:11-15, John 12:1-11
March 30: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 71:1-14, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, John 12:20-36
March 31: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12:1-3, John 13:21-32



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>



We will be studying Acts 7:00PM We will be studying Acts
On Zoom, Facebook Live at
<https://www.facebook.com/DOCBluefield>
or visit bluefieldfcc.com



Greetings all,

The youth just presented a very successful project for Valentine's Day to the congregation. They spoke the words to "The Blessings". All around I think it was perceived well by everyone who saw it. Who knows there maybe another special youth project down the road. If you did not get to see it you can view it by visiting [facebook.com/bluefieldfc](https://www.facebook.com/bluefieldfc) and just search for the service from February 14, 2021. The video is in place of the benediction at the end of the service.

As some of you may know I suffer from depression. I have days where I don't even have the energy to get out of bed in the mornings, yet I do and keep pushing on. Here lately it has had a negative impact on me and my attitude. A few days ago, I started journaling again for a number of reasons. 1) to see what patterns may be there and 2) to try to change my mindset into a positive one all of the time. (I know I cannot start off all positive, but it's a baby step process.) Through starting my day journaling and stating my goals for the day I have found that I am more focused, content and happier. Just by taking 10 minutes in the morning to reflect some.

What I want to encourage you all to do is not to journal per se, (but if that works for you go for it) but to take 10 minutes a day to reflect. It can be in the morning with your goals for the day. It could also be in the evening before bed to reflect what you have accomplished for the day.

I can assure you that once you take notice to what you have accomplished and note the positive it will make you a happier more content person.

Thank you and God Bless,

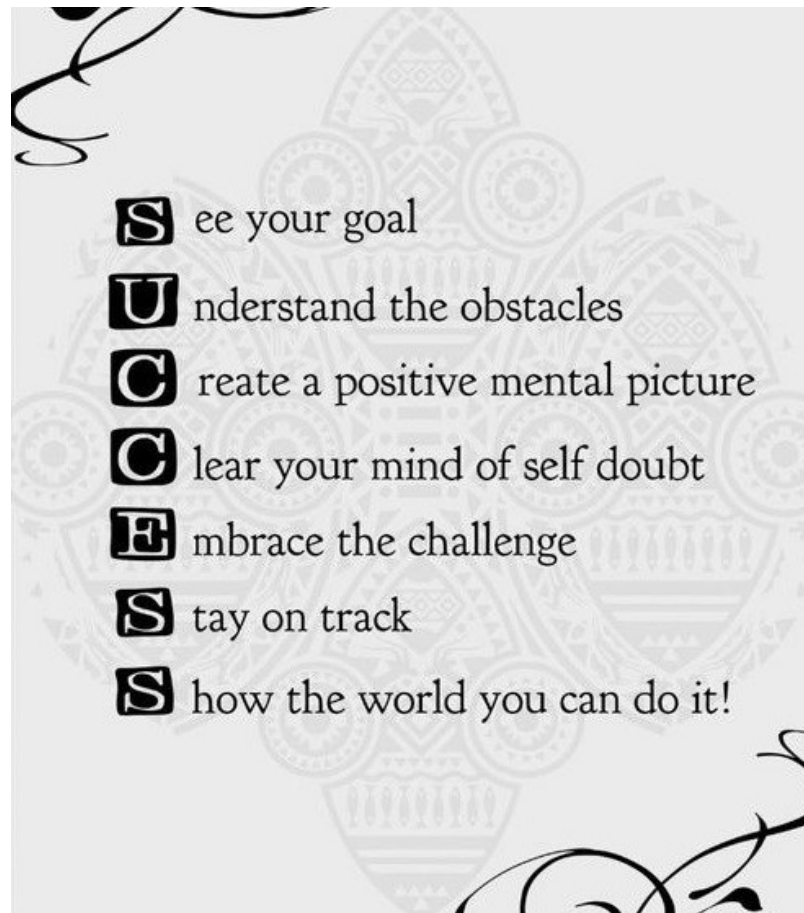
Sarah Neal



To all my church family, **Thank You** for the calls, text and cards all the gifts of food through this past Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. It is so appreciated.

Love and miss you all,

Pat Hartley





January 2021

TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer's Report



Happy New Year! Below is the financial report for January 2021. God is good, all the time!! 2020 will long be remembered for Coronavirus Craziness! Wouldn't it be nice if 2021 were remembered because we were "crazy for Christ!" and the ministries of First Christian. 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 Give+ and the USPS!). 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.

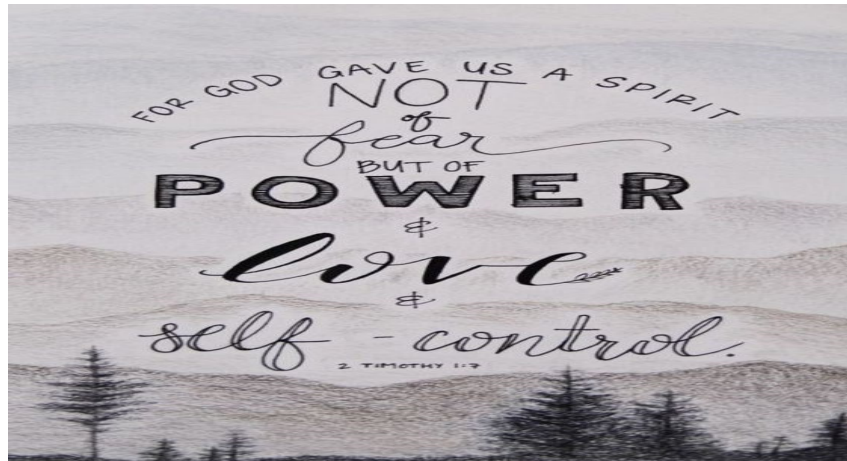
IT'S HERE: E-giving!! You can now make gifts to FCC online at the church website, www.bluefieldfcc.com, just click on the GIVE button and follow the directions. You can also download the Give+ mobile app to your smart phone. Sarah has more detailed instructions for the more technologically challenged among us. Just contact her if you need help. There is a charge 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 (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!

Ronnie Hypes, Treasurer

First Christian Church		
Financial Information for January 2021		
	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total offerings and other sources	\$ 12,253.00	\$ 12,253.00
Total expenses	12,418.67	12,418.67
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	(165.67)	(165.67)
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ (165.67)	\$ (165.67)
Balances on hand		
January 31, 2021:		
General Fund		\$ 18,792.35
Memorial and Special Gifts		14,053.31
Property Repairs and Replacement		4,738.53
Scholarship		5,081.30
Bequested Funds and other savings		109,664.58
Total		\$ 152,330.07




Wanted Cookbook Submissions!!!



Submit your favorite recipes to Sarah from now **until April 1**. With this we will be making a church cookbook.


Have a question contact Sarah in the office

Youth Pampered Chef Fundraiser



There are packets in the Narthex or see Sarah for more information

Fundraiser is from **March 14 until April 11**





March 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study	2 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	3 *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	4 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *6:00PM CR	5	6
7 *10:00AM Worship Service *Teen Believers 7PM	8 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study	9 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	10 *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	11 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *6:00PM CR	12	13
14 *10:00AM Worship Service *Teen Believers 7PM	15 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study	16 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	17 *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	18 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *6:00PM CR	19 *11AM Newsletter Submissions Due	20
21 *10:00AM Worship Service *Teen Believers 7PM	22 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study	23 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	24 *10AM Newsletter Assembly *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	25 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *6:00PM CR	26	27
28 *10:00AM Worship Service *Teen Believers 7PM	29 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study	30 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	31 *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	1	2	3
4	5	Birthday's & Anniversaries *Katharine Sexton - March 2 *Cathy Evans - March 3 *Ginny Johnson - March 3 Betty Lou Gibberson - March 11 *Ronnie Hypes - March 16 *Martha Morris - March 22 *Russ Taylor - March 23 *Natasha McDaniel - March 29 *Burger & Tonya Boerboom - March 30				

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

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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 or Sarah Neal, Administrative Minister at 304-910-9933