

### **Our Vision**

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

#### *THE DASH*

*“I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning...to the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth... and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not, how much we own; the cars....the house...the cash.*

*What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.*

*So, think about this long and hard... are there things you’d like to change? For you never know how much time is left. (You could be at “Dash midrange.”)*

*If we could just slow down enough to consider what’s true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more*

*and love the people in our lives like we’ve never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile...*

*remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.*

*So, when your eulogies being read with your life’s actions to rehash...*

*would you be proud of the things they say about - how you spent your dash?” -Author Unknown*

*I couldn’t remember if I had ever shared this poem in a Pastor’s Note or not. I use it on occasion during a Celebration of Life ceremony. However, I did not use the poem this past Saturday. Didn’t need to.*

# ~Pastor's Note~

## *THE DASH*

*For those of us that encountered twenty year old Paris Swisher (Ronnie and Gale Hype’s granddaughter), we were made better for having known her and her life glorified God!*

*She had a phenomenal zeal for life and against all odds she chose to overcome and live life to the full, and live it she did! So, that’s why I didn’t focus on the poem, because the day belonged to the Lord and Paris.*

*I asked Paris a few months ago about her favorite passage and in pretty quick order she said Romans 8:28 and that spurred us on to talk about all of Romans 8. Take time to read it today. I promise you will be happy you did.*

*Romans 8:28 (NIV) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

*If you knew Paris, this scripture is such a deep faith statement for her.*

*And it has challenged me to consider many things differently.*

*From her obituary, “Arriving into this world too early and leaving too soon, Paris was on God’s time and His plan.”*

*Parents were told that she may never walk or talk. Paris faced many challenges in her twenty short years and the only thing that got in the way was the “C” word.*

*But did it really get in her way? Because it seems to me that God took that ugly disease and through Paris’ battle, people were brought together. Families were made stronger. God again was glorified!*

### **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)**

*Yes, there is a void with her passing. Tough days lie ahead for the family and friends that loved her so much and yet I cannot get past the promise of Romans 8:28.*

*The poem the DASH should have us reflecting on where we are at this stage of our lives.*

*But in Christ? Made spiritually whole in the Lord?*

*There is no end date.*

*May the peace of Christ be with you.*

*Choose to live today my friends,*

*Life to the full is available.*

*Thanks be to God!*

*PDoug*



## **Prayer Requests**



### **Shut Ins**

Margaret Goodwin  
Pat Hartley  
George Brooks

### **Health Concerns**

Nancy Neal  
Bill Fuzia  
Charlotte Dunahoe  
Ruth Stevenson  
Zack Carter  
Wayne Collins  
Phyllis  
Fonda  
David Hines  
Kimberly Duesing  
Mary Crigger  
Tom Farmer  
Joanna Camacho  
Nolan Farmer  
Betty Lou Gibberson  
Shirley Hines  
Buck Sowers  
Mark Flippo  
Mary Anne Collins  
Calvin Shoemaker  
John Gibson  
Karen Beavers  
Bobby Neal  
Don Dickerson  
Roger Mullins  
Lois Comerose  
Tonia Russell  
Betty Williams  
Jackie Rucker  
Doug McDaniel Sr.  
Meghan McGuire  
Allen Neal  
Melissa Carnett  
Mary Ann Moyer  
Judy Tabor  
Ira Saltzman  
Ted Hinerman  
Tana Miller  
Theresa Thomason  
Jimmy Musser  
Yvette Thompson  
Grace Martin  
Bernard Pauley  
Pat Gomillan  
Jeana Cury  
Lois Gibson  
Sarah McGee

Pam Yost Spracher  
Jay Woolwine  
Phyllis Willis  
Nora  
Sandy Cassidy  
Brandon Goins  
Susan Alford  
Billy Howell  
Neilson Viar  
Tracey Mitchell  
Mary Crigger  
Rev. Bill Allen  
Melissa Smith  
Jay O'Neal  
Chuck Louthan  
Martha Saltzman

### **Bereavement**

The Family of Don Hammond  
The Family of Chad Eddy

### **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  
Gery Piluso  
Zelma Aichel  
Nikki Massaro  
Gary Hendricks  
Bob Searle  
Mid-Winter 2023

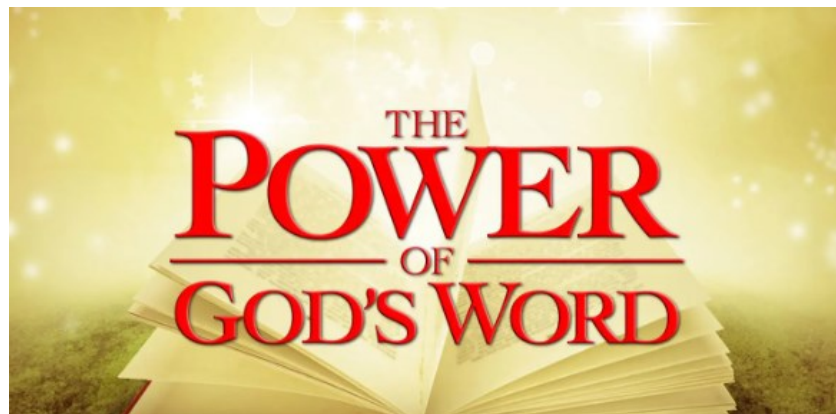
### **Unspecified Prayer Request**

Terri Dodson  
Wayne Pelts  
Belinda Tabor  
Patti

## **February 2023 Lectionary**

January 28: Psalm 15; Micah 3:1-4; John 13:31-35  
January 29: Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12  
January 30: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 1:1-18; Philemon 1-25  
January 31: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 2:1-16; James 5:1-6

February 1: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26  
February 2: Psalm 112:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5  
February 3: Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18  
February 4: Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18  
February 5: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12), Psalm 112:1-9 (10), 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16), Matthew 5:13-20  
February 6: Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10  
February 7: Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12  
February 8: Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30  
February 9: Psalm 119:1-8; Genesis 26:1-5; James 1:12-16  
February 10: Psalm 119:1-8; Leviticus 26:34-46; 1 John 2:7-17  
February 11: Psalm 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 30:1-9a; Matthew 15:1-9  
February 12: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37  
February 13: Psalm 119:9-16; Exodus 20:1-21; James 1:2-8  
February 14: Psalm 119:9-16; Deuteronomy 23:21-24:4, 10-15; James 2:1-13  
February 15: Psalm 119:9-16; Proverbs 2:1-15; Matthew 19:1-12  
February 16: Psalm 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7  
February 17: Psalm 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28  
February 18: Psalm 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13  
February 19: Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9  
February 20: Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34  
February 21: Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6  
February 22: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21  
February 23: Psalm 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7  
February 24: Psalm 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17  
February 25: Psalm 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-7  
February 26: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11  
February 27: Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18  
February 28: Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10



# facebook

**LIVE**

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>

## Men's Bible Study

every Monday

6:00PM

in the Parlor



## Prayer Gathering

Tuesday at 6:00PM

on Zoom

Contact Pastor Doug  
for more info







Greetings Church Family,

Happy 2023!!! A lot going on in the youth department at First Christian.

The Teen Believers (youth 13 & up) have started a new study on “The Chosen” tv series, complete with study guide. We are only three episodes in, but I think it has been well received by out youth.

Mid-Winter Retreat is right around the corner! February 10-12, 2023. As of right now we have 14 youth and 3 adults going. We have room for 2 more youth, lets fill up the Church Van and the rental!!! The cost of Mid-Winter this year is \$150 per person. If you would like to sponsor a youth to go to Mid-Winter you can do so by writing a check and simply putting in the memo line Mid– Winter 2023, or you can go online and give electronically.

I am excited for what 2023 will bring to the youth and the congregational members of First Christian Church.

Thank you for allowing me to serve & God Bless,

Sarah Neal



# VALENTINE'S DAY

## ♥ WORD SEARCH ♥

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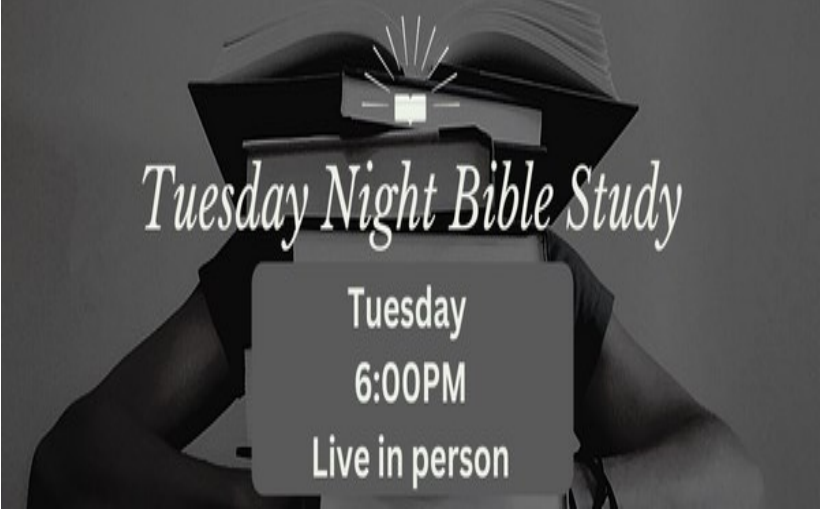
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December 2022



Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for December 2022. God is good, all the time!! I just remind everyone to be faithful with your offerings and God will be faithful to us, His Church. You have been so faithful to keep up your gifts during 2022 to God and His church and I know you will continue your faithfulness in 2023. 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.

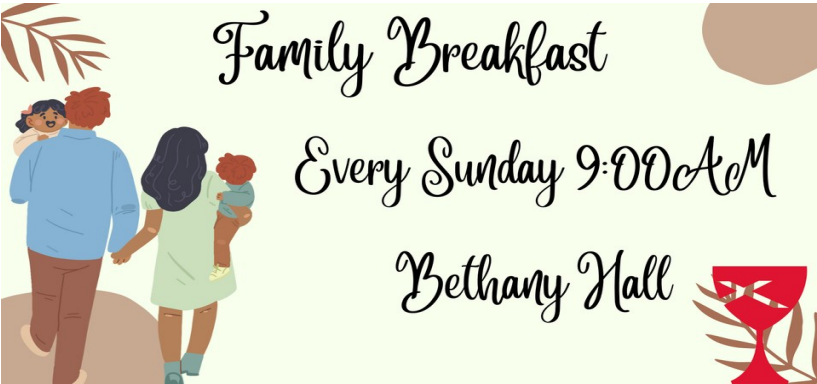
As a reminder, please continue to check for LIGHTS, RUNNING TOILETS, A/C OR HEAT, etc. following all meetings at the church. Don't assume someone else will lock up or turn off. This really helps to hold down utility costs. Also, if you become aware of maintenance issues with the property, please bring 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 December 2022

	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total GF offerings and other sources	\$ 27,094.42	\$ 187,427.45
Total expenses	18,450.73	192,530.86
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	8,643.69	(5,103.41)
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ 8,643.69	\$ 5,103.41
Balances on hand		
December 31, 2022		
General Fund		\$ 12,377.78
Memorial and Special Gifts		16,418.90
Property Repairs and Replacement		4,274.56
Scholarship		6,364.08
Bequested Funds and other savings		103,103.9
Total		\$ 148,539.22



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



Church Yard Sale is June 9 & 10, 2023



# February 2023

# WINTER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31 6:00PM Prayer Gathering 7:00PM Bible Study	1 7:30AM Men's Prayer 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	2 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	3	4
5 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Teen Believers	6 6:00PM Men's Bible Study	7 6:00PM Prayer Gathering 7:00PM Bible Study	8 7:30AM Men's Prayer 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	9 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	10 <b><u>Mid-Winter</u></b>	11 <b><u>Mid-Winter</u></b>
12 <b><u>Mid-Winter</u></b> 10:00AM Worship	13 6:00PM Men's Bible Study	14 6:00PM Prayer Gathering 7:00PM Bible Study	15 7:30AM Men's Prayer 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	16 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	17 11:00AM Newsletter Submissions Due	18
19 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Teen Believers	20 6:00PM Men's Bible Study	21 6:00PM Prayer Gathering 7:00PM Bible Study	22 7:30AM Men's Prayer 7:00PM Ash Wed. Service	23 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	24	25
26 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Teen Believers	27 6:00PM Men's Bible Study	28	1	2	3	4
5	6	Birthday's Kim Tinder - Feb. 3   Sam Shoemaker - Feb. 4   Roger Mullins - Feb. 6   Halley Boerboom - Feb. 9   David Hines - Feb. 9   Chris Shoemaker - Feb. 12   Allen Neal - Feb 2   Malik Robinson - Feb. 21   Jim Evans - Feb. 26   Nathan Evans - Feb 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

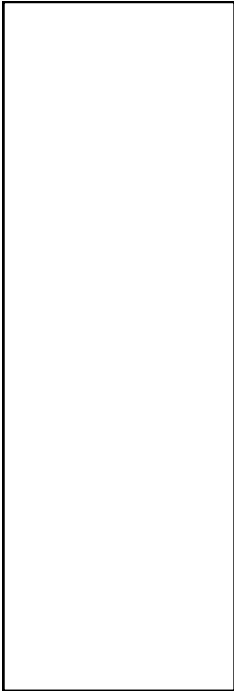


9:00 am Bible Study  
10:00 am Combined Worship Service  
Douglas W. McDaniel Jr., Pastor

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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