

Our Vision

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



I have to wonder if putting things off until tomorrow is an epidemic in our society or have I just mastered the art of procrastination? Could that five syllable word sound any more arrow-like to my heart? I ask that question because it seems that my to do list is ever expanding and though I knock a few items off from time to time, my list doesn't seem to get any smaller. There's always something to do and I am learning to be thankful for a busy schedule. I'm also learning that the outside influences in my life, like television and internet usage are becoming less of a priority. Last evening I was able to sit for a few hours with friends and I was reminded that those are the good investments that I need to be making and so I can ill afford to put those opportunities off.

Many of you know that I have been wrestling with furthering my formal education for some time now. Well let me put a sharper point to. It's been 35 years since I was in the class room and I'm thankful to say that I have started my undergraduate in Biblical Theology with a hope to complete that and move in to a Masters of Divinity program. I'll admit to you that writing that down and sharing it gives me a little relief. I'm not putting this important part of my life off any longer, praise God! But you know me by now and so I have to ask, are there things in your life that you need to stop putting off? Maybe it's weight loss? I thought I'd get that one out of the way first and foremost because that is a priority for me that I need to get on with! Many of us struggle in the area of the "woulda – coulda – shoulda's", don't we? There's no time like the present to begin working in those areas of our lives that are really important to us and likely important to those around us.

~Pastor's Note~

THERE IS NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT

*For many of us we are busy with families and jobs and hobbies and even our Christian service. But I have to wonder in all of our busyness are we beginning to run out of gas? A person can only do so much before exhaustion sets in and my guess is many of us from time to time feel a bit spent? God's word tells us in **Galatians 6:9-10** ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

I want to encourage us today to not stop doing the things God is calling us to. Yes, our Father desires us to stay the course of doing good works. There is no time like the present to do the right thing. You and I can't afford to put the right foot forward tomorrow. We must begin and stay focused on honoring God with our good works today. I know it's difficult to do good all the time and especially when it doesn't seem that it's bringing us anything but heartache. I've often said there is no better time to do the right thing than right now. We have to be less focused on the outcome and be more dedicated to the good work ahead. There's great blessing in doing good even if you don't feel appreciated now, but God's word tells us we have blessing awaiting us. I want to encourage us to consider up to three areas in our Christian service that we have been putting off. Maybe it's a phone call or a visit to someone that you have been meaning to reach out to. It could be becoming a part of a ministry outreach or a church committee. Some of us have been wrestling with where we can serve and for whatever reason we've found that it's easier to put it off than to make the effort to get moving. A special person in my life told me many years

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)



ago that people do what they want to do, which leads to people not doing what they don't want to do. I've thought long and hard about this over the years and my friend is exactly correct in his assessment.

So here's my prayer for us: Father in heaven forgive us for not doing the things that we ought. Paul shares in Romans 7:15-25 the struggle that we all have with sin. Forgive us Father for the missed opportunities. Forgive us of the sin of omission and commission. Set our feet again on the solid rock and the straight path of righteousness. Grant us wisdom to seek you in all things. Help us to be mindful of our present opportunities and the power that is within each of us to pull away from a mindset of procrastination. Thank you for hearing our prayer today and every day Lord. Thank you for always being there to guide and pick us up. Thank you for Jesus and the redemptive work at the cross. In the mighty name of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ I pray and thank you for doing in us what we were powerless to do in ourselves. Amen and AMEN!

Shalom y'all!

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Prayer Requests



SHUT INS

June Turner
Ruth Shields
Margaret Goodwin
Marilyn Hypes
Donnie Hypes

Phillip Craighead
Virginia
Pasty Nelson
Fred Haller
Sarah Haller
Nancy Neal
Dee Shoemaker

CANCER CONCERNS

Jim Russell
JD Turner
Brenda Kidd
Brian Chumbly
Louise McVey
Nancy Tabor
Carol Stafford
Joyce Farmer
Analyn Lily
Bernard Atwood
George Smith

Lori Yost Moss
Shirley Harless
Zack Carter
Sharon Gibson
Karen Hoops Simon
Angela Robinette
Zack Williams
Kristen Caudill
Lori Johnston
Patricia Miller

Lindsay Varney
Cleveland Street
Wayne Walker
Harry Hancock
Samuel B. Wells
Danny Neely
Mary Clark Cassidy
Mari Anne Hubbard
Lisa Myles
Glenn Shoemaker

BEREAVEMENT

The Family of
Bonita Searle

NON-HEALTH RELATED REQUEST

Randy & Jan Bailey
Retha Smith &
Family
Our Pastor
Our Country
Tim & April Scott
BCC Congregation
FCC Congregation
Bluefield WV P.D.
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FOR HE IS **good**:
His love **ENDURES**
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PSALM 107:1

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Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY

August 13th we will begin a 9 week Dave Ramsey course on personal money management called Financial Peace University. This series of videos will help anyone who participates learn to take control of their money and change their financial future! We'll learn practical ways to pay off debt, overcome the fear of budgeting, and how to create a savings plan for our future needs. Please contact George Smith for more information and cost. ([276.393.4440](tel:276.393.4440) call/text or george.smith@gressengineering.com)



To order sanctuary flowers please call
Martha Royall at 304-327-8444
Flowers are **\$25.00**

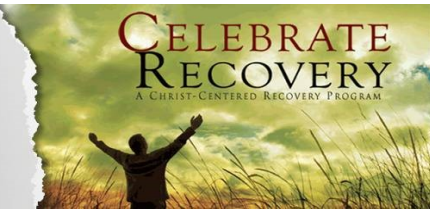
Music News

Upcoming Concerts:

To Be Announced



GOT A HURT,
HABIT OR
HANG-UP?



Celebrate Recovery

Every Thursday at 6:00PM

Contact Gery Piluso for more information.



Youth News



Greeting Church Family,

Currently we are in the midst of Vacation Bible School. This years theme is The Armor of God. We have been averaging about twenty-five children each night. We want to give a huge thank you to everyone who made this Vacation Bible School a success.

The next thing on our agenda will be the planning of the Children's Christmas Program, so please be keeping that in mind.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve you all in the ministry at BCC & FCC.

God Bless,
Sarah Neal



COMBINED WORSHIP

July 30, 2017

10:00AM

With a Special Presentation from
His Majesty Ministries



Youth

activities

W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

August 9 & 23

5:30PM

Bethany Hall



August 13, 2017

More information to come



Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for June 2017. 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 June 2017		
	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total offerings and other sources	\$ 21,263.84	\$ 99,071.95
Total expenses	20,280.66	97,413.16
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	983.18	1,658.79
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ 983.18	\$ 1,658.79
Balances on hand June 30, 2017:		
General Fund		\$ 1,844.37
Memorial and Special Gifts		13,781.38
Property Repairs and Replacement		342.63
Scholarship		2,262.67
Bequested Funds and other savings		83,137.49
Total		\$ 101,368.54

Praise and give thanks to the Lord

The Parable of the Weeds

Matthew 13:24-29

Word Search Puzzle

M A V W H F Q B B E W G Q I S
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SOW	FIELD	GOOD	UPROOT	HARVEST
WHEAT	ENEMY	PULL	KINGDOM	SEED
PARABLE	HEAVEN	BURN	GROW	WEEDS



August 2017

☆ Birthdays

♥ Anniversaries



For birthday/anniversary additions/changes please notify Sarah

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *BCC Praise Team 6:30PM	2 ♥ *Pete & Sue Shields *Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	3 *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	4	5
6 ☆ *Patsy Selbee *BCC Worship 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *FCC Worship 11:00AM *Celebrate Recovery Step Study's 6:00PM *Youth 7:00PM—8:00PM	7 ♥ *Russ & Ann Taylor *Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	8 *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *BCC Praise Team 6:30PM	9 *Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM *W.O.W. Wednesday 5:30 PM *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	10 ♥ *George & Sue Smith *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	11 ☆ Matt Selbee	12 *Cabinet Meeting 9:00AM
13 ♥ *Dick & Martha Royall *Church Picnic 10:00AM at the City Park *Celebrate Recovery Step Study's 6:00PM *Youth 7:00PM—8:00PM	14 ☆ *Mark Johnson ☆ *Florence Neal *Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	15 *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *BCC Praise Team 6:30PM	16 *Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	17 ☆ *Stephen Aichel ☆ *Dan Henderson *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	18 *Newsletter Submissions Due	19 ☆ *George Birkelbach
20 ♥ *Chris & Dee Shoemaker *BCC Worship 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *FCC Worship 11:00AM *Celebrate Recovery Step Study's 6:00PM	21 *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	22 *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *BCC Praise Team 6:30PM	23 **Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM *Newsletter Assembly & Mailing 10:00AM *W.O.W. Wednesday 5:30 PM *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	24 ☆ *Phillip Arrington *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	25	26 ☆ *Gale Hypes
27 *BCC Worship 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *FCC Worship 11:00AM *Celebrate Recovery Step Study's 6:00PM *Youth 7:00PM—8:00PM	28 *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	29 ♥ *Jim & Tonia Russell *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *BCC Praise Team 6:30PM	30 *Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	31 *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM		

We heartily welcome all
May you be blessed today.

Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am -1:00 pm
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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 WOW Aug 9 & 23

*Youth Outreach Ministry

If you have any questions concerning youth events please contact Darius Carper, Youth Minister carperd24@gmail.com or 304.800.3774 or Sarah Neal, Youth Mentor dorkygirl9886@gmail.com or 304.910.9933