

Our Vision

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



¹ There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: ² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, ³ a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV)**

I recently shared a message tied directly to this passage. It was a passage that we drank in while I was away in Louisville, KY for the NBA's, Prison & Jail Ministry meetings. We read it in English and in Spanish. We took time to hang out in these words and allow the Spirit of God to speak to our souls. I was reminded in those precious moments of the value of hanging out with fellow believers, and sharing what God's word meant to each of us.

Beloved, do we take time to drink in God's word and allow the Holy Spirit to minister Truth to us? I was challenged then and remain challenged now. Oh, I spend time in daily reading and study, but I learned again I don't take near enough time to be quiet before the Lord.

With all the racket that goes on around me, and easily

~Pastor's Note~

A Time For Everything?

distracted as you all are very aware of, I have to be careful to not tune out the Holy Spirit in my attempt to find quietness and a little peace.

With that said, I am redirecting my heart's ear to hear and be in tune with God's word and the ministering effect that it has on me.

I've heard from a couple of blessed saints of late, encouraging me to take care of myself. Saying, Doug how can you do the work of God, if you don't take care of you? Ouch! That's truth and I needed to hear it. Of course, they are only kind caring words unless I truly begin to take time to heed those words.

Rather than suggest that you're like me, I'll keep the focus on myself for a moment. I make time to do anything I want to do. But are there some things that need to be reconsidered? Am I spending some of my time foolishly? Well, of course I am! Funny thing is, it's not my time at all. It's God's time and I tend to be less than a good steward of the time that God gives me.

So, I've got some work to do. I mean I've got some time reevaluation to do. I need to rethink my priorities. I have to consider that I won't be around forever. So, I must begin today, to spend the time that I have as if it were to run out, and run out it will!

So, what about you? Are you spending quality time with God? Are you finding quiet moments in the midst of all the racket? Are you able to push aside all the trimmings of this world and seek and see the Lord?

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)



When was the last time that you just made time to be in the presence of God? For me it's work and so I have to be ever intentional to block out the noise of the world and listen for the Holy Spirit.

Note to self: Doug, you have right now! Do something with it, and in your doing, don't fail to set with the Lord and be ministered to.

Beloved, as I have NO TIME today, I write this Pastor's Note with my cell phone blaring, text messages incoming, emails to answer and a funeral to preach. Oh, and I'm late for work at the insurance office and my dog is sick.

But you know what? I took time today to listen to the Holy Spirit. I took time to just hang out and be ministered to.

So now I'm off!

Be blessed and refreshed in the Lord. Be raised up and held by the Master's hand and whatever you do, and I quote Thad Allen – "Be easy on yourself".

Shalom my friends.

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Prayer Requests



SHUT INS

June Turner
Margaret Goodwin
Donnie Hypes

HEALTH CONCERNS

Pat Hartley
Eddie Williams
Betty Williams
Nancy Tabor
Zack Carter
Patty Baker
Wayne Collins
Carol Stafford
Patty Camacho
Leigh Anne Hines Owen
Shirley Hines
Toni Russell
Glen Kersey
Jo Hartley
Breanna Nicodemus
Terry Barton Sr.
Roger Stacy
Tom Farmer
Beth Hayes
Chris Tinder
Cleo Halsey
Clancy Griffin
Ellen Elliot
Gracie Figeruroa
Melissa Smith
Vicki
Carl Walker
Mary Baker
Kenny Adams
JR Shrewsbury
Gavin
Lynn McCure Burney
Daken Bishop
Donnie Hypes
Kenny Ramos
John Gibson
Matt Anderson & Family
The mother of George Smith
Betty Lou Gibberson
Steve Aichel
Joann Shrader
Nick Whited

The Father of Jessica McDaniel
Paula Elliott
Sharon Harmon
Sarah Haller
Florence Neal
Charlotte Woolwine
Pam Wolford
Paul Anderson
Ruth Stevenson
Dennis Huber
Joyce Farmer
Grat Shawver
Alan Neal
Dr. Randy Stevens
Lesla Piluso
David Hines

BEREAVEMENT

The Family of Susie Neal
The Family of Ruth Shields
The Family of Joe Hartzog
The Family of Lindsey Varney

PRAYER REQUEST

Randy & Jan Bailey
Retha Smith & Family
Our Pastor
Our Country
Our Church Family
Dewayne
Joseph
Garry
David Epperly
Robert Searle
Jon Gendron
Trey McDaniel
Our First Responders
General Church
Regional Church
Regional Minister & Staff
Fred Haller
The Malin Family

UNSPECIFIED REQUEST

The Goldsworthies



Need a Ride To Church?

Contact the church office at 304-327-5633 or
Darrin Coe at 276-245-8374



Wednesday

Every Wednesday at 5:30PM



Celebrate Recovery Update!

God Continues to bless our Celebrate Recovery Ministry. We have averaged between 50 and 75 people each Thursday. We were really blessed by the music of a young lady one week, and amazing testimonies as to what God has been doing in people's lives. A huge THANKS to all our volunteers and to all who have sent desserts. Please keep them coming! Everyone is welcome at Celebrate Recovery and we would love to have all of you come. I can promise you a great meal, great fellowship, great music and a huge blessing. Come see what you have been missing.

- Chuck Louthan



The spring Kairos walk is April 4-7, 2019. Please pray for the residents and the outside team. COOKIES would be deeply appreciated. We need as many as we can get by noon, Wednesday April 3, 2019.

Thank you for all your support!



- Chuck Louthan



April 14, 2019
At Graham Christian Church
In Bluefield VA
Time to be announced



Make a Joyful noise Unto The Lord!

If anyone is interested in joining the First Christian Chancel Choir, just show up to practice. Practices are every Wednesday at 7:00PM unless otherwise noted. We would like to have you!



April 18, 2019
Dinner at 6:00PM
Service at 7:00PM



Greetings all,

We are busy busy busy as usual in the youth department of First Christian Church, On March 10, 2019 we rebooted our middle and high school youth night. The youth decided on a name and they chose that they wish to be called the TEEN BELIEVERS! I think it is a great name for a great group of youth.

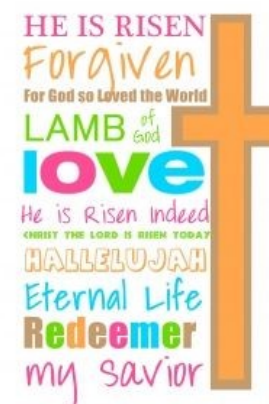
On March 31, 2019 we have Youth Sunday coming up. Please be in prayer for the youth that will be participating, for the strength and courage that they need for that Sunday. Also, on March 31, 2019 we will be having a youth fundraiser dinner, The cost of the dinner will be \$10 and all proceeds raised will go to help the youth go to camp in June 2019.

CAMP!!! Junior and Chi Rio Camp for youth who have completed the 3rd—8th grades will be June 9 –14, 2019. Forms are currently available and if your youth would like to go please contact Sarah Neal.

Finally with the Easter season upon us of course we want to do something FUN for the youth. So on April 13, 2019 we will be having an Easter Gathering for the youth of the church. The time and details have yet to be worked out. As soon as the details are worked out we will forward that information on to the congregation.

As always thank you for the privilege of serving such a wonderful congregation.

God Bless,
Sarah Neal



April 20, 2019 at 9AM
In Bethany Hall



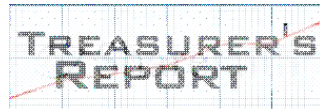
April 20, 2019 at 9AM
Location to be determined



April 21, 2019
Time to be Announced



February 2019



Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for February 2019. Just a reminder that the bills continue, even when we have a bad weather Sunday. If you are unable to attend for whatever reason, please remember to keep up your gifts to God and His church. God is good! 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 God's work in this place.

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 February 2019		
	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total offerings and other sources	\$ 13,691.00	\$ 25,114.60
Total expenses	14,115.29	29,871.87
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	(424.29)	(4,757.27)
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ (424.29)	\$ (4,757.27)
Balances on hand February 28, 2019:		
General Fund		\$ 628.38
Memorial and Special Gifts		10,710.41
Property Repairs and Replacement		2,235.51
Scholarship		7,191.32
Bequested Funds and other savings		93,337.73
Total		\$ 114,103.35

Praise
and give thanks to *the Lord*

Celebrate Recovery

Every Thursday at 6:00PM
Contact Chuck Louthan at 276-322-4071
for more information.

**To order sanctuary flowers please call
The Church Office at 304-327-5633
Flowers are \$25.00**

Easter
SUNDAY
- HE IS RISEN -
Combined Service

April 21, 2019
10:00AM



April 2019



Birthdays



Anniversaries



<i>SUN</i>	<i>MON</i>	<i>TUE</i>	<i>WED</i>	<i>THU</i>	<i>FRI</i>	<i>SAT</i>
	1 *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	2 *Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM	3 ☆ *Tony Esters ♡ *Roger & Lois Mullins *Kairos Cookies Due 12 NOON *Wowzza Wednesday 5:30PM *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	4 ☆ *Julie Francisco *Kairos Spring Walk *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	5 *Kairos Spring Walk	6 *Kairos Spring Walk
7 *Kairos Spring Walk *Contemporary Service 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *Traditional Service 11:00AM *Teen Believers 6:00PM	8 *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	9 ☆ *Kathy Peters *Union Mission Dinner *Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM	10 ☆ *Dennis Huber *Wowzza Wednesday 5:30PM *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *Choir Practice 7:00PM	11 *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	12 ♡ *Larry & Kathy Peters	13 *Youth Easter Gathering
14 ☆ *Betsy Cardwell *Contemporary Service 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *Traditional Service 11:00AM *Palm Sunday Sing at Graham Christian *Teen Believers 6:00PM	15 *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	16 ☆ *Phil Mahood *Union Mission Dinner *BCC Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM	17 *Wowzza Wednesday 5:30PM *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	18 ☆ *Matt James ♡ *Jerry & Karen Cumby *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Maundy Thursday Service 7:00PM	19 *Newsletter Submissions Due 11:00AM	20 *Men's Breakfast *Women's Breakfast
21 ♡ *John & Lois Gibson *Sunrise Easter Service *Combined Easter Service 10:00AM *Teen Believers 6:00PM	22 *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	23 ☆ *Kyle Croye *BCC Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM	24 ☆ *Barbara Rose *Newsletter Assembly 10:00AM *Wowzza Wednesday 5:30PM *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	25 ☆ *Toni Russell *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	26	27 *Youth Committee Meeting 9AM
28 *Contemporary Service 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *Traditional Service 11:00AM *Teen Believers 6:00PM	29 *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	30 ☆ *Carolyn Bradley *BCC Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM				

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

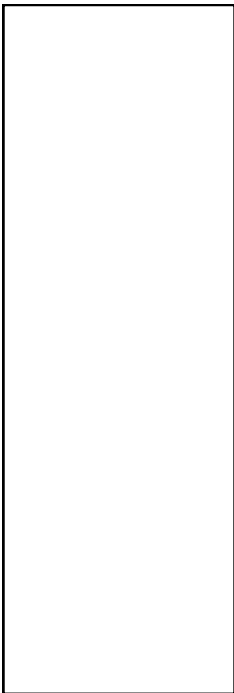


9:00 am Worship Service
Contemporary Church Service
Sunday School: 10:00 am
11:00 am Worship Service
Traditional Church Service
Douglas W. McDaniel Jr., Pastor

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



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Bluefield, WV 24701
Non-Profit Organization



Youth Events

Sunday Teen Believers
6:00PM

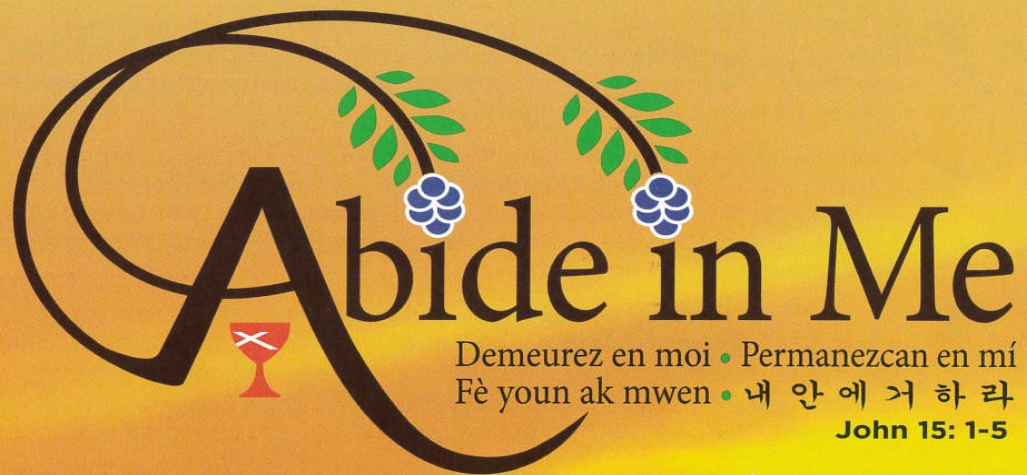
Wednesday
WOWZZA Every Wednesday at 5:30PM

*Youth Outreach Ministry

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

Easter Offering

April 14 & 21, 2019



disciplesmissionfund.org

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." —JOHN 15:5 NRSV

As Disciples, we all benefit from the fruit, the gifts, of our general ministries.

These fruits are made possible only through the connections and support that grow in collaboration with our regions and congregations. This Easter, let us reflect on the transformative ways that we have been impacted by those ministries, and by the fruits of our shared work.

- Disciples Women provides fruits like Bible studies, international journeys, and educational materials, to support and empower Disciples women everywhere, who, because of those gifts, can grow and spread the Gospel message.
- So too can the Disciples who thrive in partnership with the **National Benevolent Association**, like young adult XPLORES Residents and health and social service leaders launching and sustaining ministries in their own communities and contexts.
- Disciples Home Missions' fruitful branches include Disciples chaplains offering the touch of Christ beyond the Church walls, Refugee and Immigration Ministries offering refugee resettlement and advocacy for immigrants, and Disciples Volunteering connecting with local mission destinations.
- Our general ministries abide in each other and in our shared call, by working closely with partners across the United States and Canada, and beyond. **Global Ministries** collaborates with community organizations around the world, and the **Council on Christian Unity** cooperates with ecumenical bodies to further the message of Christ's unending love.

Our general ministries provide other critical resources to Disciples congregations, like stewardship campaign materials, loans and financial services, and space for community building around shared values and traditions.

Our ministries can bear these fruits because of our shared root system. We are rooted in Christ. As one branch of our vine grows, we can share more fruit with more people, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

This Holy Week let us give of our own fruits to tend to the whole. Our ministries grow through your tending, nurturing, and caring. Your gifts to the Easter offering can transform our shared work.



Find more stories from our general ministries and make a gift online at disciplesmissionfund.org.



2019 Easter Lily

Order Form

If you would like to place an Easter lily in the sanctuary
“**In Honor**” or “**In Memory**” of someone, please fill out this form and put it in
the offering plate. Or you can call the church at 304-327-5633 to place your order.

Easter Lilies are \$15.00 each.

Please Check One: IN HONOR OF: _____ IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN THE NAME OF: _____



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