

Our Vision

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



I was born into a Catholic tradition and spent the first nine years of my life, as much as I can remember, devoted to the Catholic way of life, thanks to my mom. My parents divorced in 1972 and my mom began taking me and my little brother to different protestant churches in Richmond, VA. I remember Methodist and Baptist churches that we attended and if there was one person that I can thank for seeing to it that I was churched, it would have to be my mom. In late 1975 the courts sent me to live with my dad in Roanoke, Va, leaving my little brother who was five years younger to stay with my mom. Surprisingly, my dad sent me to a Methodist church camp in Wise, Va, when I was thirteen and during that week I began to learn about happiness. It was during a nighttime chapel service that I knew that I had to invite Jesus into my life and I've never been the same since.

My dad took us to a little church called Union United Methodist Church in a little bitty area in Bedford County Virginia called Union. Thirteen folks on a good Sunday would be in attendance as Reverend Moore would preach his message and head off to the next church in his circuit. I was asked to be the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent when I was fourteen years old. My duties mostly involved picking the hymns and leading the congregation in song as we awaited our circuit rider to show up.

When I was eighteen, I became sour to the church. I'd had

~Pastor's Note~

WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?

enough of religion! I didn't like the politics and the bickering over what color the carpet should be, or how we would go about adding the new education wing. I was done! But, then I met this young woman who invited me to her church and she was pretty and being blinded by her beauty and her soft sweet voice, before I knew what I was doing, I went with her. I said I'd go but that I didn't want anything to do with teaching Sunday school or singing or any leadership positions. So I went, and I held her hand and she held my hand back and she was pretty and I ended up teaching Sunday school and singing and I became a part of the leadership. Thirty-five years have passed and I still hold her hand and she still holds my hand and my God she is beautiful!

Just to think that I could still be sour to the church. Actually what I learned is that I was sour to myself. I didn't like me much and so I had a difficult time liking anyone for that matter, but God sent me an angel and she was pretty....

Moral of the story is when you hold hands with the right people, and they hold your hand back you tend to end up in a good place. Are you in a bad place today? Check to see who it is that you're holding on to. Hey Lord, you remember the angel that you sent me? You know the pretty one that held my hand? Thank you....

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)



¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. 23rd Psalm

Hold tight to Jesus' hand today, for He alone will be your happiness. I pray Father's outpouring in your lives and humbly ask that He move in you with an unmistakable spirit.

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us! Shalom my friends....

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Prayer Requests



SHUT INS

June Turner
Ruth Shields
Margaret Goodwin
Marilyn Hypes
Donnie Hypes

ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS

Logan Hawks
Evelyn Wickham
Eunice Cooper
Glenn Kersey
Matt Selbee
Lois Gibson
Marie Boerboom
Shannon Neal
Pat Hartley

HEALTH CONCERNS

Mrs. J.W. Newton
Sue Goble
Carolyn Hines
Grat Shawver
Dorothy Lee
Baby Gibberson
Dorothy McComas
Patsy Nelson
Matthew Stevens
Dalia Vidot
Dennis Huber
Justin
Lanny Basham
Phillip Craighead
Virginia
Pasty Nelson

CANCER CONCERNS

Bill Stevens
Jim Russell
JD Turner
Brenda Kidd
Brian Chumbly
Louise McVey
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

BEREAVEMENT

The Family of Wade Poole

NON-HEALTH RELATED REQUEST

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

UNSPECIFIED PRAYER REQUEST

None at this time!



BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS

In response to the Mother's Day special offering for the Bible in the Schools program, donations have been made in honor or memory of the following mothers.

In honor of:

- Martha Royall by Connie Akers
- June Turner by Russell and Ann Taylor

In memory of:

- Bana Akers and Dorothy Taylor by Russell and Ann Taylor
- Virginia Akers by Jack and Pam Brewster
- Opal Brooks by George Brooks
- Pansy Croye by Robert Croye
- Ruth Kersey and Grace Kersey by Alice, Sonny, Linda and Glenn
- Dollie Martin by Dan, George, and Tammy
- Trudy Martin by Michael and Donna Cole
- Virginia Musser by Gary Musser
- Ruth Russell By Jim Russell



Vacation Bible School

July 23– July 26, 2017

If you would like to help with VBS please contact Darius or Sarah.



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

Music News

Upcoming Concerts:

June 29

Celebrate America Concert



Celebrate Recovery

Every Thursday at 6:00PM

Contact Gery Piluso for more information.



Youth News

Greetings,

Summer is coming fast and with it comes opportunity. There is chi ro summer camp for elementary and middle school students. It's a week long Bible camp experience that's sure to make an impact on our youth. There is also a CYF high school Bible camp for any high schooler looking to have fun, grow, and learn. It too is a week long camp. Last but certainly not least we will conclude the summer with our annual Vacation Bible School.

I mentioned opportunity and there's plenty of it not just for the youth, but for the adults as well. Please ask myself (Darius) or Sarah how you can get involved and take part in shaping our kids' spiritual future.

As always thanks for all you do and please keep the prayers coming!

God Bless you TODAY!

Darius

Youth activities

W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

June 14 & 28

5:30PM

Bethany Hall



Church Yard Sale

Friday June 16, 2017

Saturday June 17, 2017

More information to come soon!

If you would like make a donation contact Carolyn Bassett.

Celebrate America

4th of July Concert & BBQ

Thursday June 29, 2017

Time:
BBQ at: TBA
Program at: TBA



Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for April 2017. God is good.... All of the time! Praise God for His faithfulness to His church! Praise God for each of you and your faithfulness to the ministries at FCC. As my first treasurer's report, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to each of you, especially to Ronnie Hypes, for your patience and support as I learn "the ropes." The past month has been a little overwhelming, but I am reminded of a scripture passage in Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." It brings me such pleasure to serve God's church and more importantly our Father in heaven. 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. 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 April 2017		
	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total offerings and other sources	\$ 13,579.92	\$ 63,378.35
Total expenses	15,125.79	62,176.86
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	(1,545.87)	1,201.49
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ (1,545.87)	\$ 1,201.49
Balances on hand April 30, 2017:		
General Fund		\$ 1,595.21
Memorial and Special Gifts		13,556.63
Property Repairs and Replacement		342.60
Scholarship		2,262.67
Bequested Funds and other savings		86,218.88
Total		\$ 103,975.99



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

First Christian Church

Board Meeting

Sunday June 4, 2017

Following the 11:00AM worship

Blurbs.

Today, I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I'm working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said;

"Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile."



June 2017

☆ Birthdays

♡ Anniversaries



For birthday/anniversary additions/changes please notify Sarah

	<i>MON</i>	<i>TUE</i>	<i>WED</i>	<i>THU</i>	<i>FRI</i>	<i>SAT</i>
				1 ☆ *Lesa Piluso *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	2	3 ☆ *Dick Royall
4 *BCC Worship 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *FCC Worship 11:00AM * FCC BOARD MEETING after Worship *Celebrate Recovery Step Study's 6:00PM *Youth 7:00PM—8:00PM	5 ☆ *Ann Ayers ☆ *Copy Copolo *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	6 *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *BCC Praise Team 6:30PM * Bible Study 7:00PM	7 ☆ *Wanda Collier *Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	8 ☆ *Meyling Reyes *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	9 *Mercer County Relay for Life	10 ☆ *Scott Collier ☆ *Dee Shoemaker *Mercer County Relay for Life
11 *Junior & Chi Rio Camp *BCC Worship 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *FCC Worship 11:00AM *Celebrate Recovery Step Study's 6:00PM *Youth 7:00PM—8:00PM	12 **Junior & Chi Rio Camp *Church Yard Sale Set-up *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	13 *Junior & Chi Rio Camp *Church Yard Sale Set-up *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *BCC Praise Team 6:30PM * Bible Study 7:00PM	14 ☆ *Will Selbee *Junior & Chi Rio Camp *Church Yard Sale Set-up *Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM *W.O.W. Wednesday 5:30 PM *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	15 *Junior & Chi Rio Camp *Church Yard Sale Set-up *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	16 ♡ *Matt & Helen Selbee *Junior & Chi Rio Camp *Church Yard Sale	17 *Men's Breakfast 8:00AM *Church Yard Sale
18 ♡ *Scott & Wanda Collier ♡ *Jim & Kathy Evans *BCC Worship 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *FCC Worship 11:00AM *Celebrate Recovery Step Study's 6:00PM *Youth 7:00PM—8:00PM	19 *Newsletter Submissions Due *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	20 *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *BCC Praise Team 6:30PM * Bible Study 7:00PM	21 *Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM *Newsletter Assembly & Mailing *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	22 *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	23	24
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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



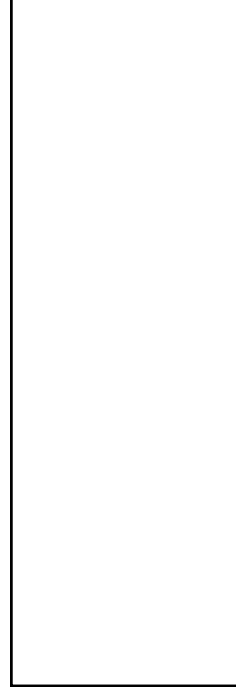
9:00 am Worship Service
Bluefield Community Church Service

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 June 14 & 28

*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

CHURCHES CHANGE THE WORLD...



START MORE!

2017 PENTECOST OFFERING

Sundays, June 4 and June 11

A special day offering of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in support of establishing 1,000 new congregations.

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Churches Change the World...Start More!

Planting a church can make a huge and lasting impression in the community it serves. Since its inception, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has proudly served its communities by proclaiming the Gospel, praying for the disenfranchised, caring for the poor, marching for social justice, empowering the oppressed and moving for hope and wholeness in a fragmented world. For this reason, **Churches Change the World... Start More!** is the theme for the 2017 Pentecost Offering.

As a Disciples church planter and the current Minister of New Church Strategies for Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, I have personally witnessed the impact that a church can have in its community.

To date, the Christian Church has started **980** churches in the United States and Canada, thus sharing the gospel with more than 61,500 individuals since initiating the 2020 Vision in 2000. The goal is to start 1,000 new congregations in 1,000 different ways. Although we are close to accomplishing this task, we can't stop there. Planting 1,000 churches is just the beginning! We must continue our journey by setting our sights higher, equipping courageous leaders and planting even more churches.

I encourage you to **help actively change the world by supporting the Pentecost Offering** Sundays, June 4 and June 11. Each year, half of the offering is designated to your local Region/Area in an effort to start and sustain new churches. The other half is used by Hope Partnership to support the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

Thank you in advance for celebrating the **Pentecost Offering on Sundays, June 4 and June 11**. Visit www.hopepmt.org for additional resources including a two-minute video highlighting the Pentecost Offering.

With your support, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will continue to change the world!

Sincerely,

Terrell L. McTyer
Minister of New Church Strategies