

Our Vision

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

In my studies I've started free writing and free reading. What's the big deal with that, you ask? Most everything I read is for a class or sermon prep. Most everything I write is to complete a test or prepare a message.

So, I decided I would start reading through the bible without the intention of preparing a message, and that has been super difficult for me. In my free writing, I just write. I might pick a topic or write about a situation that has come about and what I'm learning is that when I practice this, it allows me to have a change of heart.

Preachers need to be fed. I've been asked many times; where do you get fed. Through study and meditation for sure. Through holy conversations and in my counseling opportunities. My volunteer work in the prisons and the everyday opportunities to be an encouragement to others, feeds me. Thanks be to God; I'm having a change of heart.

In my reading this morning I came across a familiar passage in John 8.

¹ But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was

~Pastor's Note~

Change of Heart

left, with the woman still standing there.

¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." John 8:1-11 (NIV)

I met a woman last evening who needed to travel to Roanoke, Virginia and did not have money for gas. I knew who she was, though we had never met. I was going into a prayer session with our KAIROS Team for their 19th walk at Pocahontas State Correctional Center. I told her it would be about an hour and that I would meet her at the gas station.

When I met up with her, she pointed to the car that needed the gas. It became clear that it wasn't her car, but someone else's. It was a nice late model sedan. Very well-dressed folks in the car and I began to wonder, am I getting scammed again? Has this lady lied to me? Was what she told me legitimate?

The old Doug would have turned around and left, but when we had met an hour earlier, I promised her I would help her. One of my KAIROS brothers overheard the conversation and when I entered the church house, he slipped me a twenty-dollar bill stating that he wanted to help me, help her. Goodness! Isn't that the church in action?

I had every opportunity at the pump to begin my interrogation. Where are you going again? Whose car am I filling up? What is your end game? You know, you have called me a dozen times over the past five years asking for the same assistance. But I didn't.

I could have rightfully walked away, but I had made a promise. My brother had helped me in the process. I had ever opportunity to cast the first stone, but I didn't. Please note, I cannot afford to fill everyone's car with gas.

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)

I could have preached at the folks, though I didn't. I could have admonished them. But I didn't. I've had a change of heart. I made a promise. So, I filled the tank, and they were on their way.

Oh, how I hope that my good deed somehow touched their heart, but that's the Holy Spirit's work. Yes, I prayed for them and pray for them now and I am extremely thankful for in that moment I could be used by God to help someone.

In our reading, Jesus told the woman to leave her life of sin. Did she? I have no idea. Did she have a change of heart because Jesus saved her physical life? No clue.

But Jesus offered her every opportunity to turn it around.

Maybe your spiritual tank is on "E" today. Maybe you are in need of assistance right now. Maybe it begins with a change of heart.

Father, help me and the reader to have a change of heart. Help us to see in this passage that we too are offered the opportunity to turn it around. Begin it in me Lord. Holy Spirit work in us, be our Champion, be our assistance, and enable us today to have a change of heart.

May the PEACE that is Christ Messiah, engulf each of us today.

Thanks be to God!

Shalom and SHALOM....

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Prayer Requests



Shut Ins

Pat Hartley
George Brooks

Health Concerns

Nancy Neal
Charlotte Dunahoe
Ruth Stevenson
Zack Carter
Wayne Collins
Phyllis

David Hines
Kimberly Duesing
Tom Farmer
Joanna Camacho
Nolan Farmer
Betty Lou Gibberson
Shirley Hines
Buck Sowers
John Gibson
Karen Beavers
Roger Mullins
Lois Comerose
Tonia Russell
Betty Williams
Jackie Rucker
Doug McDaniel Sr.
Meghan McGuire
Mary Ann Moyer
Theresa Thomason
Jimmy Musser
Pat Gomillan
Jeana Cury
Lois Gibson
Pam Yost Spracher
Phyllis Willis
Brandon Goins
Mary Crigger
Rev. Bill Allen
Melissa Smith
Charles Neal
Keisha Kibler
Joyce Farmer
Gery Piluso
Justin Simon
Jordan & Nathan Evans
John Murphy
Barbara McCarty
Joyce Farmer
Casey Collier
Eric Collier
Wanda Collier
Brittany Thompson

Retha Smith
David Reed
Shirley Stevenson
Haley Myers
Susan Alford
Cindy Scharff & family
Nora Hedricks

Bereavement

None at this time!

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
Zelma Aichel
Nikki Massaro
Gary Hendricks
Bob Searle
The family of Dave Potonzo
Melissa Smith & Family
Barbara Rose
FCC Property Committee
Jon Gendron
Lucky Family
Recovery Centers in the area
Summer Camps
Young Adult Study

Unspecified Prayer Request

Terri Dodson
Wayne Pelts
Belinda Tabor
James Rathman



June 2023 Lectionary

June 1: Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a
June 2: Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14
June 3: Psalm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17
June 4: Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20
June 5: Psalm 29; Job 38:39-39:12; 1 Corinthians 12:1-3
June 6: Psalm 29; Job 39:13-25; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13
June 7: Psalm 29; Job 39:26-40:5; John 14:25-26
June 8: Psalm 50:7-15; Lamentations 1:7-11; 2 Peter 2:17-22
June 9: Psalm 50:7-15; Lamentations 3:40-58; Acts 28:1-10
June 10: Psalm 50:7-15; Exodus 34:1-9; Matthew 9:27-3
June 11: Psalm 33:1-12, Hosea 5:15-6:6, Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
June 12: Psalm 40:1-8; Leviticus 15:25-31; 22:1-9; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:2
June 13: Psalm 40:1-8; Hosea 8:11-14; 10:1-2; Hebrews 13:1-16
June 14: Psalm 40:1-8; Hosea 14:1-9; Matthew 12:1-8
June 15: Psalm 100; Exodus 4:18-23; Hebrews 3:1-6
June 16: Psalm 100; Exodus 4:27-31; Acts 7:35-43
June 17: Psalm 100; Exodus 6:28-7:13; Mark 7:1-13
June 18: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, Exodus 19:2-8a, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
June 19: Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Joshua 1:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5
June 20: Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; 1 Samuel 3:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
June 21: Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Proverbs 4:10-27; Luke 6:12-19
June 22: Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Jeremiah 18:12-17; Hebrews 2:5-9
June 23: Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Jeremiah 18:18-23; Acts 5:17-26
June 24: Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Jeremiah 20:1-6; Luke 11:53-12:3
June 25: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17, Jeremiah 20:7-13, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39
June 26: Psalm 6; Micah 7:1-7; Revelation 2:1-7
June 27: Psalm 6; Jeremiah 26:1-12; Revelation 2:8-11
June 28: Psalm 6; Jeremiah 38:1-13; Matthew 10:5-23
June 29: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Jeremiah 25:1-7; Galatians 5:2-6
June 30: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Jeremiah 25:8-14; Luke 17:1-4



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





Youth News May 2023

Greetings,

The Summer months are upon us. That means so are summer activities.

First up, we have Chi Rho & Junior Camp June 11-16. 2023. As of right now we have 4 campers, 1 junior counselor and 2 counselors going to camp at Camp Laurelview in Rockwood, PA.

Then from June 25-July 1, 2023, we have CYF Conference for the high school youth. AS of right now we have possibly 8 youth signed up for CYF and 2 counselors going that week, up to Bethany College in Bethany, WV

June is indeed going to be a very busy month, but also very exciting!

We plan to have Vacation Bible School this year as well. The dates currently are Friday, August 4 & Saturday, August 5, 2023. If you would like to help in any way please contact me (Sarah Neal) at 304-910-9933 and we will find that best fit for you to help.

As always thank you for allowing to serve you all,
Sarah Neal

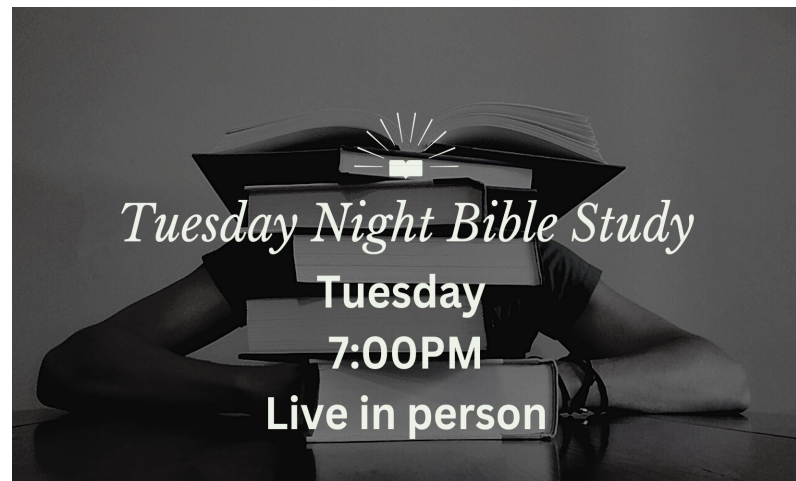


WORD LIST

AUGUST
BASEBALL
BEACH
CAMP
FISHING
FLIP FLOPS
HOT
ICE CREAM
JULY
JUNE
LEMONADE
OCEAN
PICNIC
POOL
SAND
SHORTS
SPRINKLER
SUMMER
SUNGLASSES
SUNSCREEN
SUNSHINE
SWIM SUIT
SWIMMING
TOWEL
UMBRELLA
VACATION
WATERMELON

SUMMER WORD SEARCH

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Tuesday Night Bible Study

Tuesday

7:00PM

Live in person



Morning Prayer

Wednesday's

7:30AM

Bethany Hall



**HAVE A HURT,
HABIT OR
HANG-UP?
JOIN US FOR**

Celebrate Recovery

**At First Christian Church every
Thursday at 6:00PM. Call the church at
304-327-5633 for more info.**



April 2023



Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for April 2023. God continues to bless us with faithful givers. God is good, all the time!! I just remind everyone to be faithful with your offerings through the summer vacation season. You are a faithful bunch, and because of such, God continues to bless His church here at 2200 Bland Road. 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, 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

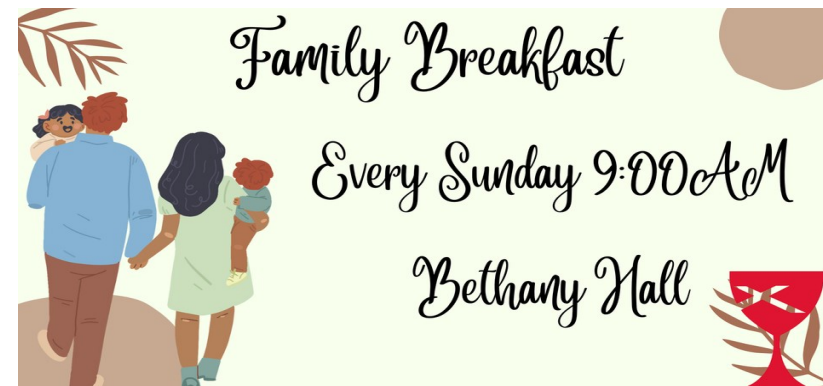
First Christian Church

Financial Information for January—April 2023

	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total GF offerings and other sources	\$ 15,699.40	\$ 64,360.01
Total expenses	14,938.65	69,352.43
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	760.75	(4,992.42)
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ 760.75	\$ (4,992.42)

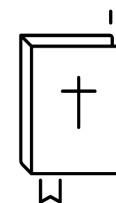
Balances on hand

April 30, 2023	
General Fund	\$ 6,954.64
Memorial and Special Gifts	16,420.53
Property Repairs and Replacement	4,275.61
Scholarship	9,843.11
Bequested Funds and other savings	111,096.26
Total	\$ 148,590.15

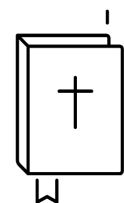


Join us each Sunday morning at 9:00AM for our Family Breakfast. All are invited to attend. We hope to see you there.

Vacation Bible School



Friday August 4 &
Saturday August 5



More details to come soon

If you would like to help with VBS in any way please contact Sarah Neal at 304-910-9933

FCC's Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Bluefield City Park – Main Shelter
10:00AM



More information to come soon.



June 2023



SUMMER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31 7:30AM Prayer 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	1 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	2	3
4 10:00AM Worship	5 6:00PM Men's Bible Study	6 6:00PM Prayer 7:00PM Bible Study	7 7:30AM Prayer 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	8 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	9 Yard Sale 7:00AM	10 Yard Sale 7:00AM
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18 10:00AM Worship	19 6:00PM Men's Bible Study	20 6:00PM Prayer 7:00PM Bible Study	21 7:00AM Prayer 10:00AM Newsletter 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	22 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	23	24
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2	3	Birthday's & Anniversaries Lesa Piluso - June 1 Ann Ayers - June 5 Wanda Collier - June 7 Scott Collier - June 10 Dee Shoemaker - June 10 Pat O'Neal - June 14 Ruth Stevens - June 15 Frank Tinder - June 19 Jackson Stacy - June 24 Melissa Stacy - June 26 Faye Louthan - June 29 Bucky & Mary Anne Collins - June 15 Matt & Helen Selbe - June 16 Scott & Wanda Collier - June 18 Jim & Cathy Evans - June 18				

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

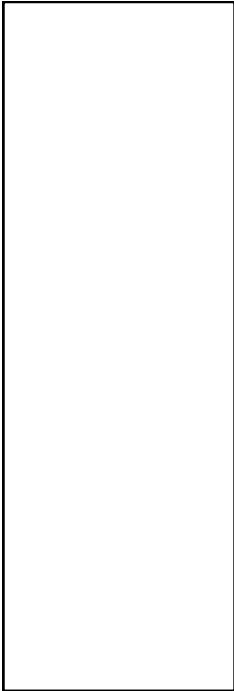


9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Combined Worship Service
Douglas W. McDaniel Jr., Pastor

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

Annual
Summer Camp & Retreats

*Youth Outreach Ministry

If you have any questions concerning youth
events please contact Darrin Coe, Youth Minister at
276-245-8374

GOD SAW EVERYTHING THAT GOD +
HAD MADE AND INDEED, IT WAS +
VERY GOOD. + GENESIS 1:31

EVERYTHING OLD
HAS PASSED AWAY!
SEE, EVERYTHING
HAS BECOME NEW!
+ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

ALL WHO BELIEVED
WERE TOGETHER +
AND HAD ALL THINGS
IN COMMON. THEY
WOULD SELF THEIR
POSSESSIONS AND GOODS
AND distribute THE
PROCEEDS TO ALL AS
ANY HAD need. + ACTS
2:44-45

Follow Me.
GOD IS DOING
A new THING
MAY 21 AND 28

2023
PENTECOST
OFFERING

YOU SHALL
LOVE YOUR
neighbor
AS YOUR
SELF
Rejoice
ALWAYS
DO TO OTHERS
AS YOU WOULD
HAVE THEM
DO TO YOU.
+ LUKE 6:31
JESUS SAID...
TO THEM, GO INTO
ALL THE world
AND PROCLAIM THE
good news TO
THE WHOLE CREATION.
+ MARK 16:15
GOD HAS TOLD YOU WHAT IS GOOD!
KINDNESS. AND WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD. + Micah 6:8

THE 2023 PENTECOST OFFERING IS A
SPECIAL OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF THE
NEW CHURCH MOVEMENT IN YOUR
REGION AND ACROSS THE CHRISTIAN
CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST).

newchurchministry.org

WE ARE A MOVEMENT FOR *wholeness* IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD.

In the beginning, every church was new! It's right there in the Book of Acts. Early disciples came together, sharing all things in common, breaking bread with glad and generous hearts. **God was doing a new thing: creating a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.**

In the beginning, Jesus sent out disciples, two by two, not to "plant" churches, but to proclaim good news, to experience the hospitality and wisdom of neighbors all around. **God was doing a new thing: creating a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.**

At New Church Ministry, we believe God is calling the whole Church back to becoming new, back to becoming who we already are: a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

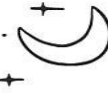
Your gifts to the 2023 Pentecost Offering, received this year in most congregations on Sundays, May 21 and 28, help ensure our movement continues to embody the Disciples of Christ vision:

To be and to share the good news,
witnessing, loving, and serving
from our doorsteps
to the ends of the earth.



Half of your gift supports the local new church movement through your region's ministry. The other half supports **New Church Ministry** efforts across the United States and Canada to equip, train, and empower new leaders.

Thank you for participating in the new thing God is STILL doing yesterday, today, and tomorrow!



Find more Pentecost Offering resources, including images, videos, and stories to share here:

<https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/pentecost>

