

Our Vision

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

The beginning of Pocahontas Kairos #23 was plagued with challenges. 6 days before the scheduled start, an insurrection occurred at another Virginia DOC facility. 3 corrections officers were injured. This put things on High Alert. We don't know what all else transpired but we were told that our scheduled walk was cancelled because of a facility shutdown. It took about 24-36 hours of communication and coordination to determine we had a functional team to deliver the subsequent weekend. We thank God and our Pocahontas administration for alignment.

Our weakened team juggled talks and chapel readings and a delayed start by a couple hours on Thursday. And yet (as always) the Holy Spirit showed up in that gymnasium and God was glorified. Our primary objective is NOT counting the number of men who give their lives to Christ. But yet it is celebrated when it occurs. After all, Jesus told Peter 3X to "Feed my Sheep", not "Count my Sheep". There were so many tears around that forgiveness from this walk.

Just a short story to make this personal.....M was 19 years old when his mother was seeing boyfriend who was unstable. His mother called him and asked him to come to her home, and it was urgent. M showed up to find the boyfriend with a gun and being told by the boyfriend "I'm going to kill you". A struggle ensued and ended with M turning the gun on the boyfriend and killing him. The self-defense claim was rejected, and M finds himself locked up for murder. Now in his mid-20's he showed up to the weekend lost, depressed, searching and seeking a way to forgive himself. Over the weekend M found his voice and found Jesus. On Saturday night after he received his cookies, in the presence of members of the Church Inside, from his Pod, he called his mother. He was so moved that he had to pass the phone to one of the church elders and have them to tell her that he was spending the rest of his life serving Jesus Christ and would be spending his eternity in heaven. Timothy showed up on Thursday as a member of the Muslim community inside PSCC. One elder of the church and two different pilgrims told me the same story during Saturday. Timothy came out of the Shower Saturday morning singing "This

~Pastor's Note~

Pocahontas State Correctional Center

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is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad". He even had a Muslim brother (not a Kairos Pilgrim - yet) tell him, "Now I'm singing it too. That song is stuck in my head". At open mic, Timothy told us: "I didn't know that Pocahontas had so many good people in this place. I need friends. I woke up singing, "This is the day the Lord has made'. I'm happy I got to do this".

Bradley told us that his Kairos experience pushed him forward on his journey that he had been struggling. He was proud to announce that he was giving his life to God almighty and His Son Jesus Christ.

One man told us that God is so good. He confessed that he has struggled being a gangbanger for 13-14 years. He cited two of the church elders of helping him learn that God was the way of out that life.

Marcus also cited assistance from one of the elders and mentioned how his Kairos weekend cemented so many things he was struggling to put into place.

Lawrence told a story which related to the Christian Action talk. He recently witnessed one inmate remove his sneakers and give them to another inmate.

Freeman told us what a blessing Kairos has been to him. He said that "this was right on time for me".

For those of you that made cookies or supported us with cookies, here are two stories for you. First, from a Kairos participant, "please tell those folks that make these cookies that they might think these are just cookies.....but to us these are proof that we have not been forgotten, that somebody out there still cares about us, and that there is hope for us. And this from a casual conversation with a Correction Officer entering the building on Sunday morning; "we told the inmates that cookie run would occur as soon as they finished up in the chow hall and made it back to their pods. Usually, men dally around and aimlessly wander back. Last night, there was no wasted time, or motion. Everybody finished and we even saw a couple of guys jogging back to their pods.

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)

In closing, this story came from our Saturday evening cookie run when we hand deliver cookies to inmates in their cells. One of the church elders tapped me on the shoulder and said, "see that cup on the table over there? That is our prayer cup. Every day, any man can write their prayer concerns down and place them in that cup. Our cells are locked for the evening at 9:00 pm sharp." "Each night at 8:55, the members of our church inside gather and pray over that cup, that God would hear the prayers that have been placed in the cup that day." "We never open the slips of paper and read them, but every man in this pod knows that they can submit their prayer requests during the day and they will be prayed over that evening before turn down."

We can't **THANK YOU** enough for your support in the way of cookies and prayers and contributions. Much like John 21:25, there are so many other stories which occurred this weekend that we could fill a book. Let's just say that God was glorified. -K

If you have made it this far, I want you to know that Timothy sat beside me for four days. He told me on Thursday that he was a Muslim. When he said that, it was like Christmas came early for me. I was so excited for Timothy! Because I knew that this young man was going to get four days of TRUTH. Praise God!

Timothy has signed up for the Christian Church services!

God is good y'all!!

Shalom SHALOM!

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Prayer Requests



Shut Ins

George Brooks
Geraldine Neal

Health Concerns

Nancy Neal
Charlotte Dunahoe
David & Shirley Hines
Joanna Camacho
John & Lois Gibson
Roger Mullins
Eddie & Betty Williams
Mary Ann Moyer
Theresa Thomason
Mary Crigger
Melissa Smith
Amelia Evans
Cindy Scharff & family
Virginia Hudson
Kim Tinder
Raymond & Nancy Mulkey
Steve Hedrick
Norma Barr
Randy Peek
Katherine Swauger
Tonia Russell
Kathy Davis
Dr. Amanda Reese
Mary Lynn Malamirsua
Jeff Nehrkorn
John Jewell
Jovan Goolsby Colon
Zelma Aichel
Ray Workman
Chad Peters
Mark Riley
Andrea Peterson
Mason Hatcher
Doug McDaniel, Sr
Tim Kuntz
Betty Lou Gibberson
Pat O'Neal
Tony Davis
Richie Williams
Glenn Woolwine
Nick Cumby
Katie Goodwin
Carolyn Radcliff
Tony Hood
Melissa Woolwine
Katie & Trey McDaniel
Lonnie Johnson
Samuel J. Martin
Amy
Betty Coe
Kelli Anne Louthan
Raymond Shupe
Ron Campbell
Montez Vault

Emily Friedberg
Hailey Myers & baby

Bereavement

The Family of Bucky Sowers

Prayer Request

Our Pastor
Our Country
Our Church Family
Kairos
Our First Responders
General Church
Regional Church
Regional Minister & Staff
Celebrate Recovery
Wade Center
Scout Troop 14
AL & Sonia Hancock
Nikki Massaro
Gary Hendricks
Bob Searle
Melissa Smith & Family
Barbara Rose
FCC Property Committee
Jon Gendron
Lacky Family
Recovery Centers in the area
Malik Robinson
Joyce Farmer
The Maples
FCC Youth
Ben & Michelle
Kathy & Larry Peters
Shirley Grim
Vicki Miller
Betsy & Steve Cardwell
Turman Family
Tammy Godfrey
The Colley Family
Jordan
Malachi Foster
Sue Luterick
Amy Johnson
Bryanna Taylor
Crystal Kinzer
Cody
Samantha
Jovan Goolsby Colon
Halley Boerboom
Amber Crist
Shelly Sexton
Sara Shelton

Unspecified Prayer Request

A.C. Martin
Lauren & Kelly
Leslie & Lauren
Luca Bird

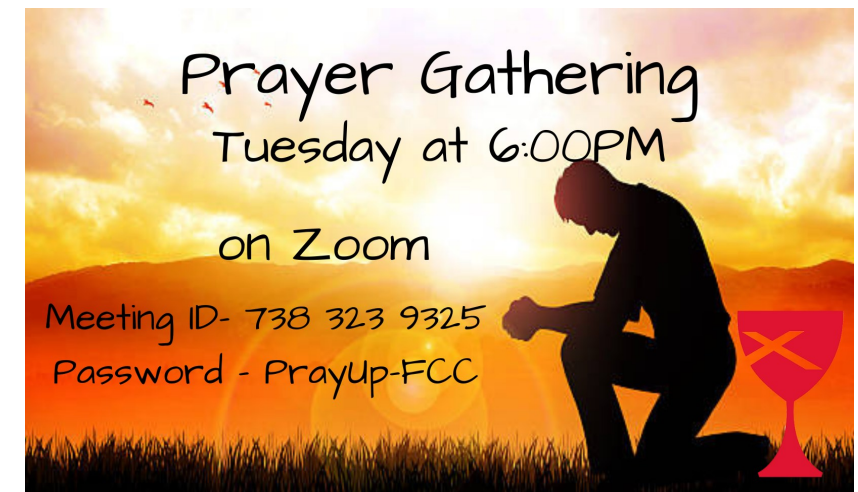
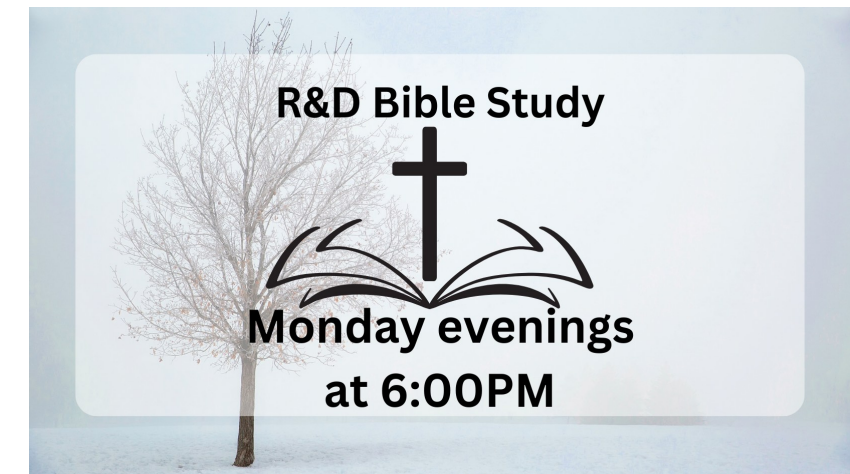
June 2025 Lectionary

June 1: Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26
June 2: Psalm 29; Exodus 40:16-38; Acts 16:35-40
June 3: Psalm 29; 2 Chronicles 5:2-14; Acts 26:19-29
June 4: Psalm 29; Ezekiel 3:12-21; Luke 9:18-27
June 5: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 32:11-17; Galatians 5:16-25
June 6: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 44:1-4; Galatians 6:7-10
June 7: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 2 Kings 2:1-15a; Luke 1:5-17
June 8: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17, (25-27)
June 9: Psalm 48; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 2:1-11
June 10: Psalm 48; Ezekiel 11:14-25; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16
June 11: Psalm 48; Numbers 24:1-14; Luke 1:26-38
June 12: Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:13-18; Ephesians 1:17-19
June 13: Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:19-26; Ephesians 4:1-6
June 14: Psalm 8; Proverbs 4:1-9; Luke 2:41-52
June 15: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a, Psalm 42 and 43, Isaiah 65:1-9, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39
June 16: Psalm 124; Proverbs 7:1-4; Ephesians 4:7-16
June 17: Psalm 124; Proverbs 8:4-21; Ephesians 5:15-20
June 18: Psalm 124; Daniel 1:1-21; Luke 1:46b-55
June 19: Psalm 42 and 43; Genesis 24:1-21; Romans 2:17-29
June 20: Psalm 42 and 43; Job 6:14-30; Galatians 3:15-22
June 21: Psalm 42 and 43; Proverbs 11:3-13; Matthew 9:27-34
June 22: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and Psalm 42 and 43, Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39
June 22: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and Psalm 42 and 43, Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39
June 23: Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:1-13; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
June 24: Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:14-26; Ephesians 2:11-22
June 25: Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:30-37; Luke 9:37-43a
June 26: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
June 27: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 2 Kings 1:1-12; Galatians 4:8-20
June 28: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 2 Kings 1:13-18; 2:3-5; Luke 9:21-27
June 29: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20, 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62
June 30: Psalm 75; 2 Kings 2:15-22; 1 John 2:7-11



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>



May Youth News

Greetings Church Family,

School is ending for the year soon and summer is upon us!!! That means so are camps. This year Camp Campbell/Jr/Chi Rho Camp is June 8-13 in Rockwood, PA. This is for any youth who have completed kindergarten to the 8th grade. CYF which is for the High school youth who have completed grades 9-12. The dates for CYF is June 22-28 and it is held in Bethany, WV at Bethany College. The cost this year is \$280 per youth, but with that said. If your youth wishes to go to camp and the parents or guardian cannot afford that we do not want money to be the reason why your youth does not get to experience camp. (Scholarships are available) Because to me, camp forms memories and bonds that last a life time.

If you have any questions or wish to sign your youth up for one of the camps please let Sarah Neal know and she will get the sign up information to you.

Thank you and God Bless,

Sarah Neal

Memorial Day WORD SEARCH



American
Battle
Cemetary
Ceremony

Country
Flag
Freedom

Honor
Memorial
Military

Service
Uniform
War



Tuesday Evening Bible Study
with Roger Mullins
7:00PM on Facebook Live &
In person
We will be studying the book of
Revelation

Morning Prayer
Every TUESDAY!!!
7:30AM Bethany Hall
Please note that the day we
meet has been changed

**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 2025



TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for April 2025. God continues to bless us with faithful givers. God is good, all the time!! And let's PRAISE GOD that 2025 is off to a great start with your faithful giving!

You cannot out-give God!!

As a reminder, please continue to check for LIGHTS, RUNNING TOILETS, A/C OR HEAT, APPLIANCES, etc. following all meetings at the church. Don't assume someone else will lock up or turn off. 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. 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

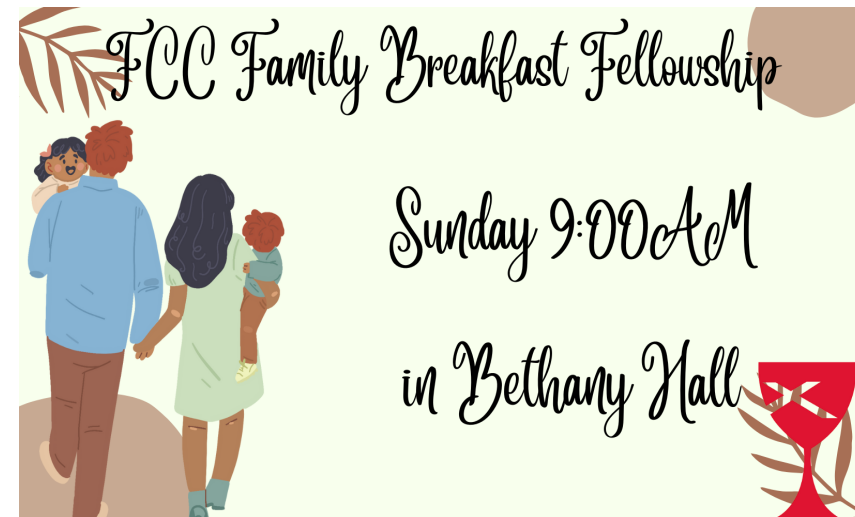
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Financial Information for April 2025

Total GF offerings and	\$ 21,681.40	\$ 96,263.23
Total expenses	13,478.48	71,517.03
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	8,202.92	24,746.20
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	(10,000.00)
Increase (decrease)	\$ 8,202.92	\$ 14,746.20

April 30, 2025

General Fund	\$ 21,777.35
Memorial and Special Gifts	16,888.92
Property Repairs and Replacement	1,730.61
Scholarship	12,698.09
Bequested Funds and other savings	111,063.87
Total	\$ 164,158.84

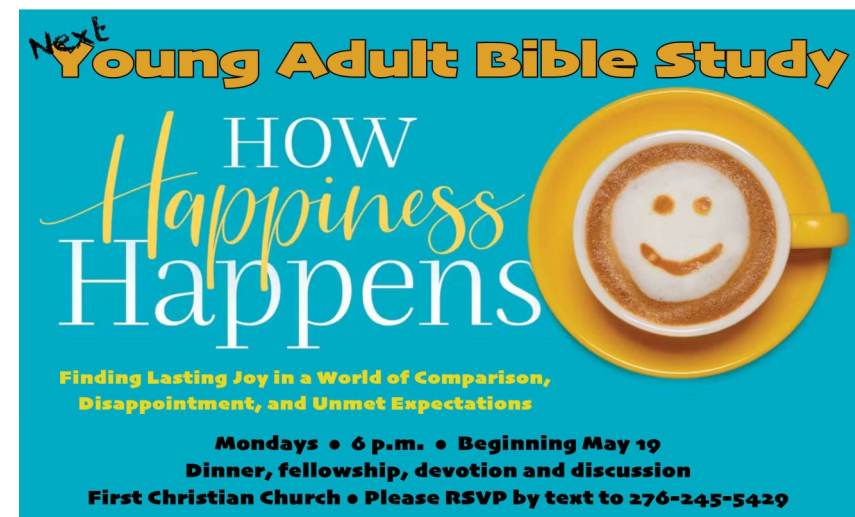


Want to get our daily church emails?

Please let Sarah know by emailing

fccbluefield@gmail.com

and she will put you on our email list.



June 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Family Breakfast 10:00AM Worship	2 6:00PM R&D Bible Study 6:30PM Young Adult Study	3 7:30AM Prayer 6:00PM Prayer 7:00PM Bible Study	4 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	5 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	6 Yard Sale 7:00AM	7 Yard Sale 7:00AM
8 9:00 Family Breakfast 10:00AM Worship	9 6:00PM R&D Bible Study 6:30PM Young Adult Study	10 7:30AM Prayer 6:00PM Prayer 7:00PM Bible Study	11 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	12 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	13	14
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22 9:00 Family Breakfast 10:00AM Worship	23 6:00PM R&D Bible Study 6:30PM Young Adult Study	24 7:30AM Prayer 6:00PM Prayer 7:00PM Bible Study	25 10:00AM Newsletter 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	26 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	27	28
29 9:00 Family Breakfast 10:00AM Worship	30 6:00PM R&D Bible Study 6:30PM Young Adult Study	1 7:30AM Prayer 6:00PM Prayer 7:00PM Bible Study	2 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	3 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	4	5
6	7	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 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
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Welcome To Our Church

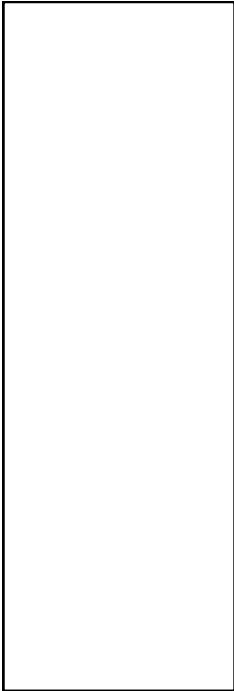


9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Combined Worship Service
Douglas W. McDaniel Jr., Pastor

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



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Youth Events

Sunday Worship for our Youth

Annual
Summer Camp & Winter Retreat

1st and 3rd Tuesday— 6:00PM
Youth Meeting

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