

### Our Vision

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

*Father, as my friends and family read this Pastor's Note I pray asking and believing that the reader will be encouraged. Holy Spirit challenge us and confront us with TRUTH. Father we are living in perilous times and if we think we're not we are sadly mistaken. Father God, I cannot remember a time in my life when the things of this world looked so bleak, and I'm reminded that there is nothing new under the sun. Truth.*

*Father, encourage the Christian today to fully stand on the promises of God. Remind us again and again that this world is not our home. Please God build a hedge of protection around each of us. A hedge that cannot be penetrated. Remind us that the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. Truth.*

*The distractions that we all face do not have to control us. What someone else says does not have to sway us. Speak TRUTH to us today. Speak to us through your Holy Word. Speak to us through our brothers and sisters. Speak to us in our singing of hymns and spiritual songs. Speak to us in our stillness. Speak TRUTH to us today oh God and send us out to be your TRUTH messengers. I pray this and much more by faith and in belief that there is nothing too big for you Father. You are an AWESOME God. You are marvelous. You are wonderful. YOU ARE! In Christ Messiah, amen.*

*I once delivered a message entitled Thanks-Living. The idea was that our Thanksgiving must be birthed out of our Thanks-Living. It is an everyday proposition for the redeemed of God, and I'm careful to not use the term "believer". Reason being is that the prince of this world is a believer. "You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder." James 2:19. The devil is a believer! Not redeemed, not a follower, not a worshipper, not filled with the Holy Spirit of God. A believer.*

*Our living for Christ and Him alone should have us celebrating and expressing our Thanksgiving every moment of*

# ~Pastor's Note~

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING TRUTH

*everyday. Sadly, the world's narrative is more focused on Thanks-Getting. Be careful with that, beloved of God. Especially as we enter the Christmas season. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21*

*This year's Thanksgiving feast will be in Kingsport at the Colley house. All ten of us will be together for the first time in quite a while. So, you can probably imagine the excitement that we are experiencing as we ready ourselves to be together.*

*This year will be a little different because there are babies on the way! Grace is with child and she and Logan are anticipating the arrival of Emma Grace, early April 2023. Tasha and Clay are hoping to adopt sometime next year, and they are pumped about the prospect of a little one.*

*Jess and I are expectant grandparents. She will be called G-Momma and I will be called Mr. McDaniel. These kids are going to have to learn a little respect. I just said all of that to see if you were paying attention. Our grandkids will call us whatever they like. But you must admit Mr. McDaniel has quite a ring to it.*

*OK! Trey will be wed to Katie Calfee next June and we couldn't be happier for them. Annie and Jovan are still on a newlywed cloud-9 and will celebrate 7 months of marital bliss on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

*Lots going on in the McDaniel, Colley, Martin, Goolsby families and to say we are thankful is an understatement.*

*My dad is home and I'm so appreciative to you all for your prayers, texts, calls and love you have expressed. What a wild ride that has been and continues to be. Dad has a long way to go, and I try and see him every Monday. It always blesses my soul to make him laugh and laugh he does.*

*Jess's mom recently lost her baby sister and that leaves Zelma as the last of seven children. She's missing her husband and her people terribly and that makes Jess and her sisters monthly reunion with their mom that much more special.*

### 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)

*Not a normal Pastor's Note, but I wanted to give you a little update to what's been going on in our lives this year.*

*We have four brand new members at FCC as of November 13th! That's a highlight. People are beginning to feel comfortable to get back in the church house and I am so blessed to be a part of such a loving family. I hear from several of you all the time bragging about the love within this faith community. Thank you, Jesus!*

*TRUTH is worth celebrating.*

*TRUTH is worth sharing.*

*TRUTH is worth being Thankful for.*

*And sadly, many of us have endured great loss this year and for that reason you remain in our prayers. The good news is our God steadily delivers us with His perfect PEACE and COMFORT.*

*Be thankful for the 1<sup>st</sup> Advent of Jesus Messiah.*

*Be expectant of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent of Jesus Messiah.*

*Remember, we are not home yet. Oh, what a day that will be!*

*I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and I am so thankful for your infectious Thanks-Living.*

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy --think about such things. Philippians 4:8*

*The PEACE of Christ be with us all.*

*Shalom and SHALOM.*

*PDoug*





**Prayer Requests**



**Shut Ins**

Margaret Goodwin  
Pat Hartley  
George Brooks

**Health Concerns**

Nancy Neal  
Bill Fuzia  
Charlotte Dunahoe  
Ruth Stevenson  
Zack Carter  
Wayne Collins  
Phyllis  
Fonda  
David Hines  
Kimberly Duesing  
Mary Crigger  
Tom Farmer  
Joanna Camacho  
Nolan Farmer  
Betty Lou Gibberson  
Shirley Hines  
Buck Sowers  
Mark Flippo  
Mary Anne Collins  
Calvin Shoemaker  
John Gibson  
Karen Beavers  
Bobby Neal  
Don Dickerson  
Roger Mullins  
Lois Comerose  
Tonia Russell  
Betty Williams  
Jackie Rucker  
Doug McDaniel Sr.  
Meghan McGuire  
Allen Neal  
Melissa Carnett  
Mary Ann Moyer  
Judy Tabor  
Ira Saltzman  
Chad Eddy  
Ted Hinerman  
Tana Miller  
Theresa Thomason  
Jimmy Musser  
Don Hammond  
Yvette Thompson

Katie Calfee  
Grace Martin  
Bernard Pauley  
Pat Gomillan  
Jeana Cury  
Lois Gibson  
Sarah McGee  
Pam Yost Spracher  
Sarah Neal  
Jay Woolwine  
Phyllis Willis  
Ernie Mullins  
Nora  
Brenda  
**Bereavement**  
The Family of Donald Kidd  
The Family of Connie Taylor  
The Family of Paris Swisher

**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  
Gery Piluso  
Zelma Aichel

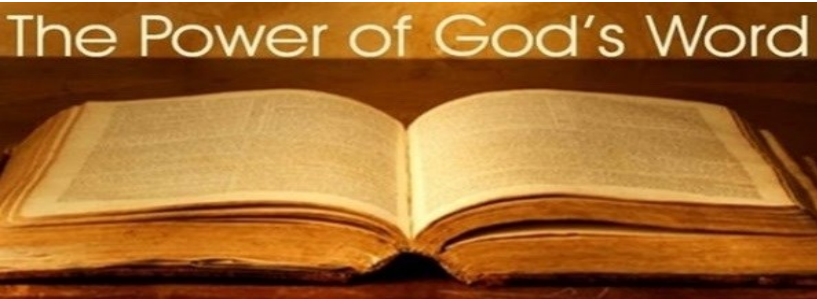
**Unspecified Prayer Request**

Terri Dodson  
Wayne Pelts  
Belinda Tabor

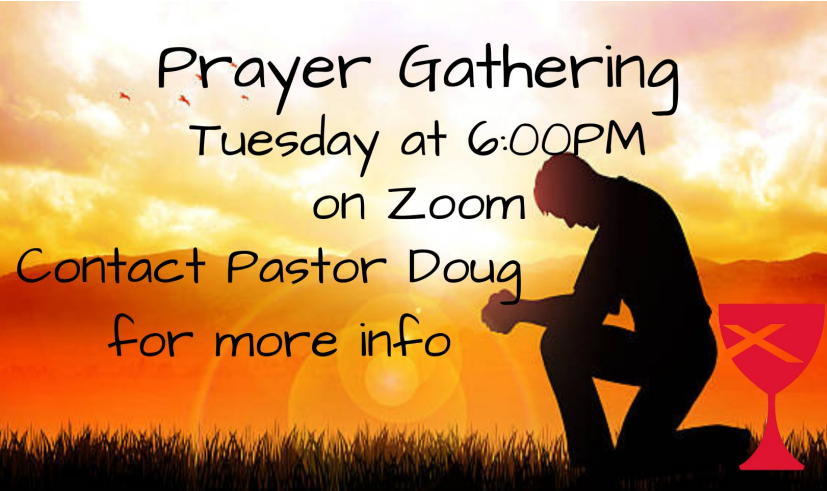
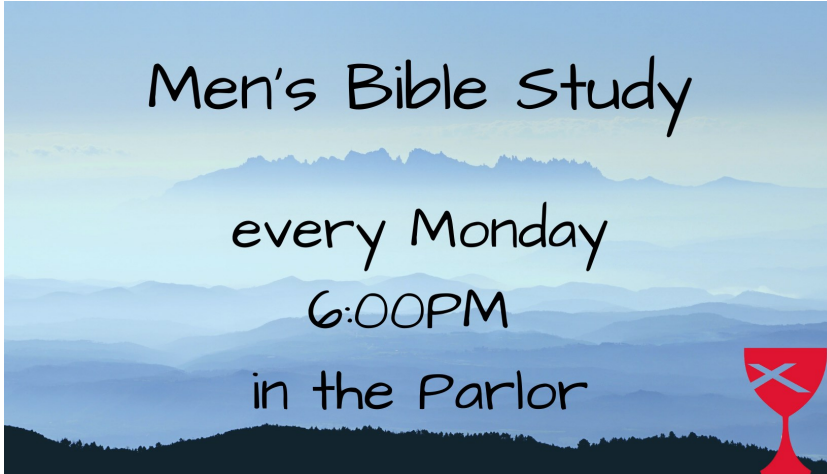


**November Lectionary**

November 28: Psalm 124; Genesis 8:1-19; Romans 6:1-11  
November 29: Psalm 124; Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 11:32-40  
November 30: Psalm 124; Isaiah 54:1-10; Matthew 24:23-35  
  
December 1: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 1:12-17, 21-26  
December 2: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 30:19-26; Acts 13:16-25  
December 3: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 40:1-11; John 1:19-28  
December 4: Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12  
December 5: Psalm 21; Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12  
December 6: Psalm 21; Isaiah 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21  
December 7: Psalm 21; Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 12:33-37  
December 8: Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10  
December 9: Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18  
December 10: Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18  
December 11: Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11  
December 12: Psalm 42; Isaiah 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16  
December 13: Psalm 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25  
December 14: Psalm 42; Zechariah 8:1-17; Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34  
December 15: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Galatians 3:23-29  
December 16: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:18-22; Galatians 4:1-7  
December 17: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:23-29; John 3:31-36  
December 18: Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25  
December 19: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 17:15-22; Galatians 4:8-20  
December 20: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 21:1-21; Galatians 4:21-5:1  
December 21: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 37:2-11; Matthew 1:1-17  
December 22: Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20  
December 23: Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14  
December 24: Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)  
December 25: **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! OUR SAVIOR IS BORN!!!**  
December 26: Psalm 148; Acts 7:59-8:8  
December 27: Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 John 5:1-12  
December 28: Psalm 148; Isaiah 49:13-23; Matthew 18:1-14  
December 29: Psalm 20; Jeremiah 31:15-22; Luke 19:41-44  
December 30: Psalm 20; Isaiah 26:1-9; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18  
December 31: Psalm 20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19



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>





Greetings Church Family,

The Holidays are upon us! With Thanksgiving coming up I cannot help but to think of things that I am thankful and grateful for. It says in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”. With those verse I cannot help but to thank God, for what you ask? Waking me up in the morning, giving me a house and food and all, I need in life and well everything. If it wasn’t for God, and His grace and mercy we wouldn’t have what we have today.

As for the Youth, Mid-Winter Retreat 2023 will be in February 2023, and to help with funds for this, the Youth of First Christian Church will be having a spaghetti fundraiser dinner on Sunday, December 11, 2022, right after our 10:00AM service. All proceeds will go to help make it so the youth can go to Mid-Winter this year.

Thank you for allowing me to work with the youth of our Church it is a true blessing in my life.

- Sarah Neal



**First Christian Church Annual Meeting Results 2022**

The following officers and board members were elected at the Sunday, November 6, 2022 Annual Congregational meeting:

Moderator: George Smith, Vice-Moderator: Lois Mullins, Secretary: Sarah Neal, Treasurer: Ronnie Hypes, Assistant Treasurer: Retha Smith, Church Clerk: Dee Shoemaker, Trustees: Ronnie Hypes, Roger Mullins, Retha Smith. (Serving 1 year terms.)

**Elders:** Darrin Coe, Bill Fuzia, Ronnie Hypes, Chuck Louthan, Jess McDaniel, Lois Mullins, Roger Mullins, Barbara Rose, Matt Selbee, George Smith, Sue Smith, Retha Smith (Serving 3 year terms and rotating off periodically.)

**Deacons:** Helen Selbee, Janet Shawver, Chris Shoemaker, Dee Shoemaker, Nick Shoemaker, Burger Boerboom, Stephanie Boerboom, Scott Collier, Wanda Collier, Shirley Hines, Gale Hypes, Faye Louthan, Randy Bailey, Lesa Piluso, Judy Tabor, Stan Taylor, Melissa Woolwine (Serving 1 year terms.)

**Junior Deacons:** Abby Shoemaker, Courtney Boerboom, Trenton Swauger, Malik Robinson, Jaida Lee, Halley Boerboom (Serving 1 year terms.)

**Deacons Emeritus** (elected but not serving on the board): Bill Bassett, Charlotte Dunahoe, John Gibson, Lois Gibson, David Hines, Jim Russell, Tonia Russell, Connie Taylor

Two amendments to the Constitution were approved:

- The phrase “semi-annual” in the Constitution and By-Laws will be replaced with “annual.” This is because we only have 1 meeting per year.
- All Deacons and Junior Deacons will serve 1 year terms, with the option to serve further years if they so choose.

- Lois Mullins





October 2022

TREASURER'S  
REPORT



## Treasurer's Report



## First Christian Church Financial Information for October 2022

Our Church is truly blessed!

Below is the financial report for October 2022. God is good, all the time!! I just remind everyone to be faithful with your offerings and God will be faithful to us, His Church. You have been so faithful to keep up your gifts to God and His church. 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](http://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.

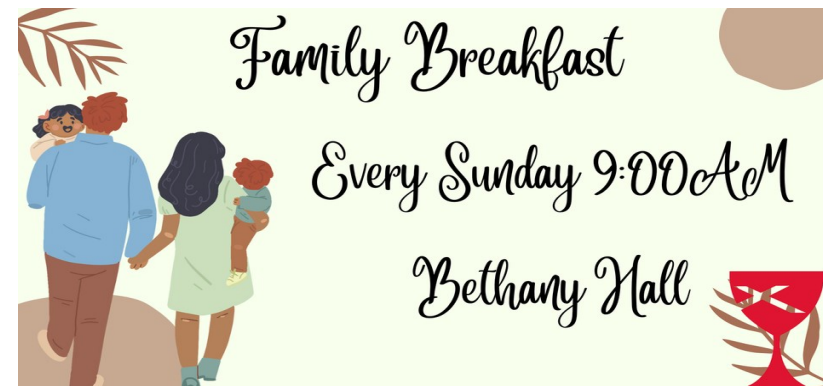
**As a reminder, please continue to check for LIGHTS, RUNNING TOILETS, A/C OR HEAT, etc. following all meetings at the church. Don't assume someone else will lock up or turn off.** This really helps to hold down utility costs. Also, if you become aware of maintenance issues with the property, please 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

	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total GF offerings and other sources	\$ 17,154.54	\$ 146,593.36
Total expenses	17,793.52	160,065.35
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	(638.98)	(13,471.99)
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ (638.98)	\$ (13,471.99)

Balances on hand	
October 31, 2022	
General Fund	\$ 4,014.48
Memorial and Special Gifts	16,418.07
Property Repairs and Replacement	4,318.20
Scholarship	6,364.08
Bequested Funds and other savings	108,314.97
Total	<b>\$ 139,429.80</b>



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



# December 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	2	3
4 Christmas Dinner 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Teen Believers	5 6:00PM Men's Bible Study 6:00PM Women's Bible Study	6 6:00PM Prayer Gathering 7:00PM Bible Study	7 7:00AM Prayer 6:00PM Praise Band	8 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	9	10
11 Youth Spaghetti dinner 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Teen Believers	12 6:00PM Men's Bible Study 6:00PM Women's Bible Study	13 6:00PM Prayer Gathering 7:00PM Bible Study	14 7:00AM Prayer 6:00PM Praise Band	15 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	16 11:00AM Newsletter Submissions Due	17
18 9:00AM Family Breakfast 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Teen Believers	19 6:00PM Men's Bible Study 6:00PM Women's Bible Study	20 6:00PM Prayer Gathering 7:00PM Bible Study	21 7:00AM Prayer 10:00AM Newsletter Assembly 6:00PM Praise Band	22 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	23	24 Christmas Eve Candle Light Service 7:00PM
25 9:00AM Family Breakfast 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Teen Believers	26 6:00PM Men's Bible Study 6:00PM Women's Bible Study	27 6:00PM Prayer Gathering 7:00PM Bible Study	28 7:00AM Prayer 6:00PM Praise Band	29 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	30	31
1	2	<b><u>December Birthday's &amp; Anniversaries</u></b> Bill Fuzia - Dec. 1   Treyvon Smith - Dec. 2   Elijah Smith - Dec 2 Jerry Tabor - Dec, 3   Pastor Doug - Dec. 4 Jon Gendron - Dec 5   Lois Gibson - Dec. 6 Savannah Smith - Dec. 8 Martha Birkelbach - Dec 9 Sue Luterick - Dec 9   Stan Taylor - Dec 12 Shirley Grimm - Dec. 17 Susan Shields Dec. 19 Chere Ester - Dec. 20   Retha Smith Dec. 27   Trey McDaniel - Dec. 30   Ronnie & Gale Hypes - Dec 31				

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

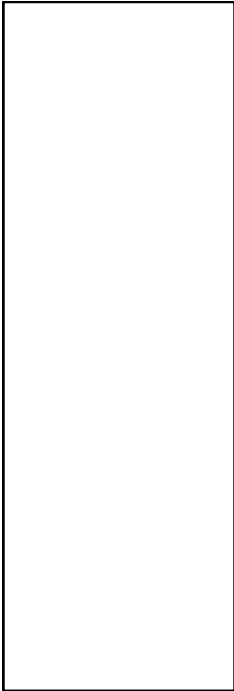


9:00 am Bible Study  
10:00 am Combined Worship Service  
Douglas W. McDaniel Jr., Pastor

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Youth Events

Sunday Teen Believers  
6:00PM

WOWZZA Wednesday  
1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month

\*Youth Outreach Ministry

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

# REPEAT the sounding

# JOY

## Christmas Offering 2022

A Special Day offering of  
Disciples Mission Fund supporting  
the ministries of our Region



# REPEAT the sounding

Repeat the sounding joy  
**of children and youth at camp**

Repeat the sounding joy  
**of congregations welcoming their new pastor**

Repeat the sounding joy  
**of all persons finding affirmation for ministry**

Repeat the sounding joy  
**of congregations welcoming neighbors**

Repeat the sounding joy  
**of racial divisions bridged**

Repeat the sounding joy  
**of conflict resolved**

Repeat the sounding joy  
**of relationships made near and far**

## Christmas Offering 2022

Your Christmas offering equips our Region to echo the joy heard in summer camp settings, congregational life, seminary classrooms, and leadership gatherings. Your gift enables our Region to give support to Elders, Sunday School teachers, youth group sponsors, worship leaders, seminarians, and pastors so that joy resounds. With your gift, connections are made between congregations and among Disciples throughout this Region and around the world.



You are invited to make a gift to the Christmas Offering to repeat the sounding joy across our church. Thank you.