

Our Vision

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



Frost on my windshield this morning reminds me of a couple things. Leaves changing colors and gingerly making their way to the ground speaks to what is coming. No more tomatoes on the vines leaves me at a little bit of a loss, and oh it's getting darker earlier. I was born in the winter and so I celebrate yet another impending winter season. Yes! I celebrate winter and all that it brings. The Lord in His providence saw fit to allow us to experience four seasons country and so we await the snow. "Oh my goodness, he did not say snow! Did he?" Well, yes he did. Now I don't love the snow near as much as my first wife does, but I tell you there is beauty and serenity in the "atmospheric water vapor frozen into ice crystals and falling in light white flakes" (Thank you Webster's.)

I had said that the frost reminded me of a couple things and so let me say this about that. There is a God and I'm not Him. That was a Captain Obvious moment wasn't it? Well, everyone knows that they are not God, right? But it seems that we take opportunity to question God and His motives much too often. It's almost like our disgust with one another in this society would point to a less than sufficient God. A God that is intermittently powerful or sort of knowing. A God that allows such tragedy and turmoil and evil to prevail in society couldn't possibly be Triune or Omniscient, could He? "So what are you trying to get at PDoug?"

Since the original sin we have been on a downward spiral as a society. God's not changed. He's the same yesterday, today and forever. So what's changed? People have changed. People have again done what the early Jews did after God had set them free from captivity. We started looking to make someone or something else our god. The Israelites needed (and I chuckle, thinking that we know what we need) a god that would go before them. So they melted down gold and made themselves a god. A god that they could manipulate and fashion in their own image. Please excuse me but that doesn't sound like much of a god. A god that is crafted in my own image, and hand crafted by me, to suit my own needs, and that will be at my beckon call? Oh God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob forgive us for our narrow minded thinking and our half hearted attempts.

~Pastor's Note~

This society argues over everything! In the last three or four Presidential Elections half the country voted correctly and the other half are considered blind idiots! Thank God that's the attitude of the world and not the church. But you know that too much of that kind of thinking has made its way into the church. Oh, brothers and sisters we have to put that to rest. We have to begin to deal with one another with Christ like love and patience. I can no longer say I love you on Sunday morning and hate your stinking guts at the polls. We cannot afford to fall into the trap that the evil one has set for us and allow politics or a presidential candidate to become our idol. We live in tumultuous times and our number one focus through it all has got to be and always be Jesus Christ and Him alone.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 ¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. ¹² Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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)



It matters not to me what your political affiliation might be. I certainly am not offended by the color of your skin or the eloquence or lack therein of your speech. I care less about the car you drive or the brand of shoes you wear. You can be homosexual, heterosexual or undecided and you can like the GMEN or the BEAVERS, and I am not affected by your decisions. But, if we don't have love church, we are in trouble. Love must be the platform from which we live and breathe. Love must be our modus operandi! Yes our M.O. must be the love of Jesus Christ. We will either be known by it or not and so for me and my household, we will choose the love of Jesus Christ.

Our God IS an Awesome God!

PDoug



Music News

Happy Fall to each of you in our church family! Wistfully I say goodbye to the long days of summer with its warm beautiful evenings and bright sunny mornings. With Fall comes our preparations for music of the Christmas season. In choir rehearsals, we have started work on the Christmas Cantata and plans are underway for our sixth annual Christmas Concert on December 10th. I send a warm invitation to anyone who would like to join us for either of these events. You would be a blessing!

Don't forget our *Music at First Christian* concert with Dr. Alexa Schlimmer and Dr. John Moir on **November 12th at 4 PM.**

Our Father's Love and Blessings to each of you,
Harold



Youth News



TAG YOU'RE IT! - There has been a wonderful response by our church family to volunteer in our Youth Ministry efforts. Many thanks to you and you and you! The "Up and Coming Church" is being loved on and cared for well and yes there is a lot to do and the Lord is honoring our efforts!

Upcoming Opportunities: Graham Haunted House, Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs (Ice Hockey), Do I dare say Punk'n Chunk'n? Family Movie Nights and we look even further ahead to Mid-Winter. And hey, let's do a concert or two. Did I mention we need a van?

Folks we need additional help in the Sunday School Classrooms. If you can give one Sunday a month, we'd love to have you plug in. If you are an every other month participant we will gladly find you a place to serve. FYI / We are averaging over 10 children every Thursday night at Celebrate Recovery. We could use some help in that area as well.

Just in case you didn't know, ALL of our young people are standouts – Fearfully and wonderfully made says the Lord! Remember to pray for our college students and all our wonderful youth.

God bless you for feeding the children and yes they are being fed. Praise the Lord! PDoug



New Members

Nick & Maria Whited

1001 Edgewood Road, Bluefield, WV 24701

304-323-1929

Duane Huff

Information to come soon



Saturday November 4, 2017

Craft Sale

Bake Sale

Luncheon

*For tickets to the luncheon or for more information contact the church office at 304-327-5633 or Carolyn Bassett at 304-327-5478



Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for September 2017. 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. Praise God for His faithfulness to His church! Praise God for each of you and your faithfulness to the ministries at FCC. We serve a mighty God! 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 September 2017		
	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total offerings and other sources	\$ 13,765.20	\$ 148,115.13
Total expenses	14,627.07	147,816.92
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	(861.87)	298.21
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ (861.87)	\$ 298.21
Balances on hand September 30, 2017:		
General Fund		\$ 278.55
Memorial and Special Gifts		14,258.19
Property Repairs and Replacement		342.65
Scholarship		2,262.67
Bequested Funds and other savings		79,833.97
Total		\$ 96,976.03

Praise and give thanks to the Lord

Youth activities

W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

November 8 & 22

5:30PM

Christianaires Room



Cabinet meeting

November 11, 2017

9:00AM

Bethany Hall





November 2017

☆ Birthdays

♥ Anniversaries



For birthday/anniversary additions/changes please notify Sarah

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<p>1</p> <p>☆ *Jessica McDaniel</p> <p>*Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM</p> <p>*FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM</p> <p>*FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>*Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM</p> <p>*Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>☆ *Pat Hartley</p> <p>*Fall Bazaar 11:00AM</p>
<p>5</p> <p>*BCC Worship 9:00AM</p> <p>*Sunday School 10:00AM</p> <p>*FCC Worship 11:00AM</p> <p>*Youth 7:00PM—8:00PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>*Boy Scouts 7:00PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>*Prayer Meeting 6:15PM</p> <p>*Bible Study 7:00PM</p> <p>*BCC Praise Team 6:30PM</p>	<p>8</p> <p>*Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM</p> <p>*WOWZZA Wednesday 5:30PM</p> <p>*FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM</p> <p>*FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>☆ *Mary Mash</p> <p>*Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM</p> <p>*Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>☆ *Kaylee Bailey</p> <p>*Cabinet Meeting 9:00AM</p>
<p>12</p> <p>*BCC Worship 9:00AM</p> <p>*Sunday School 10:00AM</p> <p>*FCC Worship 11:00AM</p> <p>*Youth 7:00PM—8:00PM</p>	<p>13</p> <p>*Boy Scouts 7:00PM</p>	<p>14</p> <p>*Union Mission Dinner</p> <p>*Prayer Meeting 6:15PM</p> <p>*Bible Study 7:00PM</p> <p>*BCC Praise Team 6:30PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>☆ *Shirley Hines</p> <p>*Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM</p> <p>*FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM</p> <p>*FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>*Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM</p> <p>*Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM</p>	<p>17</p> <p>*Newsletter Submissions Due</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Men's Breakfast 8:00AM</p>
<p>19</p> <p>*BCC Worship 9:00AM</p> <p>*Sunday School 10:00AM</p> <p>*FCC Worship 11:00AM</p> <p>*Hanging of the Greens 12:30PM</p> <p>*Youth 7:00PM—8:00PM</p>	<p>20</p> <p>*Boy Scouts 7:00PM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>*Prayer Meeting 6:15PM</p> <p>*Bible Study 7:00PM</p> <p>*BCC Praise Team 6:30PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>**Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM</p> <p>*Newsletter Assembly & Mailing 10:00AM</p> <p>*WOWZZA Wednesday 5:30PM</p> <p>*FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM</p> <p>*FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>*Thanksgiving—Office Closed</p> <p>*Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM</p> <p>*Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>☆ *George Brooks</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>☆ *Marilyn Hypes</p> <p>*BCC Worship 9:00AM</p> <p>*Sunday School 10:00AM</p> <p>*FCC Worship 11:00AM</p> <p>*Youth 7:00PM—8:00PM</p>	<p>27</p> <p>*Charlotte Dunahoe</p> <p>*Boy Scouts 7:00PM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>*Prayer Meeting 6:15PM</p> <p>*Bible Study 7:00PM</p> <p>*BCC Praise Team 6:30PM</p>	<p>29</p> <p>*Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM</p> <p>*FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM</p> <p>*FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM</p>	<p>30</p> <p>☆ *Pete Shields</p> <p>*Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM</p> <p>*Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM</p>		

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

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Disciples of Christ
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Youth Events

Sunday Youth Night
7:00PM—8:00PM

Wednesday
5:30-6:30 PM WOW November 8 & 22

*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

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