

Our Vision

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



Many of you know that 8 years ago I was asked to be a part of KAIROS #1 at Pocahontas State Correctional Center in Pocahontas, VA. Problem was, I was the color/stat guy for Graham High Football Radio and was unable to attend. But when KAIROS #2 was about to fire up I was all in. Thankfully I've been a part of the last 14 walks at PSCC. KAIROS is an International Prison Ministry that serves level three prisons and up. The higher the number the more serious the offender.

My name is Doug McDaniel, Pocahontas State Correctional Center, KAIROS #2, Family of Paul, "CLAP"! That's how we introduce ourselves during KAIROS. We meet for four days in the spring and fall of the year to go into the prison and "listen – listen, love – love" on the 42 residents that are selected for the walk. No, we do not spend the night! We normally enter the prison at 7:30AM and leave at 4PM, except on Sunday when we depart at 2PM.

Day 1, begins on a Thursday when all the men are checked in and are greeted by their host "Outside Team Member". That's the group of men who are gathering from as far away as Bedford, Roanoke, Christiansburg, Radford, and Bluefield, VA, not to mention our Bluefield, WV group. Once we are in and settled we go through a simple introduction. All the men will give their name, something about their family, their job, a hobby, and what they are looking to receive over the four-day pilgrimage. We listen to our first main talk entitled "CHOICES". The men are encouraged to make three more good choices. Come back Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Don't judge the journey based on the first day, so come back.

Day 2, is a busier day with more main talks, Chapel messages and prayers. The men are asked to make posters after each talk to express their feelings and thoughts. For example, the CHOICES talk often leads the men to draw out and express the value of good choices over bad choices. Some are quite elaborate.

Day 3, is similar to day 2, except there is a heavy emphasis on "FORGIVENESS"! We call it "MOVING DAY". Early into our 3rd day everyone has received a piece of rice paper to write down the names of people that they need to forgive. We are all encouraged to put our own names on the list first. This forgiveness portion of the service is similar to the forgiveness ceremony we have experienced at

~Pastor's Note~

KAIROS #15 Update

our Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve. Men will take their forgiveness list and kneel at a tub of water and place the list in the water and watch it disappear. Very symbolic of our sins being cast into the sea of forgetfulness.

During the 3rd day the men will receive letters that each of our outside team has written to all 42 residents. Many of the incarcerated men have NEVER received a letter from the outside, so you can imagine the emotion and the sobering meaning behind the letters. It's not uncommon to see one of our clergy reading the letters to one or two of the residents because they are illiterate. After receiving the letters, the men are then encouraged to move to the water tubs. When the men kneel and release their lists, they have one of the Clergy to pray with them. I personally prayed with a young man to receive Christ on KAIROS #15. That's the ultimate! Praise the Lord!

Day 4, there are more talks and wonderful opportunities for the residents to respond. They can come forward and represent their family table by sharing their posters, giving explanations to what each talk meant to them. But it's in the "OPEN MIC" time that we see and listen to some of the most wonderful testimonies. The men get a chance to answer three questions. What was your condition when you arrived? What have you found during your four days at KAIROS? What will you take away with you back to the compound? Men come in lost and hurting. Some full of questions and other expressing doubt. Others have come simply for the cookies and coffee. (I'll get back to the cookies and coffee in a minute)

Men find agape love and others find hope in a dismal situation. Some of those that say they were lost are found in Christ! Men talk about taking Jesus back to the compound. Others will go back with a new family and others have found that they can trust men in a place where trust is an anomaly.

We take in somewhere around 16,000 cookies and gallons of coffee. The 42 men who are on the KAIROS Walk have plates of cookies and cups of coffee delivered to them for four days by servers who are called "CHA'S" (Christ Hands in Action). We (the outside team) hand deliver cards and cookies to all the inmates in the facility. They house 1,033 men. When we go into the pods, you can hear the inmates asking for the "JESUS" cookies. WOW!! We deliver them and bless each man in the name of the Lord.

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)



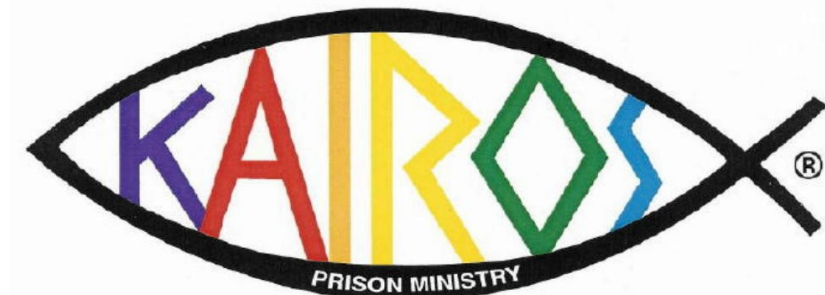
We need continued prayer for our outside team and we need more men to step up. Please pray about joining us in the spring of 2019. Please pray for the men on the inside. Not just at PSCC, but all those who are incarcerated around the world. And yes, we need cookies every month for our KAIROS reunions on the first Saturday of each month.

We average around 25 outside team members who begin teaming months in advance. None of our outside team are super human. We are just servants of the Most-High King. Supernatural work happens because there is an unmistakable awareness of the presence of the holy Spirit in that place. There is a four-day 24-hour prayer vigil going on that many of you have been a part of. God is at work during KAIROS! KAIROS in the Greek simply but profoundly means, "GOD'S SPECIAL TIME"! Truer words couldn't be spoken. Ask Mr. Louthan, Darrin or me about the experience. It is heavenly!

Matthew 25:36 (NIV) I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Find blessing in the Lord in Jesus name....

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God's Special Time



Prayer Requests



SHUT INS

June Turner
Ruth Shields
Margaret Goodwin
Marilyn Hypes
Donnie Hypes

Danny Nichols
Lynn McCure Burney
Daken Bishop
Donnie Hypes
Kenny Ramos
John Gibson

HEALTH CONCERNS

Pat Hartley
Eddie Williams
Betty Williams
Nancy Tabor
Patty Baker
Wayne Collins
Carol Stafford
Patty Camacho
Leigh Anne Hines Owen
Art Strommer
Mary Flanigan
Shirley Hines
Toni Russell
Glen Kersey
Jo Hartley
Sue Godwin
Breanna Nicodemus
Terry Barton Sr.
Roger Stacy
Tom Farmer
Beth Hayes
Chris Tinder
Grat Shawver
Cleo Halsey
Clancy Griffin
Marilyn Hypes
Ellen Elliot
Gracie Figeruroa
Melissa Smith
Vicki
Carl Walker
Mary Baker
Kenny Adams
JR Shrewsbury
Catherine Gillespie
Gavin

BEREAVEMENT

The Family of Patsy Selbee
The Family of Dan Henderson

PRAYER REQUEST

Randy & Jan Bailey
Retha Smith & Family
Our Pastor
Our Country
Our Church Family
Dewayne
Joseph
Garry
David Epperly
Robert Searle
Jon Gendron
Trey McDaniel
Our First Responders
General Church
Regional Church
Regional Minister & Staff



Need a Ride To Church?

Contact the church office at 304-327-5633 or
Jessica McDaniel at 304-952-9393



Church office CLOSED
November 22, 2018



In observation of Thanksgiving



Crafts WOWZZA Wednesday



Every Wednesday

5:30PM

In the Christianaires room



First Christian Church FALL BAZAAR

BRUNCH
10AM-12NOON
Cost \$10

Homemade
Crafts



November 3, 2018
10AM – 2PM



Union Mission Dinner November 13, 2018

Contact Carolyn Bassett for
information on how to help!



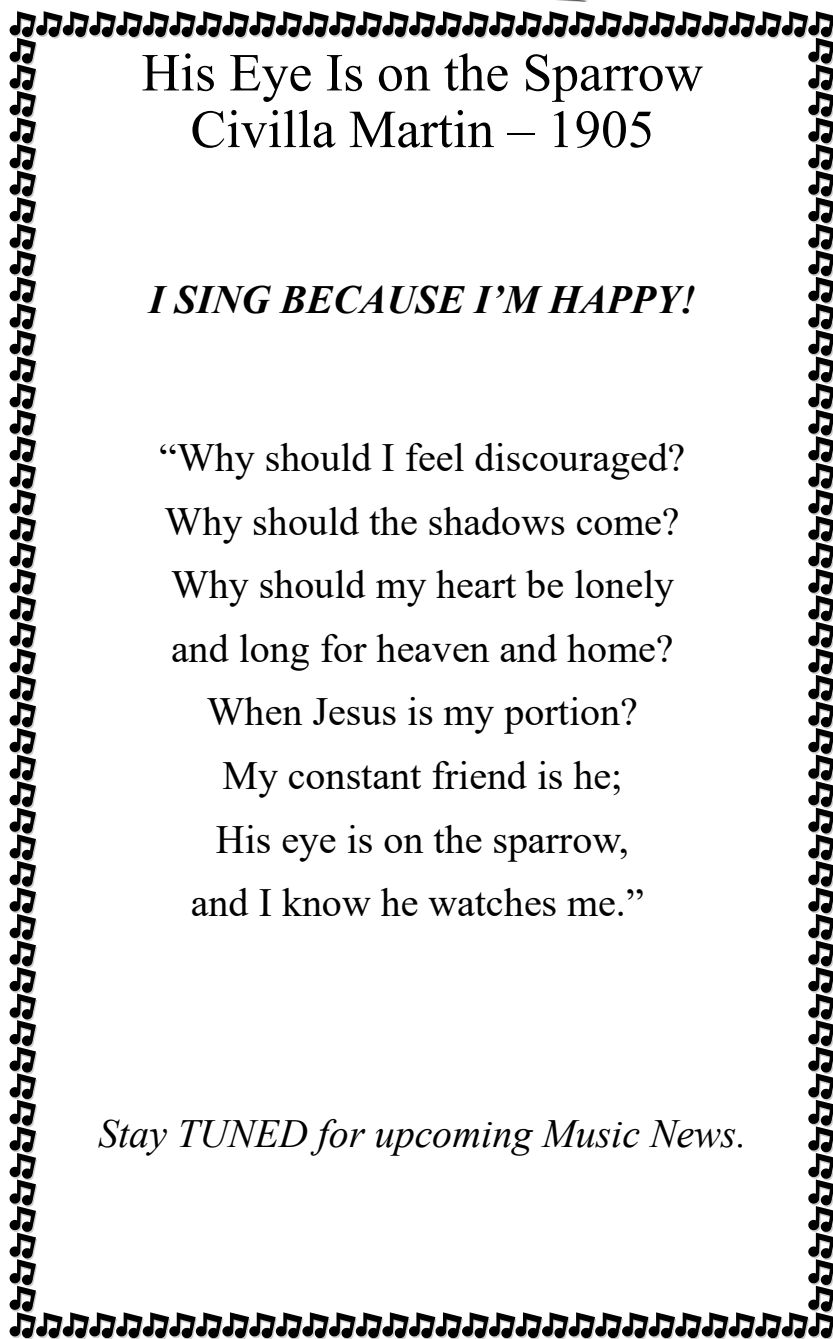
meeting



November 13, 2018

5:30PM

We will be doing costume fittings during this meeting, so it is important that you attend if you plan on helping!

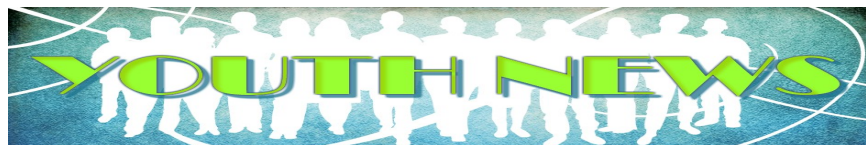


His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Civilla Martin – 1905

I SING BECAUSE I'M HAPPY!

“Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home?
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he;
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.”

Stay TUNED for upcoming Music News.



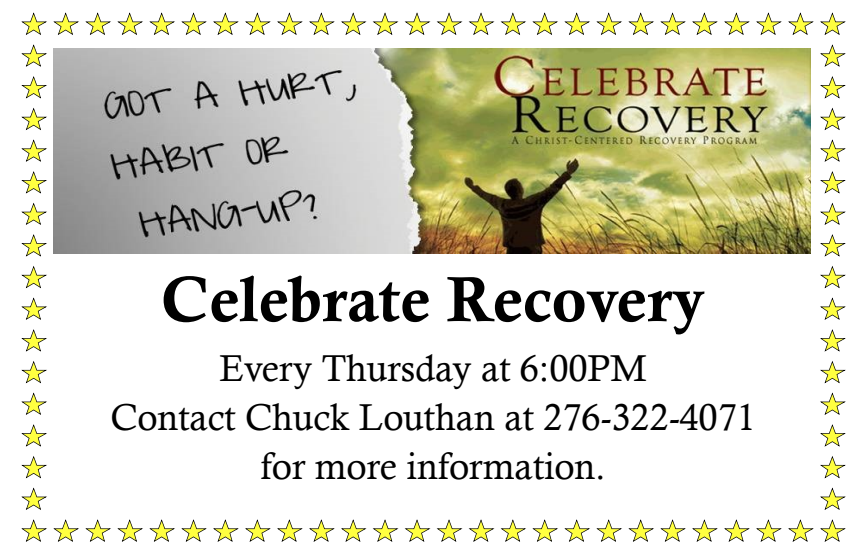
Greetings,

As usual we have a lot of things going on in our youth department. We recently started having Wowzza Wednesday every week for our Elementary ages youth. A trip to Salem, VA is planned for our youth 13 and up to go to Big Church Night Out which features Crowder. That is planned for October 27. As the month of October comes to an end we must start to prepare for the Holiday Season! Be on the look out for information about our upcoming Children’s Christmas Program.

I know it is a little early but, MID-WINTER papers have come out. Mid-winter is February 8 –10, 2019. This is for youth 3rd grade and up. If your youth would like to go just let one of the youth team members (Sarah, Darrin or Melissa) know and they will see that you get a form and the information that you need.

As always thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you all.

- Sarah Neal



Celebrate Recovery

Every Thursday at 6:00PM
Contact Chuck Louthan at 276-322-4071
for more information.



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



God’s Special Time

Kairos Cookies for the November
reunion are due:

November 2, 2018

12 NOON





September 2018

TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for September 2018. God is good! Praise God for His faithfulness to His church! Praise God for each of you and your faithfulness to the ministries at FCC. This is my first Treasurer's Report in a while. I REALLY want to thank Mary Anne Musser for assuming the responsibilities of our Treasurer for the past two years! I appreciate having the time off! Remember your own service to the church as we all thank Mary Anne for a job well done. If we remain faithful in our "little," God will remain faithful for our "much." I am grateful for your faithfulness to God's work in this place.

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!

Ronnie Hypes, Treasurer



First Christian Church		
Financial Information for September 2018		
	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total offerings and other sources	\$ 14,540.65	\$ 146,745.42
Total expenses	14,582.79	143,052.40
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	(42.14)	3,693.01
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ (42.14)	\$ 3,693.01
Balances on hand		
September 30, 2018:		
General Fund		\$ 7,612.35
Memorial and Special Gifts		13,413.22
Property Repairs and Replacement		342.77
Scholarship		4,395.45
Bequested Funds and other savings		90,469.45
Total		\$ 116,233.43

Praise and give thanks to the Lord

Toiletry DRIVE



Celebrate Recovery along with First Christian Church are having a toiletry drive for the Holiday season.

All items collected will go to The Fellowship Home for men, Four Season for men, or the Highland House for women.

There will be a box in the Narthex to place your donated items in.

For more information contact Faye Louthan at 276-322-4071





November 2018

☆ Birthdays

♥ Anniversaries



<i>SUN</i>	<i>MON</i>	<i>TUE</i>	<i>WED</i>	<i>THU</i>	<i>FRI</i>	<i>SAT</i>
				1 ☆ *Jessica McDaniel *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	2 *Kairos Cookies Due at 12 Noon	3 *Church Fall Bazaar 10AM-2PM
4 ☆ *Pat Hartley *Contemporary Service 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *Traditional Service 11:00AM	5 *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	6 *BCC Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM	7 *Wowza Wednesday *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	8 *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	9 ☆ *Mary Mash	10 ☆ *Candice Humphery
11 ☆ *Kaylee Bailey *Contemporary Service 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *Traditional Service 11:00AM	12 *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	13 *Union Mission Dinner *BCC Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM	14 *Wowza Wednesday 5:30PM *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	15 ☆ *Shirley Hines *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	16 *Newsletter Submissions Due 11AM	17 *Men's Breakfast 9:00AM *Women's Breakfast 9:00AM
18 *Contemporary Service 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *Traditional Service 11:00AM	19 *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	20 *BCC Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM	21 *Newsletter Assembly 10AM *Wowza Wednesday *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	22 *OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	23	24 ☆ *George Brooks
25 *Contemporary Service 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *Traditional Service 11:00AM	26 ☆ *Marilyn Hypes *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	27 ☆ *Charlotte Dunahoe ☆ *Shirley Stevenson BCC Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM	28 *Wowza Wednesday 5:30PM *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	29 ☆ *Carey Huber *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	30 ☆ *Pete Shields	

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 Worship Service
Contemporary Church Service
Sunday School: 10:00 am
11:00 am Worship Service
Traditional Church Service
Douglas W. McDaniel Jr., Pastor

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



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Permit # 51
Bluefield, WV 24701
Non-Profit Organization



Youth Events

Sunday Youth Night
7:00PM—8:00PM

Wednesday
WOWZZA Every Wednesday

*Youth Outreach Ministry

If you have any questions concerning youth
events please contact
Sarah Neal, Youth Mentor dorkygirl19886@gmail.com
or 304.910.9933

THANKSGIVING OFFERING NOV 2018

www.DisciplesMissionFund.org

Colleges & Universities

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Seminaries & Divinity Houses

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



Higher Education &
Leadership Ministries

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



2018 Thanksgiving Offering

From the very beginnings of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Currently, over 50,000 students attend our 14 Disciples-related colleges, universities or one of the seven seminaries and divinity houses. And in the past 12 months, over 12,000 students have graduated from these fine schools.

On Nov. 11 and 18, Disciples churches across the United States and Canada will collect the Thanksgiving offering. Your gift to the Thanksgiving offering helps to support the work of our institutions of higher learning in many ways: financially supporting Disciples-related schools, providing undergraduate scholarships and support for spiritual life offices, and providing scholarships and support for those pursuing theological education.

This November, please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving offering. Your gifts make a world of difference as Disciples continue our legacy of supporting education and our institutions of higher learning.