

Our Vision

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



Today I happened to be visiting the manufacturing plant in Bluefield Virginia that I had a hand in starting back in 1989. During my visits I'm always drawn to the smells and the sounds and today was no different. I can look around and see equipment that is still in operation from the early 90's. One of the cool factoids is that there is still equipment that is in service from the mid 70's that came out of my dad's shop when I was a kid. So, it's always a little bit of stroll down memory lane for me when I visit each time.

There are still employees there who I hired in the 90's, and a few that were brought in after I left at the end of 97. Some of you know I would return in 2004 on a consulting basis and stay for seven more years. Prior to pastoring I was working part time to help ends meet, and the rest is really history. Thank you, Jesus!

Today when I go in, I'm almost expected to make my way through the facility and shake hands (COVID SHAKES OF COURSE) and chat up some of the folks I used to work with. Today an old employee came up to me and shook my hand before I knew what had happened and he said he needed me to pray for him, to which I told him I most certainly would.

I was there today to check on some cast iron weights that belong to the Granada Theater. Most folks in our town know that the Granada is the last remaining theater in our town. My dad says he remembers caddying at Bluefield Country Club in the 1950's and walking over to the Granada and sneaking in to catch a movie. So, as you know the Granada is under total renovation and in hopes of opening soon. The cast iron weights are used on a pulley system to raise and lower the curtains. I took on the task of cleaning them so that folks could purchase sponsorship and have their name plates put on the weights. It's a pretty cool idea

Well along comes Travis again, he's the one who was asking for prayer and I had a minute to speak with him. I said now Travis, I'm going to pray for you, but what are you going to do? Well he said, I need to make some changes sometime soon. I asked him if he wanted me to wait to pray, since he wasn't going to commit to do his part yet. He looked at me a little cross eyed as you can imagine. I told Travis that we aren't guaranteed tomorrow and how about considering the change now. I went on to tell him there's no time like the present. He's still looking at me a bit cross eyed.

I asked him, Travis, would you consider the present as a present? Now I really have him shaking his head! HAHAAAA! But he knew

~Pastor's Note~

No Time Like the Present

exactly what I meant. Travis struggles with something that has mastered him for many years and he knows he needs to distance himself from it. I told him that all my praying would never fix his problem if he was going to wait until tomorrow to overcome it. There is no tomorrow, there is only now, today. We live in the present!

Our message this past Sunday had us looking at one of Jesus' parables. Jesus would ask the people (the tax collectors, sinners, and the KIA 'S); ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. **Luke 15:4-7 (NIV2011)**

The Good Shepherd never puts off seeking the lost sheep. The Good Shepherd throws out all the stops to find and care for the lost ones, for which I too was one. But I had to make a choice to be found, and I'm glad I did!

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **Romans 5:6-8 (NIV2011)**

Aren't we glad He didn't put it off?

Aren't we glad He made the ultimate sacrifice?

Now is the time for us, the Church of Jesus Christ to live sacrificially.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! **Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV2011)**

That's really stuck with me of late as I consider the call Jesus has placed on my life. I guess that's why the Travis' of the world have become so precious to me. Travis and I are not that dissimilar. I just decided to quit putting off what God was calling me to. I'm not speaking of pastoring a church. I'm talking about my decision to finally allow Jesus Christ to be

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)



the Lord of my life.

It's a lot like the cleanup of the cast iron weights. They weren't going to do it by themselves. Someone was going to have to take care of it. It just so happened that I had the means to do so. And so, I did.

Is there something that the Lord is trying to clean up in us? He most definitely has the power to do it, if we will allow it.

¹³ Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them. **James 4:13-17 (NIV2011)**

Today (right now) is all we are guaranteed. Please remember, there's no time like the present my friends.

Father, I beseech you on behalf of everyone who might read this Pastor's Note. We are your people called by your name, and it is in the high name of Jesus that I praise you and worship you and you alone! Bless us each and every one and find us faithful to pay forward the blessings that we have received. Help us oh God to be present in this day, as you are always with us. I pray this and my heart is full with much more. In the name of our Savior and Lord—Jesus. Amen.

Shalom my friends!

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Prayer Requests



SHUT INS

June Turner
Margaret Goodwin
Pat Hartley

HEALTH CONCERNS

Nick Whited
Nancy Neal
Mary Mash
Bill Fuzia
Paul Lester
Wanda Collier
Charlotte Dunahoe
Burger Boerboom
Nina Adams
Judy Tabor
Randy Stevens
Glenn Woolwine
Matt Selbee
Mark Johnson
Ruth Stevenson
Sarah Neal
Jeep Grim

Zack Carter
Wayne Collins
The mother of George Smith
Paris Swisher
Sarah Wall
Rev. Paul Lantis
Betsy Canterbury
Chuck & Susan Allen
Maggie Hancock
Cooper Muncy
Debbie & Her Husband
Barbara
Erina & Josh Cline & Family
Danny
Mike Keefer
Jackson
Arthur Stafford
The Thomason Family
Todd Brinkley
Wilma Cox
Charlie Coe
Charles and Wendy Paynter
Dawn Lawless
Roger Coe
Sheri Rasnick
Angela Belcher
Karen Wasilewski

BEREAVEMENT

The Family of Martha Royall

PRAYER REQUEST

Randy & Jan Bailey
Retha Smith & Family
Our Pastor

Our Country
Our Church Family
Robert Searle
Jon Gendron
Our First Responders
General Church
Regional Church
Regional Minister & Staff
Candice Humphrey
Celebrate Recovery
Amber Ross & Family
Gretchen Honaker & Family Bailie
Mustard
Todd Brinkley
Al & Sonia Hancock
Ann Gilbert
Jerry Fritz
Amber Bragg
Drew Maddox (unspecified)
Samantha Richardson
The Hayes Family
Ray & Vickie Maddox and Darrel
Maddox



October Lectionary

September 24: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Isaiah 48:17-21; James 4:11-16
September 25: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 20:1-13; Acts 13:32-41
September 26: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 27:12-14; Mark 11:27-33
September 27: Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32
September 28: Psalm 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14
September 29: Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21
September 30: Psalm 42; Exodus 19:9b-25; Matthew 9:2-8

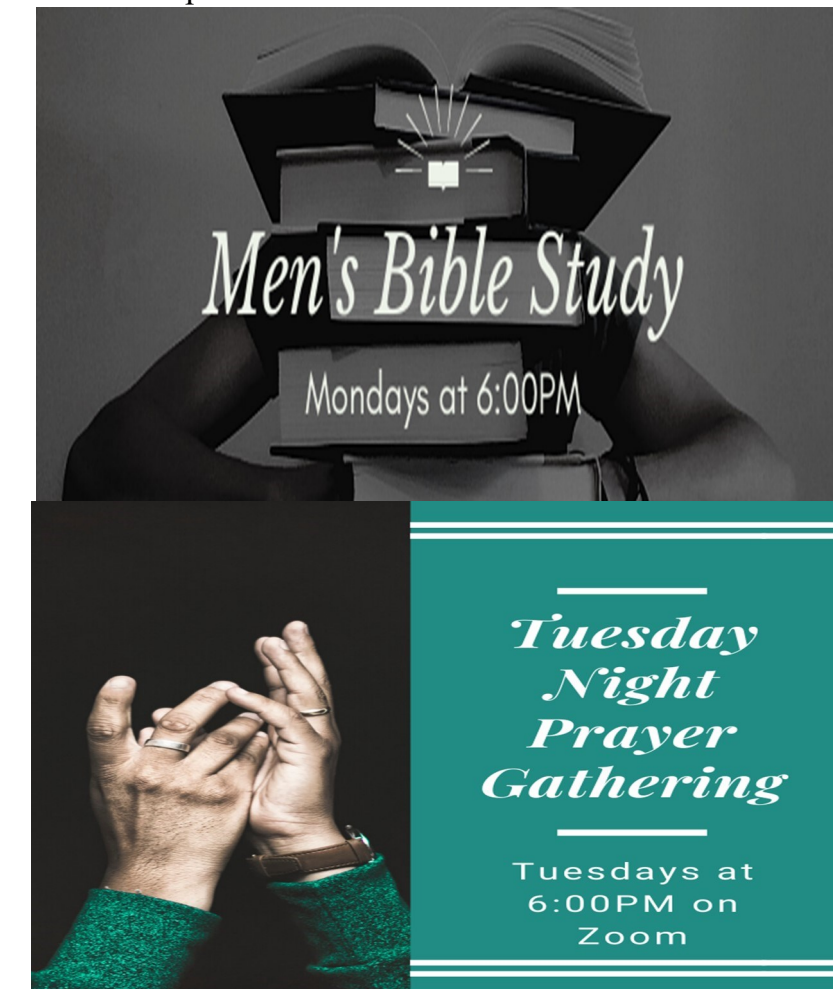
October 1: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Colossians 2:16-23
October 2: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:14-19; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a
October 3: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52
October 4: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46
October 5: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 1 Peter 2:4-10
October 6: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:22-6:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
October 7: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; John 11:45-57
October 8: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:1-8; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14
October 9: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:9-11; James 4:4-10
October 10: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:12-18; Mark 2:18-22
October 11: Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14
October 12: Psalm 97; Exodus 32:15-35; Jude 17-25
October 13: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:1-6; Philippians 3:13-4:1
October 14: Psalm 97; 2 Kings 17:7-20; John 6:25-35
October 15: Psalm 99; Exodus 33:7-11; 3 John 9-12
October 16: Psalm 99; Exodus 31:1-11; 1 Peter 5:1-5
October 17: Psalm 99; Exodus 39:32-43; Matthew 14:1-12
October 18: Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13) 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
October 19: Psalm 63:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20
October 20: Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 12:1-9; Revelation 18:21-24
October 21: Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 13:1-2, 17-14:9; Matthew 17:22-2
October 22: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 31:14-22; Titus 1:5-16
October 23: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:1-14, 18; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
October 24: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; John 5:39-47
October 25: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 11 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46
October 26: Psalm 119:41-48; Numbers 33:38-39; James 2:8-13
October 27: Psalm 119:41-48; Exodus 34:29-35; James 2:14-26
October 28: Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 26:16-27:7; Matthew 19:16-22
October 29: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 1:1-11; Romans 2:17-29
October 30: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:1-14; 2 Peter 2:1-3
October 31: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:15-24; Matthew 23:13-28



Join us each Sunday morning at 10:00AM for our Worship on Facebook live.

Just a note you do not 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>



FUN FALL WORD SEARCH

Find each of the fall words hidden below.



WORDS TO FIND:

pumpkin	harvest
yellow	apples
scarecrow	hayride
autumn	red
leaves	Thanksgiving
sunflower	football
acorns	orange
corn	



Greetings All,

Cool weather, bon fires, s'mores, and going back to school. Those are just a few of the times we look forward to as fall approaches us. With the start of school the youth department felt that we needed to do something special for each one of the youth of FCC. So, we made up Back 2 School bags. They are just a little something to let each of the youth to know that we love and care about them.

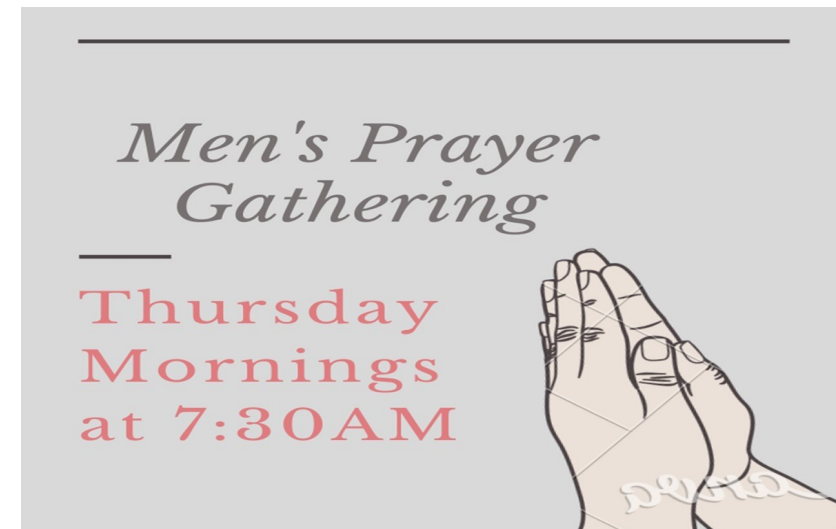
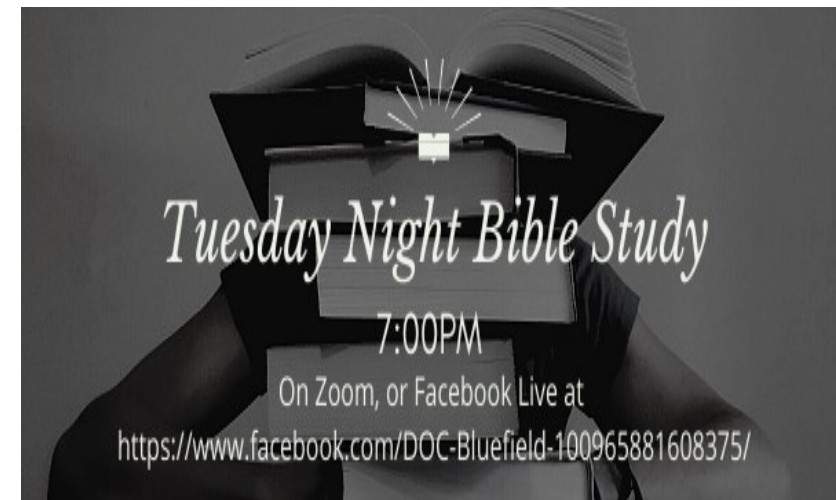
Things are still cancelled in the youth department, from Sunday mornings, to Sunday evenings, to Wednesday evenings to even Celebrate Recovery Kids programming. We at First Christian always care about the youth, and if there is anything we can do for you during this time do not hesitate to contact me (Sarah) or Darrin and we will help you in the best way that we can.

We are looking forward to the time when we will be able to meet again at the church and have Sunday School, Teen Believers, or Wowza Wednesday.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

God Bless,

Sarah Neal





August 2020

TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for August 2020. God is good, all the time!! God continues to bless us as we are faithful to His call and guidance. You are being so faithful to keep up your gifts to God and His church (praise God for Give+ and the USPS!). Praise God for His faithfulness to His church! Praise God for each of you and your faithfulness to the ministries at FCC. I am grateful for your faithfulness to financially support God's work in this place.

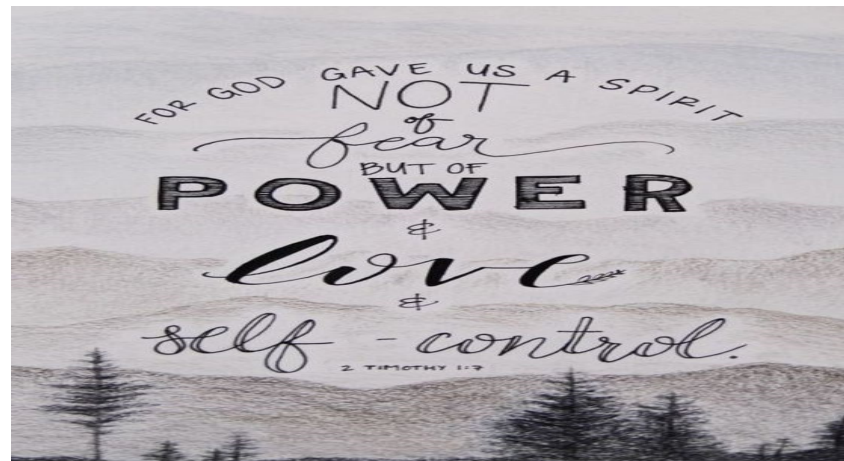
IT'S HERE: E-giving!! You can now make gifts to FCC online at the church website, www.bluefieldfcc.com, just click on the GIVE button and follow the directions. You can also download the Give+ mobile app to your smart phone. Sarah has more detailed instructions for the more technologically challenged among us. Just contact her if you need help. There is a charge 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 (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 August 2020		
	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total offerings and other sources	\$ 19,406.00	\$ 122,236.69
Total expenses	11,548.67	103,554.61
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	7,857.33	18,682.08
Transfers from (to) savings	(10,000.00)	(10,000.00)
Increase (decrease)	\$ (2,142.67)	\$ 8,682.08
Balances on hand		
August 31, 2020:		
General Fund		\$ 17,099.07
Memorial and Special Gifts		12,769.29
Property Repairs and Replacement		3,737.50
Scholarship		1,786.14
Bequested Funds and other savings		108,575.92
Total		\$ 143,967.92



BETH MOORE LIVING FREE

Women's Fall Bible Study

Monday Evenings Starting Oct 5, 2020 6:00 p.m.

First Christian Church - Blfd, WV 1st Floor - Bethany Hall

This is a 6 week Bible Study on Learning to Pray God's Word. Beth Moore explores the idea that we cannot please God by being perfect. We instead must learn to define false strongholds in our lives. Are you ready to replace false strongholds with true freedom in Christ? Come join us for a time of fellowship and growth in our relationship with our Lord and Savior! Be blessed beloved.

ACT JUSTLY
LOVE MERCY &
WALK HUMBLLY

Micah 6:8



October 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	2	3
4 *10:00AM Worship Service	5 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study *6:00PM Women's Bible Study	6 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	7 *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	8 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	9	10
11 *10:00AM Worship Service	12 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study *6:00PM Women's Bible Study	13 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	14 *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	15 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	16 * Newsletter Submissions Due 11:00AM	17
18 *10:00AM Worship Service	19 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study *6:00PM Women's Bible Study	20 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	21 *Newsletter Assembly 10:00AM *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	22 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	23	24
25 *10:00AM Worship Service	26 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study *6:00PM Women's Bible Study	27 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	28 *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	29 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	30	31
1	2	October Birthday's Virginia Hudson - 10/3 Courtney Boerboom 10/6 Grat Shawver 10/6 Samuel Martin 10/7 Nancy Neal 10/7 Luke Louthan 10/14 Janet Tabor 10/14 Lois Mullins 10/15 Nick Stacy 10/22 Dorothy Thomas 10/23 Dr. Randy Stevens 10/25 Johnny Francisco 10/26 Charlie Stacy 10/27 Larry Peters 10/28 Sarah Smith 10/28 Glenn Woolwine 10/30				

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

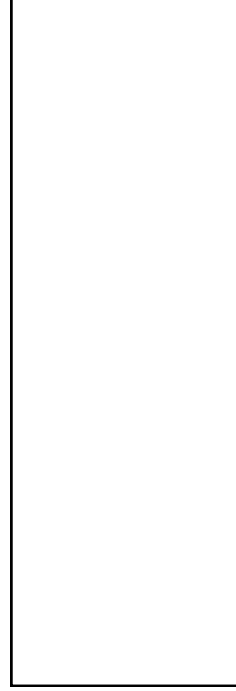


9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Combined Worship Service
Douglas W. McDaniel Jr., Pastor

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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 or Sarah Neal, Administrative Minister at 304-910-9933