

Our Vision

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



It was a July day and it had been hot and dry around these parts for some time now. Seems like rain has been falling down in buckets all around us, but for our little town we hadn't seen a drop for weeks. Everything is so dry! I don't want to complain, but man we need rain.

I asked Wisdom if he had ever seen it so dry in all his days. He said that there had been a number of times in his many years. He went on to tell me about the driest time that he could recollect, and as bad as it was he said, it was one of the most profitable times in his life.

"Howdy", he said, "When I was a pup about 14 years ago I remember the hottest and driest time ever. It was late August and the month prior wasn't much better. We hadn't seen much if any rain for about nine weeks and about the time we thought there might be some relief, it just seemed to get hotter. You couldn't find a shady place to lie down, because it felt as if you were in an oven.

"The rains would finally come and yes it was a sight for sore eyes, but it's not so much the rain I was thankful for. Looking back on it Howdy, I needed to experience that hot dry season. I know, I know that's not what you were wanting to hear. But son you have to understand to fully appreciate the life-giving sustenance of the rain you have to learn to appreciate the dry times."

You see it was my dad who told me about the dry times that he went through and how he learned to appreciate the lack of rain. He said it wasn't all bad.

~Pastor's Note~

Howdy and Wisdom *WHEN THE RAINS COME*

Yes, it was hot and pretty miserable but he chose to take what came. "You see son, you can't control the uncontrollable," my dad told me.

"Now Howdy, do you remember the time you had the run in with the pretty black kitty with the white stripe on its back? You remember after you received good advice you chose to go on and do it your way? Left you pretty stinky didn't it? You see son that was a situation you had control over, but you chose poorly.

"We live in what they call four seasons country. We experience all kinds of weather patterns, from cold snowy days to days like today and everything in between. But the trick that I have learned is to take it as it comes. Son, I don't have control over what comes, I can only control how I receive it. Some days are cool and breezy with the occasional evening rain. Other days are like today and yes, it's hot and dry and at times pretty miserable. But how would we ever be able to appreciate the needed rain if it wasn't for the dry times?" - Howdy

Beloved, are you in a hot and dry time in your life? It may be a physically dry time for you or it may be a spiritually dry time that you are experiencing. But the truth is, you're still here. You've made it another day. You've experienced all the different weather patterns and our Father has seen fit to bring you through.

If I could leave you with some encouragement I would say, learn how to hold on. Don't become fixated on the things that are out of your control. Learn to appreciate the dry times so that you can better appreciate and enjoy the rain

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)



Father God, we all go through dry times and for me they are the toughest of times, but I admit it's in those times that I've experienced the greatest growth. In those dry times it seems that I'm more and more reliant upon you. Father, I'm not asking for more dry times, but I do submit myself to your perfect will. I know that you know what I need and when I need it. So, Lord when the dry times come, help me to have the strength to hold on to you and draw from your life giving and life sustaining sustenance. Forgive me again for my grumbling and help me turn my heart toward you and away from the things that I have no control over. You oh God are with me always and it seems that you are closest in the dry times. Help me to see you and help me to praise you and worship you in the tough times. You oh God are worthy and deserving of my praise and worship regardless of what's going on around me. I pray and place my trust and my hope in you, in the name of your Son, my Savior - Jesus.

PS; Thanks for the rain.

Be blessed child of God!

Shalom and SHALOM...

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Prayer Requests



SHUT INS

June Turner
Ruth Shields
Margaret Goodwin
Marilyn Hypes
Donnie Hypes

Roger Stacy
Tammy Kaley's Sister
Julie Eller
Tim Witten
Keith Worrell
Sue Shields
Tom Farmer
Beth Harris
Beth Hayes
Pasty Selbee
Chris Tinder
Grat Shawver
Cleo Halsey

HEALTH CONCERNS

Lois Gibson
Pat Hartley
Eddie Williams
Betty Williams
Jim Russell
Nancy Tabor
Zack Carter
Jerry Cumby
Sue Luterick
Daniel Shrewsbury
Patty Baker
Shirley Stevenson
Wayne Collins
Carol Stafford
Vicky Lyons
Patty Camacho
Scott Collier
Leigh Anne Hines Owen
Bill Fuzia
Charlotte Dunahoe
Art Strommer
Mary Flanigan
Shirley Hines
Toni Russell
Glen Kersey
Jo Hartley
Christy Gay
Ramona Woodson
Gregory Rashick
Sue Godwin
Vicki
Breanna Nicodemus
Terry Barton Sr.

BEREAVEMENT

The Family of Bob Mullins
The Shoemaker Family
The Family of Margaret (friend of Jay & Pat O'Neal)
The Family of Pat (Sue Luterick's Aunt)

PRAYER REQUEST

Randy & Jan Bailey
Retha Smith & Family
Our Pastor
Our Country
BCC Congregation
FCC Congregation.
Tammy Kaley & Family
Dewayne
Joseph
Garry
David Epperly
Robert Searle
Jon Gendron
Trey McDaniel



Need a Ride To Church?

Contact Melissa Woolwine at 304-320-4292 or
Glenn Woolwine at 540-353-3421.

They will arrange for you to be picked up.

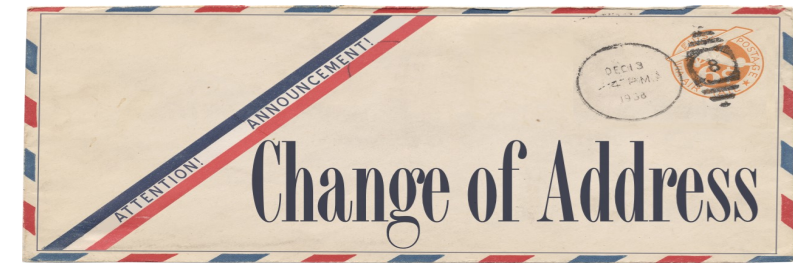


If you are interested in being on the Pastor's prayer warrior list, please email or text him so he can include you as a prayer warrior.



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University
Sunday's
At 7:30PM

Contact George Smith for more information



Glen Kersey

The Havens Of Princeton
2205 New Hope Road Apt. 209
Princeton, WV 24739



July 29, 2018

10:00AM



Sunday July 29, 2018
After the 10AM Service

Cost \$10





MUSIC NEWS

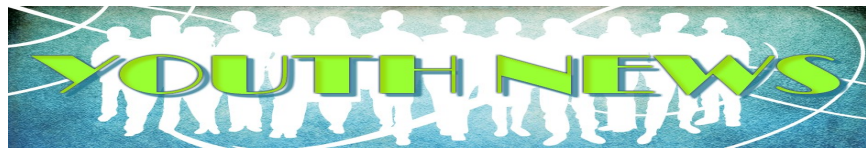


SUMMER SCHEDULE

The FCC Chancel Choir is currently on Summer Schedule.



Please be on the look out for upcoming Music at First Christian Concert Events.



Greetings all,

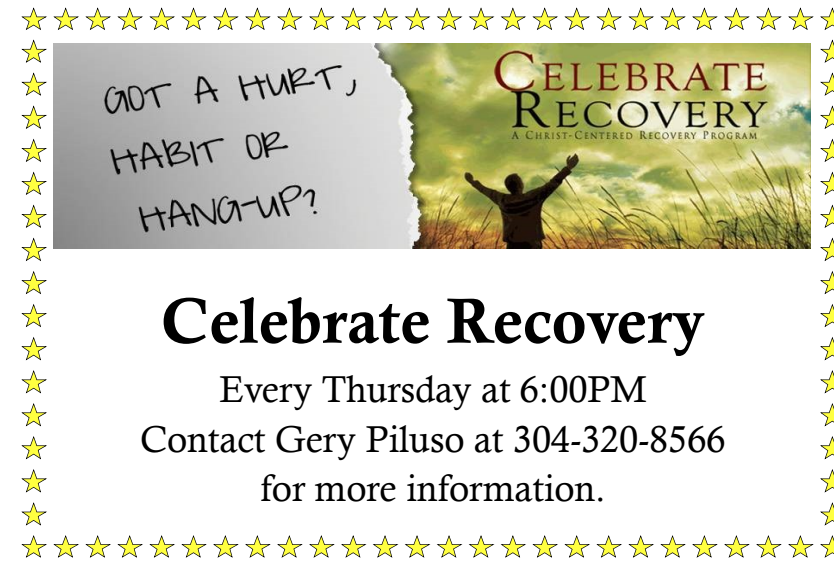
Vacation Bible School is behind us, and we had a very successful week from June 24– 27 with a total of 29 youth attending. This year’s Vacation Bible School would not have been possible without the countless people who helped on and behind the scene. So from the bottom of my heart THANK YOU!

Next up on the agenda is the church picnic. I hope that you all come out and join us. This year’s picnic will be August 19, 2018 at the Bluefield City Park starting at 10:00AM. And of course we will have games and other activities for the youth to do.

After the church picnic we will resume WOWZZA Wednesdays on August 22, 2018 at 5:30PM. This is a time of lesson and activity for youth kindergarten through the 8th grade. We encourage all youth in this age group to attend, and if your youth needs a ride just give the church a call at 304-327-5633 and we will make arrangements for your youth to be picked up.

As always thank you for the chance to serve you all,

Sarah Neal



Celebrate Recovery
Every Thursday at 6:00PM
Contact Gery Piluso at 304-320-8566 for more information.



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



churchpicnic
Sunday August 19, 2018
10:00AM
At the Bluefield City Park
Contact Carolyn Bassett for more information!



June 2018

TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for June 2018. Praise the Lord we did not have to make any transfers from savings this month. God is good all the time and all of the time God is good! 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 June 2018		
	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total offerings and other	\$ 16,921.95	\$ 100,601.52
Total expenses	15,797.59	95,380.96
Excess (deficit) of offerings to	1,124.36	5,220.56
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ 1,124.36	\$ 5,220.56
Balances on hand		
General Fund		\$ 9,158.84
Memorial and Special Gifts		14,426.74
Property Repairs and		342.73
Scholarship		4,395.45
Bequested Funds and other		75,797.24
Total		\$ 107,121.00

Praise
and give thanks to
the
Lord



Kairos Cookies for August
monthly walk due
August 3, 2018 by 12 Noon



August 22, 2018

5:30PM

In the Christianaires room





August 2018

☆ Birthdays

♥ Anniversaries



For birthday/anniversary additions/changes please notify Sarah

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	2 ♥ *Pete & Sue Shields *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	3 *Kairos Cookies Due by Noon	4 *Youth Committee Meeting 10:00AM
5 *Contemporary Service 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *Traditional Service 11:00AM *Women's CR Step Studies 6:00PM	6 ☆ *Pasty Selbee *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Men's CR Step Studies 6:30PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	7 ☆ *Robert Rose ♥ *Russ & Ann Taylor *BCC Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM	8 ♥ *George & Martha Birkelbach *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	9 *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	10 ♥ *George & Susan Smith	11 ☆ *Matt Selbee
12 *Contemporary Service 9:00AM *Sunday School 10:00AM *Traditional Service 11:00AM *Women's CR Step Studies 6:00PM	13 ♥ *Dick & Martha Royall *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Men's CR Step Studies 6:30PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	14 ☆ *Mark Johnson ☆ *Florence Neal *BCC Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM	15 *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	16 *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	17 ☆ *Stephen Aichel ☆ *Dan Henderson *Newsletter Submissions Due	18 *Men's Breakfast (TBA)
19 ☆ *George Birkelbach *Church Picnic 10:00AM *Women's CR Step Studies 6:00PM	20 ♥ *Chris & Dee Shoemaker *Violin Practice 2:45PM *Men's CR Step Studies 6:30PM *Boy Scouts 7:00PM	21 ♥ *Bill & Carolyn Bassett ♥ *Dennis & Carey Huber *BCC Praise Team 4:30PM *Prayer Meeting 6:15PM *Bible Study 7:00PM	22 *Newsletter Assembly 10:00AM *Wowzza Wednesday 5:30PM *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM *FCC Choir Practice 7:00PM	23 *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM *Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM	24 ☆ *Phillip Arrington	25
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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
Bluefield Community Church Service

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

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



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

*Youth Outreach Ministry

Wednesday
WOWZZA August 22, 2018 5:30PM

Sunday Youth Night
7:00PM—8:00PM

Youth Events