

Our Vision

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



Some years ago, I had traveled to be with my brother and his family in the Dallas area. I wasn't surprised to find it hot, dry and windy. That was the lay of the land, not my experience with my family. It happened to be warm and inviting with a lot of laughter. I'm so thankful for those opportunities and memories. I'm fix'n to go back this year, the good Lord willing.

FIX'N TO? Who in the world says that anyway? Well, my Texas raised brother for one and every person I met in the Lone star State. So why in the world would you title your Pastor's Note "FIX'N TO"? I thought you'd never ask.

As we have traversed and maneuvered through the landscape of COVID-19 and finally – maybe – hopefully – the proverbial dust is beginning to settle (please Jesus, let this be the case), we are fix'n to pick up the pieces. Maybe even begin to start back from where we left off, and honestly there are some things about the past 14 moths or so that I'd be happy to leave in the past. But I digress!

This past Sunday's message was asking us "Who Will Take A Stand"? If we remember, the 12 apostles were down a man. Peter said: Therefore, it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." So, they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so, he was added to the eleven apostles. Acts 1:21-26

Barsabbas was qualified to take on the position that Judas Iscariot vacated. But he was not the one chosen for that particular office. The apostles identified the need and prayed. They sought the Lord and with out fail, He delivered. They weren't just fix'n to find a suitable replacement. They followed through with what the Lord had placed on their collective hearts and now you know the basis for my letter. FIX'N TO.

~Pastor's Note~

FIX'N TO!

Over the years I have been amazed at the things I have been fix'n to do and didn't. I guess one could argue the point and ask; if you were really fix'n to do something, wouldn't you have followed through with it? OUCH! BUSTED!

The leadership at the church and many of you have been praying for what I have called our reboot. It's not been easy. We are challenged with the task of finding qualified folks to serve in a myriad of areas within our ministries.

I was speaking with a young man who prayed to receive Christ last year and unfortunately, he's stuck in life. Oh, I've invited him to Celebrate Recovery and he understands his need to engage and receive good help for his hurts and hang-ups. You see he's not an addict. He's much worse off! He's been kicked to the curb over the course of his life and he desperately needs a male mentor.

I asked our Elders to please pray and take someone on as a project. I could have said that much better than that! Hopefully they knew that I meant that they (we) become a "Barnabas" to a potential "Timothy". We must be pouring into people to raise them up. Christian, you too must be asking the Lord to pour into you that you might spill out on someone in need, in the name of Jesus. WE ARE ALL IN NEED!

So, what are you fix'n to do? Let me encourage us all to stop "fix'n to" and get to "step'n in" the direction that the Lord is leading us. Remember, if the Lord is leading you (us), He will equip you. So, what's your response?

I imagine Matthias didn't have to take on the role of apostle to lead in the apostolic ministry. He may have even thought that Barsabbas was more qualified. Maybe Bars was a better speaker, better singer, more respected, more knowledgeable, just better looking. Surely Matthias had other things in mind for his future. Maybe he was saving up for a vacation home. Or maybe he was looking forward to that day when he could go and do whatever he wanted, when he wanted. Maybe he was just happy to follow. Thankfully, he chose to follow His Father's leading.

Beloved of God! You are qualified! Actually, you have been made qualified and certified through the blood of Christ! That's who you are and you will have to take that up with the Lord if you are

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)



having a tuff time grasping that truth.

On one occasion, while he (*Jesus*) was eating with them, he gave them this command: **"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."** Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: **"It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."** Acts 1:4-8

Father God was fix'n to give us the Third Person in the Trinity – The Holy Spirit!

AND HE DID IT!

Now, what will you do?

NO MORE FIX'N TO!

In Christ and Him alone I make my stand.

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Prayer Requests

SHUT INS

June Turner
Margaret Goodwin
Pat Hartley

HEALTH CONCERNS

Nick Whited
Nancy Neal
Bill Fuzia
Paul Lester
Wanda Collier
Charlotte Dunahoe
Burger Boerboom
Nina Adams
Judy Tabor
Randy Stevens
Glenn Woolwine
Ruth Stevenson
Jeep Grim
Shirley Hines
Frank Tinder
Eddie Williams
Amber Ross
John Gibson
Boerboom Family
Sue Shields
Charlie Stacy

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
Danny
Mike Keefer
Jackson
Arthur Stafford
Todd Brinkley
Charlie Coe
Charles and Wendy Paynter
Dawn Lawless
Roger Coe
Gerald Reed
Doris Holmes
Cookie Martin
Eddie & Regina Hall
Barbara Martin
Sharon Farley
Patty Neilson Viar
Gene Davis
Margaret French Farmer
Betty Rorrer
Nancy Mullins
Sylvia McKenize
Mary Baldwin
Jennifer Harris
Dr Paul Gilley & family

Theresa Thomason
Johnny Melvin
Chuck Law
Mark Riley
Lori Hale
Cathy Buzzo's Sister
Scott Smith's Mother
Nancy Tabor's Sister
Eve Shrader
Sarah Haller
Clay Thomason
Cherie Thompson
Karla Korst
Haley Thompson & family
Jim Light
Martha Morris
5 month old with Covid
Freda Carter
Sylvia Oster
Fonda
Sheryl Babb
The mother of Ron Kremple
Harry Williams
Grace Ponder
Zander Shields

PRAYER REQUEST

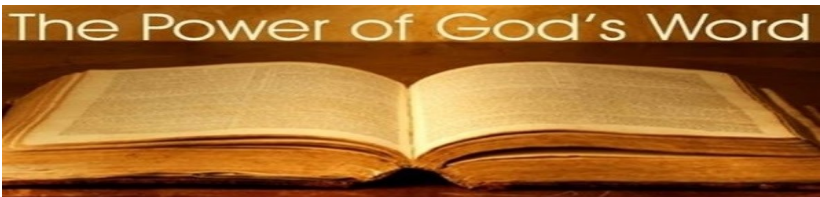
Randy & Jan Bailey
Retha Smith & Family
Our Pastor
Our Country
Our Church Family
Robert Searle
Jon Gendron
Our First Responders
General Church
Regional Church
Regional Minister & Staff
Candice Humphrey
Celebrate Recovery
Amber Ross & Family
Gretchen Honaker & Family
Todd Brinkley
Al & Sonia Hancock
Ann Gilbert
Jerry Fritz
Samantha Richardson
The Hayes Family
Justin Simon
Paul & Theresa Dodson
Smith Family
Margaux Hudson & Family
Wade Center
Stacy
Travis Craiger
Rebecca Clark



June Lectionary

May 26: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-23
May 27: Psalm 29; Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20; Romans 8:1-8
May 28: Psalm 29; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 8:9-11
May 29: Psalm 29; Isaiah 5:15-24; John 15:18-20, 26-27
May 30: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17
May 31: Psalm 20; Numbers 9:15-23; Revelation 4:1-8

June 1: Psalm 20; Exodus 25:1-22; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10
June 2: Psalm 20; Numbers 6:22-27; Mark 4:21-25
June 3: Psalm 138; 1 Samuel 4:1-22; 1 Peter 4:7-19
June 4: Psalm 138; 1 Samuel 5:1-12; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5
June 5: Psalm 138; 1 Samuel 6:1-18; Luke 8:4-1
June 6: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15), Psalm 138, Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35
June 7: Psalm 108; 1 Samuel 7:3-15; Revelation 20:1-6
June 8: Psalm 108; 1 Samuel 8:1-22; Revelation 20:7-15
June 9: Psalm 108; 1 Samuel 9:1-14; Luke 11:14-2
June 10: Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 9:15-27; Hebrews 2:5-9
June 11: Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 10:1-8; Hebrews 11:4-7
June 12: Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 13:1-15a; Mark 4:1-20
June 13: 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13, Psalm 20, Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17, Mark 4:26-34
June 14: Psalm 53; 1 Samuel 13:23-14:23; Galatians 6:11-18
June 15: Psalm 53; 1 Samuel 15:10-23; Revelation 21:22-22:5
June 16: Psalm 53; 1 Samuel 15:24-31; Luke 6:43-45
June 17: Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 16:14-23; Acts 20:1-16
June 18: Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5; Acts 21:1-16
June 19: Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 18:1-4; Luke 21:25-28
June 20: 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49, Psalm 9:9-20, 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16, Psalm 133, Job 38:1-11, Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41
June 21: Psalm 119:113-128; 1 Samuel 18:6-30; Acts 27:13-38
June 22: Psalm 119:113-128; 1 Samuel 19:1-7; Acts 27:39-44
June 23: Psalm 119:113-128; 1 Samuel 19:8-17; Mark 6:45-5
June 24: Psalm 130; 1 Samuel 19:18-24; 2 Corinthians 7:2-16
June 25: Psalm 130; 1 Samuel 20:1-25; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
June 26: Psalm 130; 1 Samuel 20:27-42; Luke 4:31-37
June 27: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Psalm 130, Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24, Psalm 30, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43
June 28: Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50; 1 Samuel 23:14-18; 2 Corinthians 8:16-24
June 29: Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50; 1 Samuel 31:1-13; 2 Corinthians 9:1-5
June 30: Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50; 1 Chronicles 10:1-14; Mark 9:14-29



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>





Hey y'all,

We are back in the swing of things!!! We recently had out Youth Sunday School kickoff and we had a really good turn out. We now have Sunday School classes for all youth from K-12th grade on Sundays at 9AM. There are also a couple of adult classes at this time as well. So join us Sunday at 9AM. I can ensure you that you will be blessed.

Teen Believers (youth 13+) are meeting in person now, every Sunday at 6:00PM. It is great to get the actually see the youth instead of meeting over Zoom.

I am so very blessed to be able to be involved with an amazing group of youth!

God Bless,
Sarah Neal



Summer



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To Our Tolerant Church:

By now, most of you may be aware of the latest Center For Disease Control (CDC) protocols for the waning pandemic.

We, your church leadership, have been trying to make up to date recommendations for our church activities, and here are some more. As we have been saying, if you are sick and especially if you have Covid-19 symptoms or have been exposed to the virus, please don't attend our activities. You can catch the service on Facebook as needed.

The latest guidance from the CDC and from Governor Justice says that masks are no longer required indoors or outdoors IF YOU ARE VACCINATED and have passed the two week time after your last vaccination. As of June 20, 2021, no one will be required to mask up, vaccinated or not.

That being said, we feel that we should practice TOLERANCE among our membership and visitors. Ephesians 4: 2-3 says: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

We urge you to behave as you are comfortable; wear a mask if you wish or don't wear a mask. We will need to be tolerant of your decision. Many congregants are not yet comfortable with hugging, kissing, or shaking hands, so please continue to social distance. You may also *ask before* you give a hug so that you don't make the person uncomfortable.

Our Communion Service will continue as it has been during the pandemic so that there is less chance of contamination.

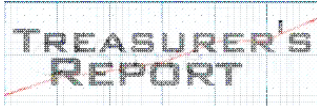
We will continue good cleaning practices after meetings.

If you have been hesitant to attend the worship service, Sunday School, prayer time, Bible study, and other activities, we understand that. But we hope you will join us as soon as you feel comfortable.

Sincerely,
Lois Mullins, Moderator



April 2021



Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for April 2021. God is good, all the time!! God continues to bless us as we are faithful to His call and guidance. You have been 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! Due to a timing issue, the income does not reflect approximately \$2,500 of reimbursements received and will be reflected in the May statement. 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.

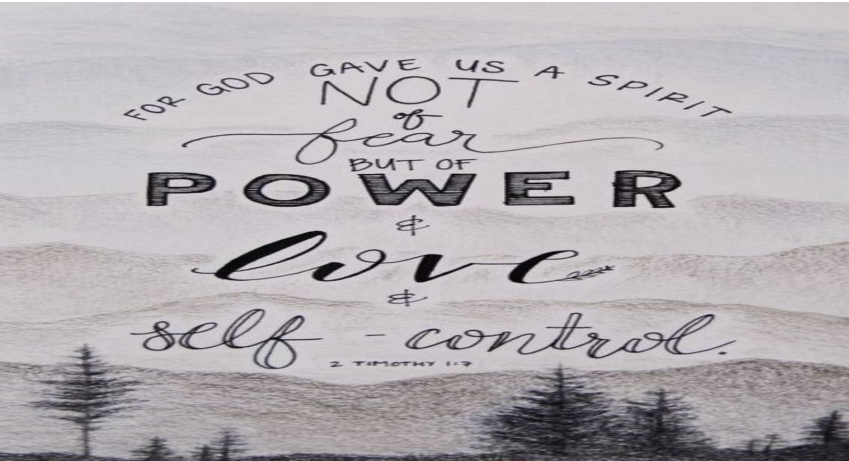
IT'S HERE: E-giving!! You can now make gifts to FCC online at the church website, www.bluefieldfcc.com, just click on the GIVE button and follow the directions. You can also download the Give+ mobile app to your smart phone. Sarah has more detailed instructions for the more technologically challenged 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 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

First Christian Church		
Financial Information for April 2021		
	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total offerings and other sources	\$ 10,203.29	47,435.9947
Total expenses	12,270.68	50,744.54
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	(2,067.39)	(3,308.55)
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ (2,067.39)	\$ (3,308.55)
Balances on hand April 30, 2021:		
General Fund		\$ 15,646.71
Memorial and Special Gifts		14,055.03
Property Repairs and Replacement		4,989.11
Scholarship		5,083.56
Bequested Funds and other savings		109,704.29
Total		\$ 149,478.70



Men's Prayer Gathering

Wednesday Mornings at 7:30AM

HAVE A HURT, HABIT OR HANG-UP? JOIN US FOR

Celebrate Recovery

At First Christian Church every Thursday at 6:00PM. Call the church at 304-327-5633 for more info.

I PRAISE YOU - FOR I AM -

fearfully AND wonderfully made

- PSALM 139:14

June 2021



SUMMER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	2 *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	3 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *6:00PM CR	4	5
6 *10:00AM Worship Service Teen Believers 7:00PM	7 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study * 6:00PM Women's Study	8 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	9 *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	10 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *6:00PM CR	11	12
13 *10:00AM Worship Service Teen Believers 7:00PM	14 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study * 6:00PM Women's Study	15 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	16 *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	17 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *6:00PM CR	18 *Newsletter Submissions Due 11:00AM	19
20 *10:00AM Worship Service Teen Believers 7:00PM	21 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study * 6:00PM Women's Study	22 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	23 *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	24 *7:30AM Men's Prayer *6:00PM CR	25	26
27 *10:00AM Worship Service Teen Believers 7:00PM	28 *6:00PM Men's Bible Study * 6:00PM Women's Study	29 *6:00PM Prayer Meeting *7:00PM Bible Study	30 *Praise Band Practice 6:00PM	1	2	3
4	5	Birthday's & Anniverseries Ann Ayers - June 5 Wanda Collier - June 7 Scott Collier - June 10 Dee Shoemaker - June 10 Jeep Grimm - June 11 Beth Kelli Louthan - June 13 Pat O'Neal - June 14 Ruth Stevens - June 15 Scott Louthan - June 17 Frank Tinder - June 19 Nick Whited - June 20 Jackson Stacy - June 24 Melissa Stacy - June 26 Faye Louthan - June 29 Bucky & Mary Anne Collins - June 15 Matt & Helen Selbee - June 16 Scott & Wanda Collier - June 18				

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

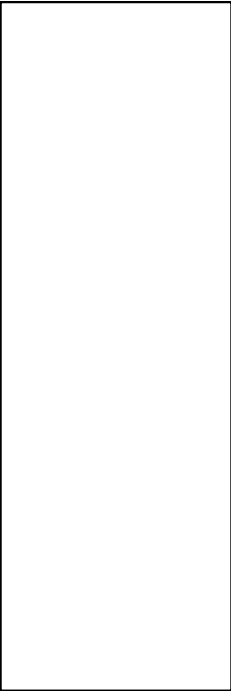


9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Combined Worship Service
Douglas W. McDaniel Jr., Pastor

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Disciples of Christ
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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