

### Our Vision

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

### WHEN I'M DEAD

“When I’m dead my mistakes will finally lie down.

When I’m dead my successes will carry on.

I’ll always be a part of my family and friends when I’m dead.

Oh, don’t fret none, because this old body goes to sleep.

When I’m dead don’t you dare weep.

Celebrate and praise HIM for the promises that HE always keeps.

Not to worry, because death in Christ is an eternal rebirth.

A reunion of sorts when I see Jesus and all the Saints.

When I’m dead you must carry on. You must!

It’s your turn to fail and succeed until one day your mistakes will come to an end, and your successes will carry on.

So, when I’m dead know that I have taken flight,

and rest assured we will reunite on that golden shore.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

I ain’t dead after all!”

*As I write to you today, it is September 13, 2023.*

*Hopefully you have started week two of Experiencing God. I’m happy to report that week one has been nothing less than awesome. The feedback has been precious, and*

# ~Pastor's Note~

## EXPERIENCING GOD

*it confirms to me that we are on the right track. Thank you, Jesus!*

*My poem if that’s what you call it was inspired by our Experiencing God study. I’m reminded that I won’t be here forever. The greatest successes of my life are my children, and I can’t wait to see what they do for the cause of Christ. Thankfully, they are off to a good start.*

*Speaking about starting? Did you forget to start the Experiencing God study? It’s not too late. We can order you a book and catch you up.*

### **Mark 2:1-11 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. <sup>2</sup> So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup> Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them.

<sup>4</sup> Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, **"Son, your sins are forgiven."** <sup>6</sup> Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, <sup>7</sup> "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup>

Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, **"Why are you thinking these things? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? <sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...."**

### 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)

He said to the paralytic, <sup>11</sup> **"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."**

*Sometimes we need someone to help carry us. We have many Spirit filled followers that would love to give you a helping hand. We may not lower you down from the roof, but we will definitely meet you where you are and help you to Experience God.*

*Don’t miss out, friends. Time is short.*

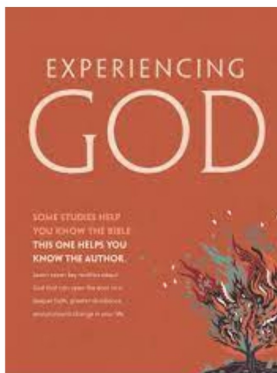
*The PEACE of Christ be with you.*

*Shalom and SHALOM.*

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## Experiencing God Sermon Series

Going on each  
Sunday  
during our  
10AM Worship!





## Prayer Requests



### Shut Ins

Pat Hartley  
George Brooks

### Health Concerns

Nancy Neal  
Charlotte Dunahoe  
Ruth Stevenson  
Zack Carter  
Wayne Collins  
Phyllis  
David Hines  
Kimberly Duesing  
Tom Farmer  
Joanna Camacho  
Nolan Farmer  
Betty Lou Gibberson  
Shirley Hines  
Buck Sowers  
John Gibson  
Karen Beavers  
Roger Mullins  
Lois Comerose  
Tonia Russell  
Betty Williams  
Jackie Rucker  
Doug McDaniel Sr.  
Meghan McGuire  
Mary Ann Moyer  
Theresa Thomason  
Jimmy Musser  
Pat Gomillan  
Jeana Cury  
Lois Gibson  
Pam Yost Spracher  
Phyllis Willis  
Brandon Goins  
Mary Crigger  
Rev. Bill Allen  
Melissa Smith  
Keisha Kibler  
Joyce Farmer  
Gery Piluso  
Justin Simon  
Jordan & Nathan Evans  
John Murphy  
Barbara McCarty  
Joyce Farmer  
Wanda Collier  
Brittany Thompson  
David Reed  
Cindy Scharff & family  
John Jewell

Vivian Romano  
Amy Brewster  
Jessica McDaniel  
Tracey Mitchell  
Bob Rose  
Rev. Jonathan Rockness  
Debbie Blankenship  
Bettie Lee Kay  
Anthony Graham  
Nancy Howerton  
Martha Morris  
Dan Goodwin  
Shirley Levitt  
Jim Justice  
Halley Boerboom  
Eddie Williams  
Sarah Neal  
Chad Peters  
Matt Selbee  
Frank Tinder

### Bereavement

The Family of Pat Hartley in the loss of her sister.  
The Family of Branson Searle (Sarah Neal's Uncle)  
The Family of Mary Lou Robbinette

### Prayer Request

Our Pastor  
Our Country  
Our Church Family  
Kairos  
Our First Responders  
General Church  
Regional Church  
Regional Minister & Staff  
Celebrate Recovery  
Wade Center  
Fatima Sano  
Boy Scout Troop 14  
AL & Sonia Hancock  
Zelma Aichel  
Nikki Massaro  
Gary Hendricks  
Bob Searle  
The family of Dave Potonzo  
Melissa Smith & Family  
Barbara Rose  
FCC Property Committee  
Jon Gendron  
Lucky Family  
Recovery Centers in the area  
All those effected by flooding

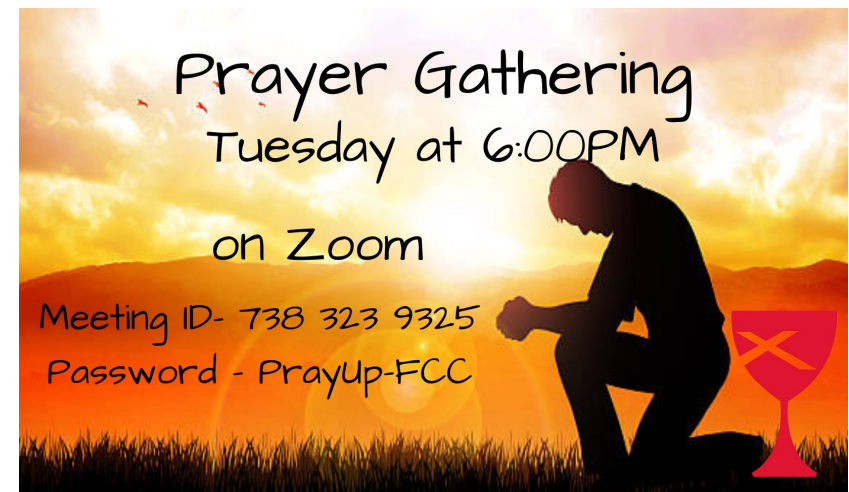
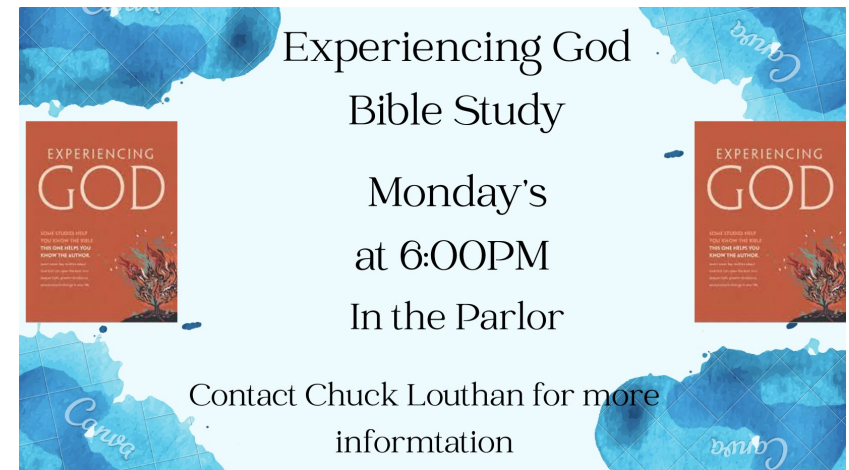
### **October 2023 Lectionary**

October 1: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16, Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32  
October 2: Psalm 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14  
October 3: Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21  
October 4: Psalm 42; Exodus 19:9b-25; Matthew 9:2-8  
October 5: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Colossians 2:16-23  
October 6: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:14-19; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a  
October 7: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52  
October 8: Psalm 19, Isaiah 5:1-7, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46  
October 9: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 1 Peter 2:4-10  
October 10: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:22-6:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
October 11: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; John 11:45-57  
October 12: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:1-8; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14  
October 13: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:9-11; James 4:4-10  
October 14: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:12-18; Mark 2:18-22  
October 15: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, Isaiah 25:1-9, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14  
October 16: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:12-18; Mark 2:18-22  
October 17: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:1-6; Philippians 3:13-4:1  
October 18: Psalm 97; 2 Kings 17:7-20; John 6:25-35  
October 19: Psalm 99, Exodus 33:7-11; 3 John 9-12  
October 20: Psalm 99; Exodus 31:1-11; 1 Peter 5:1-5  
October 21: Psalm 99; Exodus 39:32-43; Matthew 14:1-12  
October 22: Psalm 99, Isaiah 45:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22  
October 23: Psalm 63:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20  
October 24: Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 12:1-9; Revelation 18:21-24  
October 25: Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 13:1-2, 17-14:9; Matthew 17:22-27  
October 26: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 31:14-22; Titus 1:5-16  
October 27: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:1-14, 18; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15  
October 28: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; John 5:39-47  
October 29: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17, Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18,, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46  
October 30: Psalm 119:41-48; Numbers 33:38-39; James 2:8-13  
October 31: Psalm 119:41-48; Exodus 34:29-35; James 2:14-26



Join us each Sunday morning at 10:00AM for our Worship service You don't 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>







Greetings Church Family,

With cooler temperatures comes the holiday season, than a NEW YEAR! With that said, we are recruiting willing individuals that would like to help with the following for the 2024 year:

- Sunday Morning Breakfast
- Sunday School for youth 12 & under
- Sunday School for youth 13 & up
- Junior Church
- Celebrate Recovery Kids program
- Van Drivers.

If you would like to help in any of those areas, please let Sarah know by contacting her directly or contacting the church office at 304-327-5633.

As always thank you for allowing me to serve such a gracious congregation.

Sarah Neal

# FALL WORD SEARCH

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ACORN	APPLES	AUTUMN	CANDY	CIDER
FOOTBALL	HALLOWEEN	HARVEST	HAYRIDE	LEAVES
NOVEMBER	OCTOBER	PUMPKIN	RAKE	SCARECROW
SEPTEMBER	SUNFLOWER	SWEATER	THANKSGIVING	TURKEY

A graphic for Tuesday Night Bible Study. It features a stack of books, a Bible, and a small lamp with rays of light. The background is dark grey.

## Tuesday Night Bible Study

Currently Studying the book of Acts

**Tuesday**  
**7:00PM**  
**Live in person**

A graphic for Morning Prayer. It features a large black cross against a background of a sunset with orange and yellow clouds. A small red heart is visible in the bottom left corner.

## Morning Prayer

**Wednesday's**  
**7:30AM**  
**Bethany Hall**

A graphic for Celebrate Recovery. It features a beach scene with people walking and playing in the sand. The sky is blue with white clouds.

## 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.





August 2023

## TREASURER'S REPORT



### Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for August 2023. God continues to bless us with faithful givers. But, I would like to bring to everyone's attention that we are not quite meeting our monthly obligations with matching offerings, so if it's been a while since you evaluated your gifts to the church, please consider an increase if you can. God is good, all the time!! I just remind everyone to be faithful with your offerings. You are a faithful bunch, and because of such, God continues to bless His church here at 2200 Bland Road. Praise God for His faithfulness to His church!

We continue to raise funds to replace two HVAC units. The total cost will be approximately \$20,000. If you would like to donate over and above your regular giving to help with this project, just mark your donation for HVAC repair and it will go toward the project.

**E-GIVING CHANGE:** E-giving!! You can continue to make gifts to FCC online at the church website, [www.bluefieldfcc.com](http://www.bluefieldfcc.com), just click on the GIVE button and follow the directions. We have a new mobile app, VANCO MOBILE. Sarah has more detailed instructions for the transition that she will send to you via email. Just contact her if you need help. There is a charge to the church 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 August 2023

	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total GF offerings and other sources	\$ 11,928.84	\$ 114,708.99
Total expenses	13,929.21	125,799.63
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	(2,000.37)	(11,090.64)
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ (2,000.37)	\$ (11,090.64)

#### Balances on hand

August 30, 2023

General Fund \$ 1,262.66

Memorial and Special Gifts 16,426.72

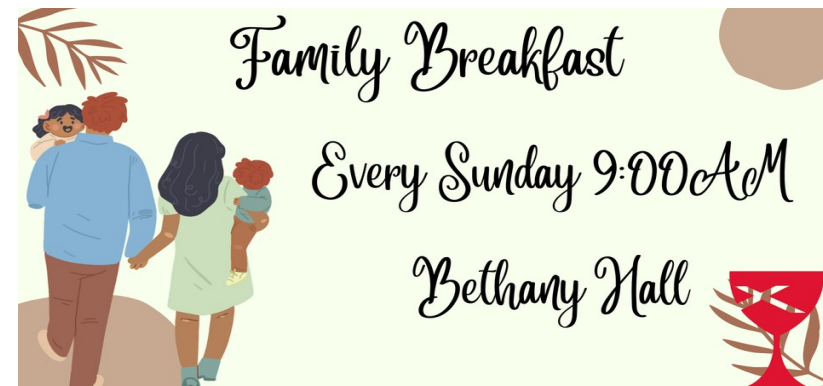
Property Repairs and

Replacement 6,806.09

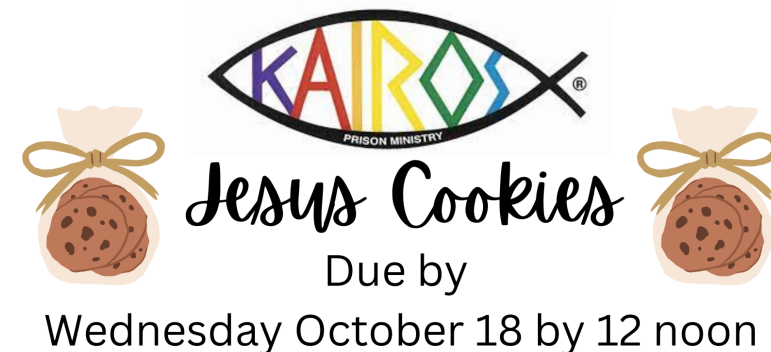
Scholarship 9,843.11

Bequested Funds and other savings 111,696.01

Total \$ 146,034.59



Join us each Sunday morning at 9:00AM for our Family Breakfast. All are invited to attend. We hope to see you there.





# October 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:00AM Family Breakfast 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Teen Believers	9 6:00PM Men's Bible Study 6:00PM Women's Bible Study	10 6:00PM Prayer Gathering	11 7:00AM Prayer 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	12 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	13	14
15 9:00AM Family Breakfast 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Teen Believers	16 6:00PM Men's Bible Study 6:00PM Women's Bible Study	17 Union Mission Dinner 6:00PM Prayer Gathering	18 7:00AM Prayer 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	19 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	20 11:00AM Newsletter Submissions Due	21
22 9:00AM Family Breakfast 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Teen Believers	23 6:00PM Men's Bible Study 6:00PM Women's Bible Study	24 6:00PM Prayer Gathering	25 7:00AM Prayer 10:00AM Assembly 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	26 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	27	28
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5 9:00AM Family Breakfast 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Teen Believers	6 6:00PM Men's Bible Study 6:00PM Women's Bible Study	<b>October Birthday's</b> Virginia Hudson - Oct. 3   Courtney Boerboom - Oct. 6   Grat Shawver - Oct. 6   Samuel Martin - Oct. 7   Nancy Neal - Oct. 7   Luke Louthan - Oct. 14   Janet Tabor - Oct. 14   Lois Mullins - Oct. 15   Nick Stacy - Oct. 22   Dorothy Thomas - Oct. 23   Johnny Francisco - Oct. 26   Charlie Stacy - Oct. 27   Larry Peters - Oct. 28   Sarah Smith - Oct. 28   Glenn Woolwine - Oct. 30   Ruth Stevenson - Oct. 31				

We heartily welcome all  
May you be blessed today.

Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am -1:00 pm  
304-327-5633  
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Welcome To Our Church

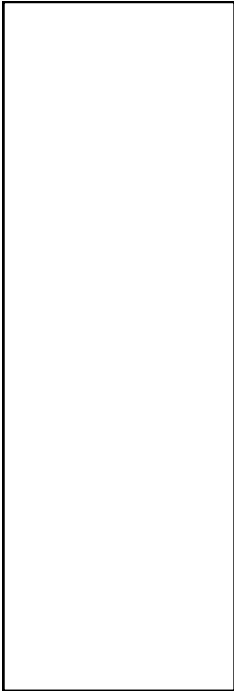


9:00 am Bible Study  
10:00 am Combined Worship Service  
Douglas W. McDaniel Jr., Pastor

First Christian Church  
Disciples of Christ  
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Bluefield, WV 24701



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Youth Events

Sunday Teen Believers  
6:00PM

Annual  
Summer Camp & Winter Retreat

\*Youth Outreach Ministry

If you have any questions concerning youth  
events please contact Darrin Coe, Youth Minister at  
276-245-8374