Our Vision

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



'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the earth,

Every creature was stirring, awaiting a birth. The time for Messiah was certainly near, The prophets foretold it; the Bible was clear. From the book of beginnings, the very first sin,

God's word made it clear how His grace entered in.

Born of a virgin, He'd come as a man. The Creator among us, the time was at hand. The stars were arranged to show marvelous things,

Setting Wise Men to journey and find the true King.

Shepherds in Bethlehem gazed on the sky, Longing to see him, their Lord the Most High. How could they know that the very next night An angel of God would speak words of delight?

How the Savior was born, it was news of great joy.

In a cloth and a manger they'd find the dear boy.

And a heavenly host would soon join to sing Of the glory of God and of wonderful things.

-Pastor's Note-

He entered creation, set position aside To show us how deeply his love did abide. Sin sent us away from our almighty Lord. He became one of us that we might be restored.

He's the Prince of our Peace; He's the one who makes whole.

He is Wisdom Incarnate, a Shepherd of Souls.

He's the Author of Life; He's the Ruler of All. He can offer salvation, on His name we call. The shepherds and Wise Men would bow to adore

Holy God among men, our greatest reward.
All glory and honor is due to this King.
Let all join in worship; let every tongue sing.
Jesus is Lord, all creation proclaims.
He's the first and last, He is always the same.
History turned on the first Christmas day,
When God became man in a humble display.
As we think of the manger in which He was laid.

Let our hearts welcome Him to the world He made!

Author: Angie Mosteller

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)



My prayer for us all is that we might see Christmas, in each and every day!

The Lord bless and keep you close to Himself and may He fill you with life, that you might spill out on someone thirsting for a drink.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Beloved!!!

Pastor Doug





Prayer Requests



HEALTH CONCERNS

Bill Stevens Doris Wiley Jim Russell June Turner J D Turner Jeff Russell Kim Duesing Glenn Kersey Brenda Kidd Charlotte Dunahoe Wanda Pennington Carolyn Bowie Sam Francisco Judy Williams Brian Chumbly Matt Selbee Louise McVev Bill Buzzo Deb Sarver Jeremy Williams Nancy Tabor

Johnny Romans Javior Donald Hylton Carol Stafford Joyce Farmer Wayne Hylton Analyn Lilly Clvde Hvlton George Smith Shirley Hylton Lori Yost Moss Matthew Stevens Shirley Harless Christopher Sesco Amy Louthan Suzanne Bovenizer Margaret Simmons Logan Hawks Sharon Gibson Diana Feutchenberger Karen Hoops Simon John Hylton Bill Neal

Mark Riley Jackie Shrewsbury Bernard Atwood Gail Rexrode Betty Mattox Angela Robinette Carol Cole AAliyah Byers Michelle Evans Lois Gibson Rocky Dillon Dr. David Kovach

Raymond Mulkey's Sister-in-

laws brother's Wife Ruth Shields

Mary & Taylor Wells George Shupe

Evelyn Wickham Karen Disibbio

Dollie Martin

Brenda Cundiff

Keith Worrell TJ Johnson

Bob Hopson Randy & Jan Bailey Jesse Martin Sarah Swartz Vickie Caldwell Joshua Bailey Wilma Cox BCC Congregation Danny Rash FCC Congregation

Larry Adams Leslie (Wanda Pennington's

Steve Williams daughter) Heather Leas

CANCER CONCERNS

Abi Peck Keith Louthan Retha Smith & Family Our Pastor Our Country

Those affected by the robbery in downtown Bluefield, WV Amber & Family (Retha Smith's daughter) All those effected by the tragic events in Paris.

GIVING PRAISE

Brian Keith

The Birth of Noah Jack

Belcher

BEREAVEMENT

The Family of the Mother of Regina Lacy & Bey Damiron The Family of Bob Johnston The family of Cotton Angles The family of Kim Jackson

PRAYING FOR OTHERS (NON-HEALTH RELATED **UPLIFTING PRAYERS)**

Andrew Nelson

Kelli Ann Louthan



Poinsettia's 2015

In Honor of Sarah Sexton & Asher Sexton By Richard & Katharine Sexton.

In Honor of Dick & Martha Royall By Robert Crove.

In Honor of Harold & Rhonda Brown By Mark & Susan Johnson.

In Honor of Raymond & Florence Neal By Mark & Susan Johnson.

In Honor of Glen Kersey By Mark & Susan Johnson.

In Honor of Luke Louthan By Fave & Chuck Louthan

In Honor of Eunice Copper, The Best Mother By Barbara Rose, Anita Cooper & Donna Cato.

In Honor of Harold & Rhonda Brown By Mark & Susan Johnson

In Memory of Herbert & Janie Light, Emory & Janice Sexton & Tiff Kiser By Richard & Katharine Sexton.

In Memory of Mrs. Nellie Frye By Linda Frye Campbelle.

In Memory of Pauline McGuire By Sue & Pete Shields.

In Memory of Mr. Loman A. Smith By Harold & Rhonda Brown

In Memory of The Reverend & Mrs. Kenneth Brown By Harold and Rhonda Brown.

In Memory of Bobby, Virginia& Von Musser By Gwen, Gary & Mary Anne Musser & Melissa, Noah & Christian Bailey.

In Memory of Ann B Carlock By Mary Anne Musser.

In Memory of Dr. Jack Hurley By Mary D. Beverly, Becky, Chip, Lang & Dee.

In Memory of Clarice & James Peters By Jim & Linda King.

In Memory of Rocky Donahoe & Helen & Olen Shupe & All other loved ones By Charlotte Dunahoe.

In Memory of Donald Cooper, The Best Daddy Humanly Possible, By Barbara

In Memory of Doctor Jack Hurly By Mary D., Beverly, Becky, Chip, Lang &

Rose. Anita Cooper, and Donna Cato, Thank you for your blessing

Dee.

In Memory of Dale & Ruth Kersey By Glen & Alice



Poinsettia's 2015

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In Memory of our parents By Stan & Connie Taylor

In Memory of Jim Gibberson By Betty Lou, Jim, Susan, Brandon & Kelsey.

In Memory of Leroy & Pansy Croye By Robert Croye.

In Memory of Steve O'Saile By Mark & Susan Johnson.

In Memory of Wayne Hartley By Mark & Susan Johnson.

In Memory of Jessica Leah Hammond By the Mustard Family.

In Memory of Robert & Gladys Mullins By Roger, Lois, Stacey & Alison.

In Memory of James & Alice Barnett By Roger, Lois, Stacey & Alison.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

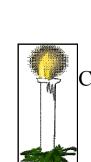
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"For unto you a child is born, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

Please come and join your church family to celebrate the birth of the Christ child, Jesus!

Invite your family and friends to come for this special and meaningful time of worship.



Music News

On Sunday, December 20, 2015, Music at First
Christian will present "Sing Nowell", the third annual
presentation of music for the Christmas season. The
FCC Chancel choir and music director Harold Brown
will be joined by musicians from the area including
Donald Kensinger, Suzanne Lowry and Martha
Chaffins. The program will include music for choir and
congregation, as well as solo and various combinations
for instruments and voices. Contributing vocal solos
will be Rebecca Allen, Rhonda Brown, Lee Krotseng,
Dr Marsha Krotseng, Savannah Smith, and Dan
Turner. Trever Foy, Ronnie Hypes, and Matt Selbee
will be featured on trumpet.

A light meal will be served afterward. Music at First Christian extends a most warm invitation to come and share in the glorious music and food and celebrate the season.

First Christian Church - 2200 Bland Road, Bluefield, WV

304-327-5633





Youth News



Season Greetings,

We are gearing up for the new year. However, I am thankful for the AMAZING things God has allowed the youth to accomplish in 2015. We kicked in the New Year worshipping at Winterfest in Lynchburg, VA. We had an amazing time at Winter Retreat. God allowed us to have our very own Vacation Bible School. If that's not enough He even blessed us with some new faces in the youth community both young and old. Our God is so overwhelmingly good to us. I want to give a personal Thank You to all who has helped and are helping lead this young generation in the way of the Lord. My prayer is that we all continue to inspire, motivate, challenge, mold and lead our church of today (which is the youth) in the way of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Just as a reminder if you wish to help with the youth program please see me (Darius Carper) or Sarah Neal for an insurance form.

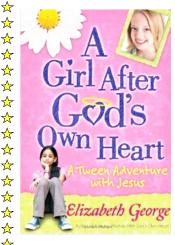
On behalf of all the youth that attend this amazing church and the youth committee; We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous new year. God Bless You All!

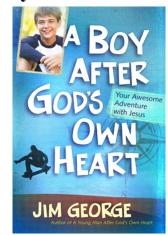
With Love,

Darius

Youth Minister

Children's Sunday School Bible Study





When: January 3, 2016 Time: 10:00AM This is an 11 week study

This study deals with topics like Your Heart, Your parents, School, Church and Your adventure with Jesus just to name a few.

Contact: Sarah Neal if you are interested in attending at 304-910-2682, or just simply show up!!!



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





November

2015





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Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for November 2015. God is good! Praise God for His faithfulness to His church! Praise God for each of you and you faithfulness to the ministries at FCC. With a fifth Sunday in November, we received a few December pledges which will have our General Fund balance a little higher than you are used to seeing. Never fear, the December bills are arriving, so we are positioned to meet them head on! Please keep up your gifts and offerings to support God's ministry at FCC. 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. We **CONTINUE** to have issues with folks leaving the church doors unlocked, lights on and TOILETS RUNNING. 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 November 2015** Month-to-date Year-to-date Total offerings and other \$155,081.09 \$19,979.73 sources 13,501.40 156.379.30 Total expenses Excess (deficit) of offerings to (1,298.21)6,478.33 expenses Transfers from (to) savings 2,500.00 0.00 Increase (decrease) \$6,478.33 \$1,201.79 Balances on hand November 30, 2015: \$6,343.43 General Fund Memorial and Special Gifts 13,936.85 Property Repairs and Replacement 342.12 8.75 Scholarship Bequested Funds and other 59,457.07 savings Total \$80,088.22



****** Pastor Doug's Commissioning Anniversary Recap

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The presentation below was made by George Smith, moderator of First Christian Church, on behalf of the membership.

"Today, Sunday December 13 we are going to take a few moments to honor our pastor. On December 15, 2013, Doug McDaniel, was ☆ commissioned as a pastor in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). For ☆ Doug this was God's confirmation, and really the validation, of the call Doug felt God had placed on his heart. He had answered that call after many years of trying to bypass it and what a blessing it was to him to have the fifth largest denomination in the United States recognizes him officially as a Pastor! Most of us remember the day Doug first came to preach, which was March 3rd, 2013, and count that as the date when he became our Pastor but for him it was really the day he was commissioned. We missed the opportunity last year to celebrate the anniversary but it's never too late to express our love and appreciation and to recognize our pastor on this ★ most important occasion.

So Doug, today, in honor of the heart of a Pastor that God has placed in you, and in recognition of the fire to serve these congregations that the Holy Spirit has built in you, and in admiration for your zeal to become ♦ Christ like in your service and leadership; I as moderator of First Christian Church of Bluefield present you with this award. It is a token of our love for you and our appreciation of the impact the commissioning has had on your life. There is nothing better than for God to open a window after closing a door and have the path he's placed you on confirmed in such a 🚣 huge way! We love you brother! May you always follow closely after Christ 🛧 and may you share that path with those that follow."





January 2016







For birthday/anniversary additions/changes please notify Sarah

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| WANT TO BE WIT US—BUT NEE A RIDE? Call Pastor Doug at | Don't forget to visit the church website at | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 304-920-9992 ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CALL | FCC: www.bluefieldfcc.com | | | | *New Year's Day | |
| | BCC: bluefieldcommunitychurch.webs.com | | | | | |
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| *BCC Worship 9:00AM | *Help the Wade Center 3-6PM | * Bible Study 7:00PM | *Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM | *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM | | |
| *Sunday School 10:00AM | *Boy Scouts 7:00PM | | *BCC Praise Team 5:00PM | *Prayer Meeting 6:30PM | | |
| *FCC Worship 11:00AM | | | *FCC Praise Band Practice 6:00PM | | | |
| *Youth 8:00PM—9:00PM | | | | | | |
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| *Kyle Croye | *Boy Scouts 7:00PM | *Union Mission Dinner | *Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM | *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM | *Newsletter deadline | *Angel James |
| *Lamont Edwards | | * Bible Study 7:00PM | *BCC Praise Team 5:00PM | *Prayer Meeting 6:30PM | | |
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| *Sunday School 10:00AM | | | *Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM | *Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM | | |
| *FCC Worship 11:00AM | | | *Newsletter Assembled/Mailed 10:00AM | *Prayer Meeting 6:30PM | | |
| *Youth 8:00PM—9:00PM | | | *BCC Praise Team 5:00PM | | | |
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| *BCC Worship 9:00AM | *Boy Scouts 7:00PM | *June Tuner | *Breakfast at TBA 7:30AM | *Ann Taylor | | |
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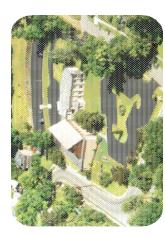
May you be blessed today.

Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am

www.bluefieldfcc.com



9:00 am Worship Service



Bluefield Community Church Service 11:00 am Worship Service Sunday School: 10:00 am

Douglas W. McDaniel Jr., Pastor

First Christian Church Disciples of Christ 2200 Bland Road

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Sunday Youth Night 8:00PM—9:00PM

5:30-6:30 PM WOW Oct. 7 & 21

Friday

Wednesday

7-9 PM Flashback Fridays

Saturday (every 3rd Sat. of the month)

6-8 PM Faith & Family Night

*Youth Outreach Ministry

If you have any questions concerning youth events please contact Darius Carper, Youth Minister carperd24@gmail.com or 304.952.2500 or Sarah Neal, Youth Mentor dorkygirl9886@gmail.com or 304.910.2682

