

### Our Vision

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

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. **Psalm 23:1-6 (NIV)**

*As I prepare for a funeral service of a lady that I did not know today, I hold out in hope that Jesus was her Savior and Lord. Is that who Jesus is to you?*

*Jesus was asked, what is the most important commandment of all. Matthew 22:37 (The Message) - Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence." This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them."*

*Love the Lord and love your neighbor. Seems simple enough and so easy to memorize. But, not so easy to put into practice. But it is worth it.*

*Are you saved? I had to ask.*

*Listen to the words of Jesus the Christ. / John 14:1-4*

<sup>1</sup> "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going."

# ~Pastor's Note~

## Are you saved? I had to ask.

*You see the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and John 14:1-4 bring great comfort to those who know and actively follow Jesus.*

*One of Jesus' followers would say that he didn't know the WAY in which Jesus was speaking of.*

*Jesus said in **John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"**.*

*My hope and prayer is that ALL of us have found the WAY! If so, that is something to celebrate! Something to live out and something to share with others. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God!*

### **The Dash**

*I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning...to the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth... and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth. For it matters not, how much we own; the cars....the house...the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.*

*So, think about this long and hard... are there things you'd like to change?*

*For you never know how much time is left. (You could be at "dash midrange.")*

### 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)

*If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.*

*So, when our eulogies are being read with our life's actions to rehash... would we be proud of the things they say about - how do we spend our dash? Author Unknown*

*Are you saved?*

*I had to ask.*

*The PEACE of Christ be about you and please choose to be about the PEACE of Christ today.*

*Shalom and SHALOM!*

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## Prayer Requests



### Shut Ins

George Brooks  
Tom Farmer

### Health Concerns

Nancy Neal  
Charlotte Dunahoe  
Ruth Stevenson  
David & Shirley Hines  
Joanna Camacho  
John & Lois Gibson  
Roger Mullins  
Eddie & Betty Williams  
Mary Ann Moyer  
Theresa Thomason  
Jimmy Musser  
Mary Crigger  
Melissa Smith  
Amelia Evans  
Cindy Scharff & family  
Anthony Graham  
Halley Boerboom  
Emma Murphy  
Kathy Kennedy  
Katie Croye  
Belinda Bradshaw  
Virginia Hudson  
Nelson & Tina Harrah  
Nancy Baker  
Rita Hamm  
Sherry Melbourn  
Lisa Sears  
Chuck Comer  
Elijah Smith  
Kim Tinder  
Haile Meadows  
Nancy Mulkey  
Jeff Stiltner  
Steve Hedrick  
Norma Barr  
Randy Peek  
Kathy Swauger  
Tonia Russell  
Joe Dotson  
Jordan  
Susan Dotson  
Kathy Davis  
Joyce  
Raymond Spradin  
Marsha Mitchell  
Dr. Amanda Reese  
Burger Boerboom

### Bereavement

The Family of Ruth Stevenson  
The family of Kathy Wakefield in the passing of her step father  
The Family of Mike Farmer  
The Family of Laura Null

### Prayer Request

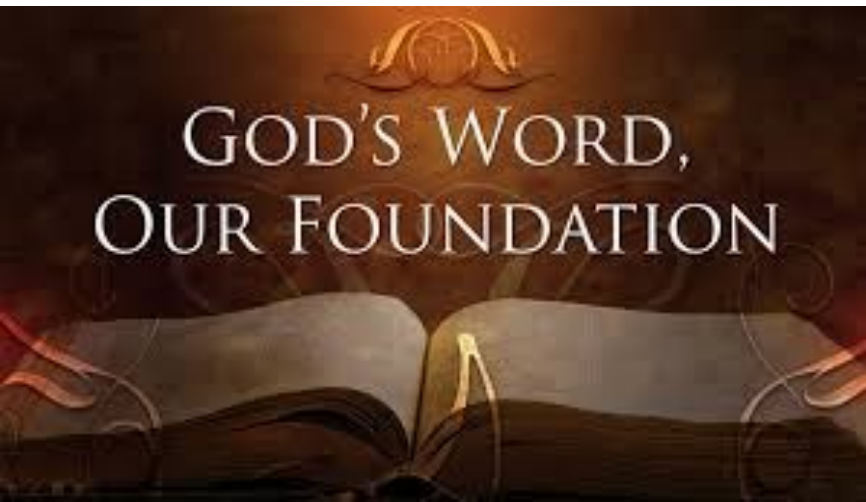
Our Pastor  
Our Country  
Our Church Family  
Kairos  
Our First Responders  
General Church  
Regional Church  
Regional Minister & Staff  
Celebrate Recovery  
Wade Center  
Fatima Sano  
Boy Scout Troop 14  
AL & Sonia Hancock  
Zelma Aichel  
Nikki Massaro  
Gary Hendricks  
Bob Searle  
The family of Dave Potonzo  
Melissa Smith & Family  
Barbara Rose  
FCC Property Committee  
Jon Gendron  
Lacky Family  
Recovery Centers in the area  
Malik Robinson  
Joyce Farmer  
The Maples  
FCC Youth  
Ben & Michelle  
Kathy & Larry Peters  
Shirley Grim  
Vicki Miller  
Betsy & Steve Cardwell  
Turman Family  
Tammy Null  
Mark Brewer  
Danny Tiller  
Blaise Harrah  
Tammy Godfrey

### Unspecified Prayer Request

Barbara & Sam Vance  
A.C. Martin

## August 2024 Lectionary

**August 1:** Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 32:19-26a; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22  
**August 2:** Psalm 51:1-12; Joshua 23:1-16; 1 Corinthians 11:27-34  
**August 3:** Psalm 51:1-12; Joshua 23:1-16; 1 Corinthians 11:27-34  
**August 4:** 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a, Psalm 51: 1-12, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35  
**August 5:** Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 12:15-25; Ephesians 4:17-24  
**August 6:** Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 13:1-19; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31  
**August 7:** Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 13:20-36; Mark 8:1-10  
**August 8:** Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 13:37-14:24; Romans 15:1-6  
**August 9:** Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 14:25-33; Galatians 6:1-10  
**August 10:** Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 15:1-13; Matthew 7:7-11  
**August 11:** 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33, Psalm 130, Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6: 35-41, 41-51  
**August 12:** Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 15:13-31; Ephesians 5:1-14  
**August 13:** Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 18:19-33; 2 Peter 3:14-18  
**August 14:** Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 19:1-18; John 6:35-40  
**August 15:** Psalm 111; 1 Kings 1:1-30; Acts 6:8-15  
**August 16:** Psalm 111; 1 Kings 1:28-48; Romans 16:17-20  
**August 17:** Psalm 111; 1 Kings 2:1-11; John 4:7-26  
**August 18:** 1 Kings 2:10, 3:3-14, Psalm 111, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58  
**August 19:** Psalm 101; 1 Kings 3:16-28; Acts 6:1-7  
**August 20:** Psalm 101; 1 Kings 7:1-12; Acts 7:9-16  
**August 21:** Psalm 101; 1 Kings 8:1-21; Mark 8:14-21  
**August 22:** Psalm 84; 1 Kings 4:20-28; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
**August 23:** Psalm 84; 1 Kings 4:29-34; Romans 13:11-14  
**August 24:** Psalm 84; 1 Kings 5:1-12; Luke 11:5-13  
**August 25:** 1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43, Psalm 84, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69  
**August 26:** Psalm 11; 1 Kings 5:13-18; Ephesians 5:21-6:9  
**August 27:** Psalm 11; 1 Kings 6:1-14; Ephesians 6:21-24  
**August 28:** Psalm 11; 1 Kings 6:15-38; John 15:16-25  
**August 29:** Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Song of Solomon 1:1-17; James 1:1-8  
**August 30:** Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Song of Solomon 2:1-7; James 1:9-16  
**August 31:** Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Hosea 3:1-5; John 18:28-32



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>





# JULY YOUTH NEWS

Greetings Church Family,

It is hard to believe that August is on our doorsteps and summer will be quickly coming to an end and the kids will be back in school.

With that said, I want to encourage everyone to pray. Pray for the schools! Pray for the teachers! Pray for all the staff! Pray for all of the students!

It is mentioned all through the Bible that prayer can change things, all we have to do is well, PRAY!!! In **Colossians 4:2** it says “ **Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.**”

So this upcoming school year, I want you all to PRAY!!! Not just once and be done with it, but everyday!

God Bless and thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Sarah Neal

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

COLOSSIANS 4:2

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## A Prayer for the First Day of School

Dear Lord,



Open my eyes to see new friends.



Open my ears to hear my teacher.



Open my mind to learn new things.



Open my hands to help others.



Open my mouth to speak kind words.



Open my heart to love like You.

I know You are always with me when I'm at school!

In Jesus' name, Amen!

happy home fairy  
HELPING HOME BULD HAPPY HOMES

Tuesday Evening Bible Study  
with Roger Mullins  
On Break for the Summer  
Will Resume Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024  
We will be studying the book of  
Romans

Morning Prayer

Wednesday's  
7:30AM  
Bethany Hall

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.





June 2024

TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for June 2024. God continues to bless us with faithful givers. God is good, all the time!!

I want to let everyone know that the roofing project is completed using approximately \$11,000 from our savings. I want to remind everyone that as generously as you have supported this project, please remember your regular tithes and offerings to our general operations. We still have staff salaries, utilities and other expenses that are met through your regular giving. I am so grateful to our God for His provision to His people and your generosity with those provisions to the life and ministry here at First Christian.

**HVAC UPDATE:** Your generosity has raised approximately \$10,000, which was enough to make the initial order of the two units for the sanctuary. SO, it's time to dig in again and ask for your support for HVAC unit replacement. We anticipate the full cost to be around \$21,000 to replace two of the units that cool the sanctuary and one unit for the educational wing.

**E-GIVING UPDATE:** We are evaluating our online giving portal. There has been limited usage of the portal, and just recently we have been made aware of additional security testing that will be required to keep the product. I would like to hear from those of you that have used the online portal, primarily to let me know what impact the elimination of this portal would mean to your ability to contribute to the church. Alternatively, if there is anyone out there that would be willing to perform security testing for our system on a quarterly basis, please let me know.

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.** 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. 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 June 2024

	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total GF offerings and other sources	\$ 69,228.97	\$ 149,630.58
Total expenses	71,801.97	156,867.44
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	(2,579.00)	(7,236.86)
Transfers from (to) savings	2,000.00	6,500.00
Increase (decrease)	\$ (579.00)	\$ (736.86)

June 30, 2024		
General Fund		\$ 42.04
Memorial and Special Gifts		16,472.40
Property Repairs and Replacement		5,728.03
Scholarship		8,152.82
Bequested Funds and other savings		87,046.78
Total		<b>\$ 117,442.07</b>



Family Breakfast



EVERY SUNDAY

9:00AM IN BETHANY HALL

**Youth Gathering**

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY AT 6:00PM IN BETHANY HALL

Contact Darrin Coe or Sarah Neal for more info.

**Church Picnic**

August 4, 2024

Bluefield City Park Shelter 1

Please R.S.V.P. by letting Sarah know by calling 304-327-5633



# August 2024



# SUMMER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 <b>10:00AM Church Picnic</b>	5 6:00PM Life Application Bible Study	6 6:00PM Prayer Gathering	7 7:00AM Prayer 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	8 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	9	10
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1	2	<b>Anniversaries &amp; Birthday's:</b> Pete & Sue Shields - Aug. 2 George & Martha Birkelbach - Aug. 8 George & Susan Smith - Aug 10 Chris & Dee Shoemaker - Aug 20 Malichi Foster - Aug 6 Bob Rose - Aug 7 Matt Selbee - Aug 11 Florence Neal - Aug 14 Dan Martin - Aug 18 George Birkelbach - Aug 19 Gale Hypes - Aug 26				

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](http://www.bluefieldfcc.com)

## 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  
2200 Bland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701



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# Youth Events

Sunday Worship for our  
Youth

Annual  
Summer Camp & Winter Retreat

Every other Tuesday— 6:00PM  
Youth Meeting

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