### Our Vision

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

2 Corinthians 7:1 Since we have these promises, dear

friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

"Perfecting holiness in the fear of God." I claim the fulfillment of God's promises, and rightly, but that is only the human side; The Divine side is that through the promises I recognize God's claim on me. For instance, am I realizing that my body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, or have I a habit of body that plainly will not bear the light of God on it? By sanctification the Son of God is formed in me, then I have to transform my natural life into a spiritual life by obedience to Him. God educates us down to the scruple. When He begins to check, do not confer with flesh and blood, cleanse yourself at once. Keep yourself cleansed in your daily walk.

I have to cleanse myself from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit until both are in accord with the nature of God. Is the mind of my spirit in perfect agreement with the life of the Son of God in me, or am I insubordinate in intellect? Am I forming the mind of Christ, Who never spoke from His right to Himself, but maintained an inner watchfulness whereby He continually submitted His spirit to His Father? I have the responsibility of keeping my spirit in agreement with His Spirit, and by degrees Jesus lifts me up to where He lived –in perfect consecration to His Father's will, paying no attention to any other thing. Am I perfecting this type of holiness in the fear of God? Is God getting His way with me, and are other people beginning to see God in my life more and more?

# -Pastor's Note-

## SHALL I ROUSE MYSELF UP TO THIS?

Be serious with God and leave the rest gaily alone. Put God first literally.

From my March 18<sup>th</sup> devotion – My UTMOST For His HIGHEST – Oswald Chambers.

If you've made it this far, can you see the Lenten connection? I sure have.

*Do we (I) think about the promises of God?* 

*Do we (I) realize that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit?* 

Do we (I) have a habit of the body that plainly will not bear the light of God on it? OUCH!

Doug, is your natural life being transformed into a spiritual life by obedience to Him?

Do we (I) keep ourselves cleansed in our daily walk?

*Is the mind of my spirit in perfect agreement with the life of the* Son of God in me, or am I insubordinate in intellect?

*Is God getting His way with me? Or am I in His way?* 

I don't remember a devotion that has challenged me to search my soul so deeply like this one is. Am I living a life that suggests My UTMOST For His HIGHEST? Or is it something less? Is it more of me and less of Thee? Then I've got it wrong! Jesus must increase in my life so I can follow Him faithfully and obediently.

Doug, what must you distance yourself from to better be in concert with the Holy Spirit?

#### **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)

Rushing wind blow through this temple Blowing out the dust within Come and breathe Your breath upon me I've been born again

Holy Spirit, I surrender Take me where You want to go Plant me by Your living waters Plant me deep, so I can grow

Jesus. You're the one Who set my spirit free Use me, Lord Glorify, Your Holy Name through me / Keith Green.

You know, we pay special attention during the Lenten Season to fast and pray. We consider the areas of our lives that need to be consecrated.

Shouldn't it be a daily pursuit?

Forgive me once again Lord.

Thank you for Your saving grace! Thank you for your mercies that are made new every morning! GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS!

Blessed be the NAME of the Lord!

Shalom, SHALOM!

PDoug



## **Prayer Requests**



**Shut Ins** 

George Brooks Geraldine Neal

#### **Health Concerns**

Nancy Neal Charlotte Dunahoe David & Shirley Hines Joanna Camacho John & Lois Gibson

Roger Mullins Eddie & Betty Williams Mary Ann Moyer Theresa Thomason Mary Crigger

Melissa Smith Amelia Evans Cindy Scharff & family

Virginia Hudson Kim Tinder

Raymond & Nancy Mulkey

Jeff Stiltner Steve Hedrick Norma Barr Randy Peek Katherine Swauger Tonia Russell Kathy Davis Raymond Spradin

Dr. Amanda Reese Jan Bailey Mary Lynn Malamirsua

Jeff Nehrkorn John Jewell Janet Shawver Doug Baker

Jovan Goolsby Colon Bernard Pauley Zelma Aichel Ray Workman Brandon Shifflet Isaiah Smith Chad Peters Mark Riley Andrea Peterson Mason Hatcher Doug McDaniel, Sr

Tim Kuntz

Betty Lou Gibberson

Mark Smith Pat O'Neal Tony Davis Richie Williams Randy Bailey Glenn Woolwine Nick Cumby Crystal Kinzer

Katie Goodwin Carolyn Radcliff Mrs. Jess Tony Hood Melissa Woolwine

Melinda Mills

Katie & Trey McDaniel

Lonnie Johnson

Bereavement None at this time!

**Praver Request** 

Our Pastor Our Country Our Church Family Kairos

Our First Responders General Church Regional Church

Regional Minister & Staff Celebrate Recovery Wade Center Scout Troop 14 AL & Sonia Hancock Nikki Massaro

Gary Hendricks Bob Searle

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 Godfrey The Colley Family

Jordan Malachi Foster Sue Luterick Amy Johnson Bryanna Taylor Crystal Kinzer Cody

Samantha Jovan Goolsby Colon Halley Boerboom Amber Crist Shelly Sexton

#### **Unspecified Prayer Request**

A.C. Martin Lauren & Kelly Leslie & Lauren

## **April 2025 Lectionary**

**April 1:** Psalm 53; Leviticus 25:1-19; Revelation 19:9-10

**April 2:** Psalm 53; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Luke 9:10-17

**April 3:**Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:1-7; Philippians 2:19-24

**April 4:** Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:8-15; Philippians 2:25-3:1 **April 5:** Psalm 126; Exodus 12:21-27; John 11:45-57

**April 6:** Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

**April 7:** Psalm 20; Exodus 40:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-25

**April 8:** Psalm 20; Judges 9:7-15; 1 John 2:18-28

April 9: Psalm 20; Habakkuk 3:2-15; Luke 18:31-34

**April 10:** Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 53:10-12; Hebrews 2:1-9

**April 11:** Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 54:9-10; Hebrews 2:10-18

**April 12:** Psalm 31:9-16; Leviticus 23:1-8; Luke 22:1-13

**April 13:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Luke 19:28-40

**April 14:** Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11, Hebrews 9:11-15, John 12:1-11

April 15: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 71:1-14, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, John 12:20-36

**April 16:** Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12:1-3, John 13:21-32 **April 17:** Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 18:Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42

**April 19:** Job 14:1-14, Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16, 1 Peter 4:1-8, Matthew 27:57-66

**April 20:** Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18

April 21:Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 10:16-27; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

**April 22:**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a; Revelation 12:1-12

April 23:Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 2 Samuel 6:1-15; Luke 24:1-12

April 24: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:1-23; Acts 5:12-16 **April 25:** Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:19-32; Acts 5:17-26

**April 26:**Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:32-51; Luke 24:36-40

**April 27:** Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 118:14-29, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

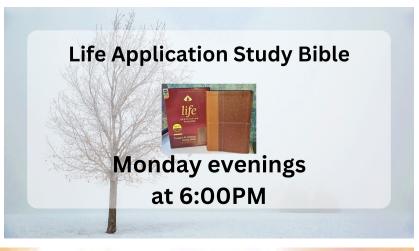
**April 28:**Psalm 122; Esther 7:1-10; Revelation 1:9-20

April 29: Psalm 122; Esther 8:1-17; Revelation 2:8-11

**April 30:** Psalm 122; Esther 9:1-5, 18-23; Luke 12:4-12

# facebook LIVE

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







Greeting Church Family,

Spring has sprung and is upon us.

I want to take this time to thank each and every one of you all who came out to support the Youth's Spaghetti Fundraiser. It was a very successful fundraiser.

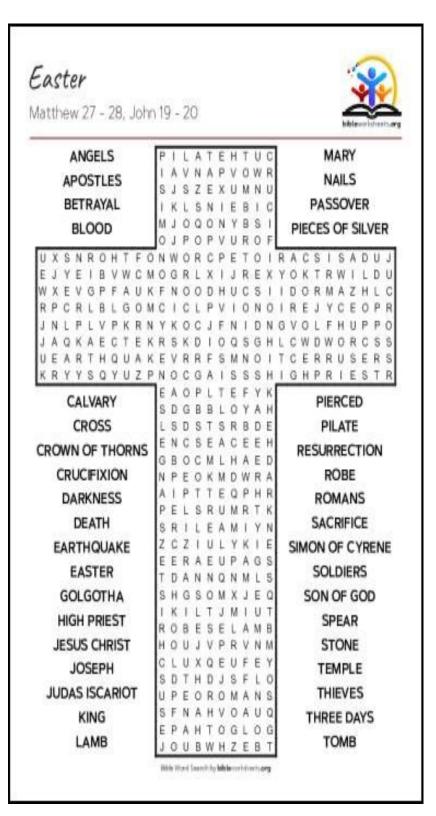
Up next for the youth is an outing on Saturday, April 12, 2025. We plan to go see The King of Kings at the movies. If your youth would like to go, please contact Darrin or Sarah to let them know that you would like to attend.

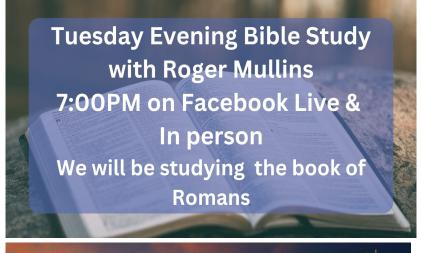
On another note, Camp registration is currently open. Camp for youths k-8th grade is June 8-13 in Rockwood, PA. CYF conference for youths 9th-12th grades is June 22–28. If your youth would like to attend either camp or CYF you can register at: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/25wvcamp">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/25wvcamp</a>

Thank you and God Bless,

Sarah Neal





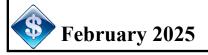




HAVE A HURT,
HABIT OR
HANG-UP?
JOIN US FOR

## Celebrate Recovery

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

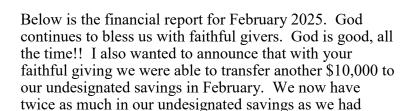


You cannot out give God!!





### Treasurer's Report



And let's PRAISE GOD that 2025 is off to a great start with your faithful giving!

BEFORE we did both the HVAC and Roofing projects!

As a reminder, please continue to check for LIGHTS, RUNNING TOILETS, A/C OR HEAT, APPLIANCES, 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** February 2025

Total GF offerings and		
other sources	\$ 15,090.25	\$ 52,729.84
Total expenses	18,017.45	39,266.27
Excess (deficit) of offerings		
to expenses	(2,927.20)	13,463.57
Transfers from (to) savings	\$ (12,927.20)	(10,000.00)
Increase (decrease)		\$ 3,463.57

February 2025	
General Fund	\$ 10,477.84
Memorial and Special Gifts Property Repairs and	16,888.10
Replacement	1,730.18
Scholarship	12,698.09
Bequested Funds and other	
savings	110,237.24
Total	\$ 152,031.45











## Want to get our daily church emails?

Please let Sarah know by emailing fccbluefield@gmail.com and she will put you on our email list.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
30	31	1 7:30AM Prayer 6:00PM Prayer Gathering 7:00PM Bible	2 6:00PM Prasie Team Practice	3 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery	4	5	
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May you be blessed today. We heartily welcome all

Office Hours: M-F 9:00 am -1:00 pm www.bluefieldfcc.com





10:00 am Combined Worship Service 9:00 am Bible Study

Bluefield, WV 24701 Disciples of Christ 2200 Bland Road



Non-Profit Organization Bluefield, WV 24701

> 1st and 3rd Tuesday—6:00PM **Youth Meeting**

Sunday Worship for our Youth

Annual

Summer Camp & Winter Retreat

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

