

CHURCH *Life*

A monthly publication of First Christian Church, Princeton WV



Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." Gen 1:26 Following the creation of everything that we can and cannot see, God intentionally determined to create mankind to caretake over His creation. Unlike all of His other handiwork that was spoken into existence, He knelt down got His hands dirty and molded Adam (humankind) from the clay. *And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male (eesh) and female (ish-shaw) He created them.* Gen 1:27

From the text of Scripture, it is evident that women are not an afterthought as some might prefer to imply. The planning stage clearly indicates that both genders were intentionally planned before the event occurred. Chapter two of the first book explain how God fulfilled His plan from chapter one. *Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."* Gen 2:18 Here again, we find some who would prefer to relegate women to a second class, servant to the man, position. Interestingly the word "helper" in that verse is the Hebrew word (*ay-zer*). <These "Hebrew" words are the phonetic spelling found in the Strong's Concordance>. This word is used throughout the Old Testament and even in reference to God Himself; Exodus 18:4, Psalm 37:40, and Isaiah 50:9. So if one was to attempt to use that verse to degrade women to a subservient role, than logic and Scriptural interpretation would force God into a similar position.

The Scripture is clear, God intended from the beginning to cre-

ate both (*eesh*) and (*ish-shaw*) and for them to work together. *How can one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight...* Deut 32:30a *Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.* Matt 18:19 A spiritual principle is not only applied but strengthened under the covenant of marriage. God's intent from the beginning was for them to rule over His creation.

Yes, Satan and his scheming did alter things, and (*ish-shaw*) was deceived first. 1Tim 2:14, Gen 3:1-6 How different our world had become, how vastly polar from God's vision and plan. Man's nor Satan's behavior cannot however, negate nor change God's plan and intent.

Throughout history, women have been treated as second class noncitizens, property to be controlled. It wasn't until Christianity where (*ish-shaw*) was brought back to a position of honor, over creation, beside (*eesh*) that they may rule as God intended. It is still less than one hundred years that women were even given the right to vote in this country.

The distinction and uniqueness between men and women, their strengths designed to undergird the weaknesses of the other, are a beautiful picture of how God created us. This world and its ways have worked tirelessly to weaken and undermine God's handiwork; homosexuality (a perversion of our human sexuality), gender dysphoria (a mental and or emotional illness), adultery, fornication, child molestation, pornography and such are all an offense to the beauty of how we are made; (*zaw-kawr*) biological male and (*nek-ay-baw*) biological female. The struggle of male-ego dominance vs the feminists, women's libbers, are not only contrary to

God's Word but destructive to human nature. So where does the truth lie? *However, in the Lord, neither is woman independent of man, nor is man independent of woman.* 1Cor 11:11 God created positions of authority and responsibility, topic for another day, where His desire is for "mankind" to partner together in harmony to rule over His creation.

Dating back to the 1970's, the traditional family has been under attack and this destructive movement has made great strides in its war against our homes and churches. At the risk of being labeled a bigot, I challenge our current interpretation of gender differences and roles in society. I call to reevaluate what is truly important for these few short years we have on this earth. Men need to step up to be the men God calls us to be. The things of this world, *...the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life...* 1John 2:15 need to be set aside to live lives of holiness and righteousness. Men are called to *...love their wives as Christ loved the church...* Eph 5:25 How could a woman not revere and respect a husband who leads his home in such a manner?

But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. 2Peter 3:13 Oh how desperately this world is looking for and needing what God has to truly offer. Church, be the church!

Pastor Steve

Prayer Concerns

Week Ending July 26, 2025

Kay Arrington, Sam Conner, Linda Gillespie, Kathy Kennedy, Mortecai, Ruth Mullins, Pete, Linda Shaw, Norma Tindle, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph White, Donnie Williams, Wisdom for our government, loved ones in Israel & Palestine

Week Ending July 19, 2025

Family of Mark Carr, Family of Gene Clark, Steve & Sylvia Spooner, Sinjia, Angel Tedder

Week Ending June 7, 2025

Family of Myrna Bunch, Wendy Johnson, North Carolina flood victims, Gary & Judy Reed, Nannie Reed, Scooter Smith, Texas flood victims, Believers in Ukrain

In the Military:

Mike Kennedy, Devin Lusk, T. J. Morris, Robert Worrell

Our Friends Who are Homebound:

Betty Doyle, Mike Elmore, Evelyn Jenkins

Our Friends in Nursing/Retirement Facilities:

Glenwood Healthcare Center:
Cleo Halsey
Glenwood Healthcare Center:
Gary Reed
Ridge Care Assisted Living:
Ralph Repass

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Church Council

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Elders Meeting — 6:00 p.m.
Ministry Teams — 6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting — 7:00 p.m.

Social Media Broadcast

Follow us on Facebook at First Christian Princeton WV.

Website: firstchristianprincetonwv.org

YouTube: First Christian Princeton WV

E-mail: fccprincetonoffice@gmail.com



Healthy Godly Couples

Healthy Godly couples correct in private not in public.

Healthy couples aren't perfect couples they're prayerful couples.

They don't just love each other in the good times, they choose each other in the hard times.

A strong relationship isn't built on just feelings and chemistry, it's built on commitment, communication and *Christ!*

It's choosing grace over grudges, service over selfishness and faith over fear. Faith and fear can not occupy the same space.

The truth is when *God* is at the center, love becomes deeper, joy becomes fuller and even the hard seasons become holy ground.

When two people chase after *God* together, they will always find each other stronger than before.

"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12

Richard De la Mora



AUGUST 2025

Elders: Michael Reed, Kenneth Reeves

Deacons: Ben Haring, Mark Murphy

Deaconess: Tonni Bennett, Linda Cheverton

Lay Reader: Linda Cheverton

Senior Breakfast

Senior Breakfast is on **Tuesday, August 12, at 9:00 a.m.** at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. Come join in the fellowship, with faith, family and friends.

From the Archive



Our congregation has a longstanding tradition of supporting overseas missions; a tradition that continues to this day. This support has ranged from direct financial support to providing supplies to hosting overseas missionaries while they are in the United States. The following story is from the December 27, 1934 issue of the *Princeton Observer*.

"100 To Attend Church Meet in Princeton

Dr. George E. Miller, Medical Missionary, Will Be the Main Speaker at Christian Church

Close to 100 persons are expected to attend the church conference to be held at the First Church of Christ, Straley Avenue, Princeton, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week.

Registrations have been received from Charleston, Huntington, Montgomery and Beckley. The conference opens at 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon.

Dr. George E. Miller, who has been a medical missionary of the Disciples of Christ to India since 1906, will be the special speaker. He has spent half of his life in India. He is now stationed at Damoh where he gives medical care to the boys of the orphanage in addition to his regular hospital work. Rev. Donald O. Ward and Miss Jewel Palmer will be other prominent speakers."

Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

August 2025

First Christian Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
<div><div>Jul 2025</div><table><tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td></tr><tr><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td></tr><tr><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table></div> <div><div>Sep 2025</div><table><tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td></tr><tr><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table></div>					S	M	T	W	T	F	S			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			S	M	T	W	T	F	S		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30					<div>1</div> <div>Bud & Judy Raines</div> <div>Tina Jones</div> <div>Hartwell, Rebecca</div> <div>Whittington</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Emerson & Diana Okes</div> <div>Shelly Bucciarelli</div>
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																				
		1	2	3	4	5																																																																																				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12																																																																																				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19																																																																																				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26																																																																																				
27	28	29	30	31																																																																																						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																				
	1	2	3	4	5	6																																																																																				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13																																																																																				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20																																																																																				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27																																																																																				
28	29	30																																																																																								
<div>3</div> <div>10:00 AM Sunday School</div> <div>11:00 AM Morning Service</div> <div>6:00 PM Men's Fellowship</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <div>7:00 PM Church Council</div>	<div>6</div> <div>7:00 PM Adult Bible Study</div> <div>7:00 PM Children's Program</div>	<div>7</div> <div>11:00 AM CWF/Choir Room</div> <div>7:00 PM Music Rehearsal</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Josiah Janning</div>	<div>9</div>																																																																																				
<div>10</div> <div>10:00 AM Sunday School</div> <div>11:00 AM Morning Service</div> <div>6:00 PM Game Night</div> <div>Ralph Repass</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Lola Fanning</div>	<div>12</div> <div>9:00 AM Senior Breakfast/Cracker Barrel</div> <div>6:00 PM Elders Meeting</div> <div>6:30 PM Ministry Teams</div> <div>7:00 PM Board Meeting</div>	<div>13</div> <div>7:00 PM Adult Bible Study</div> <div>7:00 PM Children's Program</div> <div>Jerod Vipperman</div>	<div>14</div> <div>7:00 PM Music Rehearsal</div>	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div>																																																																																				
<div>17</div> <div>10:00 AM Sunday School</div> <div>10:30 AM Narthex Fellowship</div> <div>11:00 AM Morning Service</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Harold & Bonnie Buckner</div> <div>John Carter, II; Tonye Chewning; Chris Stinson</div> <div>Tom & Annette Tiley</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div> <div>7:00 PM Adult Bible Study</div> <div>7:00 PM Children's Program</div> <div>Logan Coburn; Michelle Haynes</div>	<div>21</div> <div>7:00 PM Music Rehearsal</div> <div>Tami Cooper</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Jackson Ammons, Denise Reed Simmons</div>																																																																																				
<div>24</div> <div>10:00 AM Sunday School</div> <div>11:00 AM Morning Service</div> <div>12:30 PM Annual Church Picnic</div> <div>Beverly Reed</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div> <div>7:00 PM Adult Bible Study</div> <div>7:00 PM Children's Program</div>	<div>28</div> <div>7:00 PM Music Rehearsal</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Stephen Janning</div>	<div>30</div>																																																																																				
<div>31</div> <div>10:00 AM Sunday School</div> <div>11:00 AM Morning Service</div> <div>6:00 PM Women's Fellowship Night</div>																																																																																										



Game Night

Come join for fun, food and games! Invite your friends and family. Game night will be on **Sunday, August 10th at 6pm** in the Fellowship Hall.



Local Outreach



Thank you to everyone who participated in the “Fill a Bag, Feed a Family” food drive for the Salvation Army. It was very much appreciated. Drop off food any time at the church and it will get delivered to the Salvation Army. *Linda Cheverton*

Membership

On **Sunday, August 17th**, we will have goodies, juice and coffee in the Narthex. This will be a time of fellowship. Please join us! *Donna Reeves Memebership*

Men’s Fellowship

A casual night of fellowship to hang out and catch up. There will be food and a short devotion. Men of all ages are welcome. Fellowship Night is on **Sunday, August 3 at 6pm** at Ben’s house.

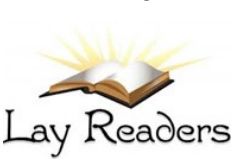


Women’s Fellowship Night

All women are invited for a night of fellowship together. **Sunday, August 31st at 6pm** at Andrea’s house.



Worship



Attention! The worship committee is looking for Lay Readers. If you are interested, please see myself or Linda Cheverton. Thank you. *Tonni Bennett*

We wish to thank the Lay Readers, *Haleigh Murphy and Tonni Bennett* for the month of **July 2025**. We are looking forward to having *Linda Cheverton* as the Lay Reader for the month of **August 2025**.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
Permit No. 58

First Christian Church
805 Straley Ave
Princeton, WV 24740
Rev. Stephen M. Janning, Minister
firstchristianprincetonwv.org



Non-Profit Organization
US Postage Paid
Princeton, WV
Permit No. 58