

# CHURCH *Life*

A monthly publication of First Christian Church, Princeton WV



## TRUTH

*What is truth?* John 18:38

Profound question. Pilate examining Jesus responds to His statement concerning the purpose for His life up to this point; *For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.*

John 18:37

According to the dictionary; truth – a being true, sincerity, conformity with fact, reality, correctness. Unfortunately “truth” itself is no longer a viable word. The culture in which we live has determined it no longer exist in its purest definition. Like most things in this day and time, truth has been diluted into a perversion, it’s definition has been used to advance the personal beliefs and positions of its user. The preservation of truth is so paramount in the kingdom of God that Jesus declared it to be a primary purpose for His work; *“To bear witness to the truth”*.

In my prayer time, for several years now, I have prayed that God would reveal truth; truth in His church, truth in our government, truth in this world. His Holy Spirit has spoken back to my heart asking, “Is it ok if I start with you?” If I am asking God to expose the corruption within our government, am I willing for God to expose the corruption within my own heart first? The principle of truth within the kingdom of God is so vital that Jesus came to bear witness to it. Recognition of a lie should cause us all to grieve, yet, so often we justify these lies having come to accept their existence in our everyday behavior.

A culture that denies truth will find itself falling into a pit of deep lawlessness and corruption. The men and women who have been charged to govern this great country in which we live consistently and without shame lie and hide truth for their own personal advancement and power. Using frag-

mented and half-truths, often, during public speeches and pronouncements, they follow their father the devil to deceive in the same manner as he deceived Eve in the garden.

Science, a supposed pursuit of truth, has become so disfigured, that it is no longer recognizable in its original form. Mankind has twisted everything from the study of human anatomy to the ecosystem created by God, to advance their own agendas, perverted lusts, and ambitions.

There is one source from which all these lies originate; *You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

John 8:44

Whenever we witness someone speaking a lie, that person is speaking in the influence of Satan. There is no middle of the road, no such thing as a “white lie” because all lies originate from the “father of lies” and the pit of hell.

You were formed in your mother’s womb, male or female, there are no other possibility, God does not make mistakes. God did not make you gay. Sexual intimacy outside the marriage covenant between and man and a woman is sin and contrary to the created purposes of God. To look upon someone to lust after them is adultery. Alcoholism is a behavioral disorder not a biological one. Abortion is murder. Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely. Taking something that does not belong to you is stealing. God’s name is holy do not use it as slang or a curse word. Anything we put before God in our lives is idolatry. All these things are clearly condemned in the Ten Commandments. Jesus is the only way to the Father, Heaven, and eternal life. Making state-

ments such as these contradict a culture that declares truth is relative, subjective, and pliable to one’s own perspective. Truth is absolute for all peoples, all places, and all times.

Where can anyone find such a truth? Not in any human philosophy, imagination, or creativity. Truth of this nature can only come from outside mankind. Pilate, questioning Jesus, understood this as we saw in his statement, *What is truth?* This truth will not be found in a political party or any field of science. This truth can only be found in the Word of God. The Bible is as relevant to us today as it was in the day and place where it was written. A society that rejects truth will not last. A culture that rejects God’s truth will spiral themselves into a mucky swamp that will eventually swallow them. Grievingly, I observe our once great nation as having chosen this unfortunate path.

Is the United State salvageable? Absolutely! As long as we have breath, we have an opportunity to repent and turn back to God and His absolute truth found in Jesus Christ. This repentance must start within His church and His people. It starts with the TORAH. *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.* Deut 6:5 Big order pastor! True, but from an ancient Chinese proverb; “The journey of a thousand miles starts with the first step.”

May God count First Christian Church in Princeton WV faithful and true.

*Pastor Steve*

**NOTHING  
BUT THE  
TRUTH**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Week Ending Jan 27, 2024**

*Elizabeth Bragg, The family of David & Tia's neighbor who passed away, Cleo Miller, Gary Reed, Steve Shrewsberry, Sylvia Spooner, Loved ones in Israel & Palestine, Wisdom for our government,*

**Week Ending Jan 20, 2024,**

*Sara Allen, Emma Chandonnett, Bud Raines, Fran Thaxton, The Family of Rev. Earl Thompson*

**Week Ending Jan 13, 2024**

*Pastor Bill Pollack, Nannie Reed, Scooter Smith, Sylvia Spooner, Angel Tedder, her son, her parents, Jerry & Sheila Tennant, Believers of Ukraine, Sandra Wimmer*

**In the Military:**

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

**Our Friends Who are Homebound:**

*Betty Craft, Betty Doyle, Mike Elmore, Lola Fanning, Evelyn Jenkins*

**Our Friends in Nursing/Retirement Facilities:**

*The Havens: Peggy White  
The Havens: Cleo Halsey  
Stonerise Princeton: Gary Reed*

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024**

*Church Council—7:00 p.m.*

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

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

*Phone Live Stream: 1-833-336-0457*



**FEBRUARY 2024**

Elders: Michael Reed, Kenneth Reeves  
Deacons: Willie Nelson, Randy Winfrey  
Deaconess: Linda Cheverton, Sylvia Spooner  
Lay Reader: Larry Wimmer

**Senior Breakfast**

Senior Breakfast is on **Tuesday, February 13, at 9:00 a.m.** at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. Come join in the fellowship and fun.



**Jesus Cares**

There is never a day so dreary  
But God can make it bright,  
And unto the soul that trust Him,  
He giveth songs in the night.

There is never a path so hidden,  
But God can lead the way,  
If we seek for the Spirit's guidance  
And patiently wait and pray.

There is never a cross so heavy  
But the nail-scarred hands are there  
Outstretched in tender compassion  
The burden to help us bear.

There is never a heart so broken,  
But the loving Lord can heal,  
The heart that was pierced on Calvary  
Doth still for His loved ones feel.

There is never a life so darkened,  
So hopeless and unblessed,  
But may be filled with the light of God  
And enter His promised rest.

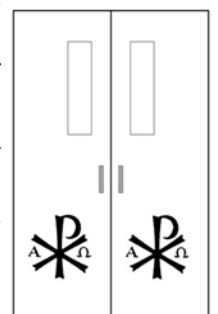
There is never a sin or sorrow,  
There is never a care or loss,  
But that we may bring to Jesus  
And leave at the foot of the cross.

Moments With The Book

**From the Archives**



Funding for the new doors to our nursery area was provided in memory of our fifth Timothy, James E. Moxley, by the Moxley family. His older brother Bill Moxley, Jr. led the effort. James was born in Princeton on December 14, 1935, to Bill, Sr. and Eva Moxley. James' post high school education included Johnson Bible College, Bethany College, and Lexington Theological Seminary. James was ordained during our congregation's 50th anniversary celebration and served churches in Grafton WV, Lisbon, Georgetown, and Hamilton, OH, Rockville, MD, Bradenton, FL, Anniston, AL, Overland Park, KS, and Fort Myers, FL. James died on May 15, 2023 in Monroe, OH and is survived by his wife, Phyllis Dolores Moxley, by his five children, and by several grandchildren and great grandchildren. The design on the doors is an ancient Christian symbol: the labarum or Chi-Rho (from the first two letters of Christ's name in Greek, ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ). The Chi-Rho has a special connection to our congregation; traditionally, we have had two youth groups: the Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) for high school age children and Chi Rho for younger children. Bill Moxley, Jr. directed Chi Rho for several years.



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

# February 2024

*First Christian Church*



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## The Zimbabwe Project

### Mupumbu Church of Christ

History: In the late 1990s, Ishmael Bhebhe of our congregation had just graduated from Zimbabwe Christian College and was helping his dad, Reverend Kenias Bhebhe, in the city of Chegutu as both as Associate and Youth Minister. Ishmael was challenged to go into church planting in the rural area called Zvimba Central, located about 65 miles to the west of Harare, Zimbabwe’s capital city, and about 10 miles east of Murombedzi township. He founded several congregations, four of which survived and will worship together as the Mupumbu congregation when construction is finished..

Funding Status  
 Basic Structure, Estimated: \$38,500  
 Current Raised Funds: \$19,500  
 Needed Funds: \$19,000

Fundraising Dinner  
 6:00 PM, Thursday, February 29  
 Fellowship Hall  
 First Christian Church

Contribute Directly  
 Check to: First Christian Church  
 805 Straley Ave  
 Princeton, WV 24740  
 Memo: Zimbabwe

Want to be involved in the Zimbabwe Church Project? Every penny received goes to construction in Zimbabwe; nothing is spent on overhead or administration. Funds in excess of \$19,000 will go to interi- or finishing.



## Worship

The Worship committee would like to thank everyone who stayed after church to take down the advent decorations. *Tonni Bennett*

We wish to thank the Lay Reader, *Tonni Bennett*, for the month of January 2024. We are looking forward to having *Larry Wimmer* as the Lay Reader for the month of February 2024.



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