

# CHURCH Life

A monthly publication of First Christian Church, Princeton WV



*Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are immorality, impurity, sensuality, Gal 5:19 Let marriage be held in honor among all and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.*

*Heb 13:4 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity that their bodies might be dishonored among them. Rom 1:24*

The discussion of our human sexuality and its influence in our lives and its assault by our eternal enemy has not been given the serious attention that it deserves. Far to often I see attacks made from all the different camps upon everyone else that does not believe the way that they do. I pray that you hear me out and consider the argument, unfortunately summated because of space, that I am attempting to make here.

Those who pursue a homosexual lifestyle, are berated by many so-called pastors who themselves are either addicted to pornography, committing adultery, or even molesting the boys and girls in their congregations. They believe that somehow their sins are not as great as others. Those who choose to live a traditional lifestyle and raise a family are so often demeaned by those who choose to live alternate lifestyles. Men and women following the biblical principles of marriage and family are often looked down upon as outdated and archaic. Where does the truth lie? What is the true battle that is occurring all around us? What does the Bible truly say about all this?

*And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Gen 1:27 Verse 28 goes on to specifically declare God's intent; ...be fruitful and multiply... "procreate" create other "God image bearers". Why does Satan so desire to not only hinder but eliminate God's intent?*

Every act of sexual immorality works to impede the original command; ...be fruitful and multiply...

Homosexuality, for obvious reasons, is not conducive to procreation. A gay couple can reach outside the relationship, but the relationship itself will not produce a child. Pornography, in all its forms, works to undermine natural intimacy within a marriage. Because our brains are the most powerful "sex organs" we possess, manipulating thought and patterns have created catastrophic destruction within our homes. With the acceleration of AI technology, the ability to create responsive pornographic material as well as robotic sex partners, is producing a generation of men who can not nor have any desire to interact with "real women". Why struggle with imperfect relationships and imperfect bodies, when the "perfect" experience is at one's beckoning call? I apologize for being so frank, but this darkness needs to be brought into the light. The other listings of sexual immorality, can produce children; rape, prostitution, child molestation, adultery, fornication, but their results are far from God's intent for children, relationships, and family, all of these will only produce pain, confusion, rebellion, and eventually death.

We don't talk about these things, certainly not pastors, but it's high time we start. Our young boys and girls need to be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and His ways. Our young men and women need to be not only taught the truth but helped to put aside these lifestyles and our older, more mature leaders need to set aside these things and return to a life of holiness and purity.

Why are these things so destructive? Why does God seem so restrictive and unmovable when it comes to our sexuality? Because, He knows its not only detrimental to His plan, but it destroys us and removes the hope of a joyful, purposeful, fulfilling relationship here on this earth.

We all sin! The wages for our sins is death! Great or small, all sin will lead to death. Homosexuality

will not immediately condemn one to hell no more than any other sin, the refusal to repent and turn from our sins, that keep us on the path to everlasting destruction and separation from God. Call me narrow-minded and a bigot, God purposed sexual intimacy strictly between a husband (male) and wife (female), and no other. No exceptions!

What's beautiful about our God is the truth that He can make all things new. He can take the brokenness we have caused and turn it into good. A child born out of wedlock, can and often does grow to be a great and mighty man or woman. He can take our filthy, empty lifestyles and mold us into something beautiful. The answer is not to affirm the wrong that we do, the answer is to repent of that wrong, walk in the opposite direction, and call upon a God who is merciful and graceful. Spouses need to protect the sexual purity of their husbands and wives. Repentance and forgiveness are necessary components to rebuilding lasting happy homes. Our children need to be taught to protect their purity for their marriage. We all need to push back the boundary line in what we watch, listen to, think about, and participate in. How much of our money goes to support the filthiness within our culture?

For all the victims of sexual molestation, my heart goes out to you. For all those who have been abused and betrayed we have a heavenly Father who loves perfectly and purely. For all who have and do permit the lusts of your mind and flesh to control who you are, God is ever loving and calling all to repentance. *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1John 1:9*

Rise up O church in holiness and righteousness and purity.

Pastor Steve

Prayer Concerns

**Week Ending August 23, 2025**

Sam & Margaret Conner, David Dunson & his mother, Wendy Johnson, Judy Reed, Nannie Reed, Tena Rose, Scooter Smith, Believers in the Ukraine

**Week Ending August 16, 2025**

Kay Arrington, Brandon Conklin, Carol Dixon, Mortecai, Wisdom for our government, loved ones in Israel & Palestine

**Week Ending August 9, 2025**

Family of Dennis Ammons, Jerry Hall, Linda Kaluk, Michael Rule, Steve & Sylvia Spooner, Sinjia, Angel Tedder

**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, September 2, 2025**

Church Council

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

Elders Meeting — 6:00 p.m.

Ministry Teams — 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting — 7:00 p.m.

**Social Media Broadcast**

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Operation Christmas Child



It may seem a little early to be thinking about Christmas but this is the perfect time to get those small items like school supplies, small backpacks, socks and tee shirts to fill the shoe boxes that will be available the end of **October 2025.**

Last year FCC filled 94 boxes, which was a wonderful accomplishment. Can we fill over 100 this year? There is one change this year in that soap is not allowed in the boxes but dry deodorant is. If you provide hygiene kits which can include a wash cloth, hand towel, toothbrush, and deodorant., that is a wonderful gift for a child. Often what is included in the shoe box is the first gift a child has ever received.

Franklin Graham states “Millions of children around the world are coming to know Jesus Christ through these simple gifts. So keep packing shoeboxes and continue to pray that God will raise up an army of young evangelists who boldly share their faith with others.”

If you are unfamiliar with Operation Christmas Child there will be more information available in **October.** There will be a \$10 shipping and handling cost for each box this year. Any questions, please contact *Linda Cheverton*.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Elders: Ishmael Bhebhe, Larry Wimmer

Deacons: Manny Testa, Randy Winfrey

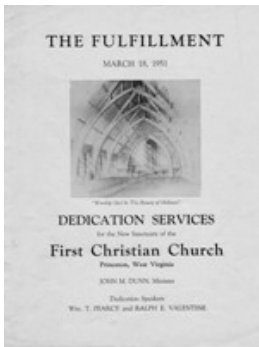
Deaconess: Deidre Crutchfield, Christina Wimmer

Lay Reader: Larry Wimmer

Senior Breakfast

Senior Breakfast is on **Tuesday, September 9, at 9:00 a.m.** at a Restaurant to be determined. Come join in the fellowship, in faith, family and friends.

From the Archive



March 18, 1951, was a joyous day in the history of our congregation; our sanctuary was dedicated.

The preliminary sketches of the sanctuary were done in 1927. The educational unit portion of our building was dedicated in 1929 but the planning and construction of the sanctuary was delayed by the need to settle the debt from the construction of the educational unit. Pastor Frank Stuck ran a successful

campaign, entitled “Debt Free by ‘43”, to settle the debt, which allowed the design and ultimate construction of the sanctuary to begin in the mid 1940s.

Two services were held for the dedication of the sanctuary: one at 10:00 AM and one at 2:45 PM. The dedication services for the sanctuary were led by Pastor John M. Dunn with Edward Rule as the choir director and Mrs. H.K. Martin (the mother of one of our Timothies, Orville Martin) as the organist. The messages in the morning and afternoon services were delivered by William T. Percy of the denomination’s Board of Church Extension. The sanctuary’s construction was paid for partially by a loan of \$50,000 (approximately \$620,000 in today’s dollars) from the Board.

Also on that day, a dedication service for the chapel was held at 7:00 PM. Ralph E. Valentine, State Secretary and Director of Christian Education for the Christian Churches in West Virginia, delivered the message.



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

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First Christian Church



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*Autumn* in Israel is a season of soft transitions and golden light. The desert cools under clear skies, olive trees shimmer in gentle winds, and the Mediterranean coast glows in the warm sun.



Game Night

Have fun with us as we play games, fellowship and eat together. **Sunday, September 14 at 6pm** in the Fellowship Hall.



Rick Newton Ministries

One of the Last things Jesus told us to do is; “Go into All the world and preach the Gospel to every person and make disciples...” How are you doing with your assignment? Matthew 28:18-20

Membership

We will have Fellowship in the Narthex on **Sunday, September 21st**. It will be from **10:30am until 11:00am**. There will be goodies, coffee and juice. Please join us! Thank you!  
*Donna Reeves Membership*

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on **Sunday, September 14** immediately following the morning service. Please make plans to attend this important session. Thank you.

Women’s Bible Study

All women are welcome to join us for our Fall Bible study. **Sundays at 6pm to 7:30pm from September 28 to November 2, 2025**. The study will be held at Andrea’s house. The book cost is \$14. Please let *Teressa Janning* or *Andrea Haring* know if you would like to join us.

In *Thrive*, author and teacher Jennifer Cowart helps women develop the habits and attitudes necessary to thrive whatever their circumstances. Leading readers through the book of James, a letter written about enduring hardship. She lifts up six characteristics of mature Christians. From endurance and humility to the controlling the words we speak, Jennifer helps participants find the divine and the practical in living faithfully. This six-week Bible study covers the topics of:

- Endurance: Embracing obstacles as a mean to maturity.
- Wisdom: Using heavenly perspective on earthly issues.
- Action: Living a life where actions match faith.
- Control: Taming the tongue
- Humility: Developing the attitude of Christ.
- Prayer: Exercising the power tool of the faith.

Worship

We wish to thank the Lay Reader, *Linda Cheverton*, for the month of **August 2025**. We are looking forward to having *Larry Wimmer* as the Lay Reader for the month of **September 2025**.



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