

CONTACT

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

of the Churches of God, General Conference
1003 Logan Street
P.O. Box 102
McMechen, WV 26040

Elders: Tom Baum 304-639-7326
Dave Fox 304-238-3393 or 304-232-4669
John Martin 304-975-4702
Mark Martin 304-559-3374

March, 2026
Boggs Run Phone Number: 304-905-8230



*Don't call me Lucky, call me
Blessed !*



ELDER'S PAGE



Springing Forward in Faith Growing Together at McMechen, First Church of God

As the seasons change and we “spring forward”, we are reminded that growth is part of God’s design. Spring is a season of renewal, planting and expectation. It is a time when what was planted begins to show signs of life. And here at McMechen First Church of God, we are seeing growth – spiritual growth, numerical growth and growth in unity.

Growth begins in the Word.

The more we hunger for God’s Word, the stronger we become. When we open our Bibles, when we pray, when we worship together, we are planting seeds that produce lasting fruit. We are not just attending church – we are becoming the Church. The Word of God is shaping hearts, renewing minds and transforming lives.

We are also growing united as one family of God.

The early church in Acts was described as being “together” and “of one heart”. That same spirit is alive here. We are small in number, but we are powerful in faith. We stand shoulder to shoulder. We pray for one another. We lift one another up. We rejoice together and we walk through trials together. Unity is strength, and when God’s people are united, nothing can stop what He is building.

Every believer is a soldier in God’s army. We are called to reach out, to love boldly, to serve faithfully and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Growth does not happen by accident – it happens through obedience, prayer and action. We are called to bring more soldiers into the family. Not by pressure, not by performance, but by living out the love of Christ so clearly that others are drawn to Him.

And that is exactly what is happening.

Our community notices our love for our Lord and Savior. They see compassion. They see sincerity. They see transformed lives. When people witness real change – hearts softened, habits broken, families restored – they take notice. Transformation attracts growth. As followers are being changed by the power of God, more are being added to the church and to the Kingdom.

We may be a small church but we are a mighty church. We are growing each and every week. Not just in numbers, but in faith, in passion and in purpose. God is doing something special at McMechen First Church of God and we are blessed to be part of it.

(Continued on next page)

Let us continue to plant seeds.
Let us continue to water through prayer.
And let God bring the increase.

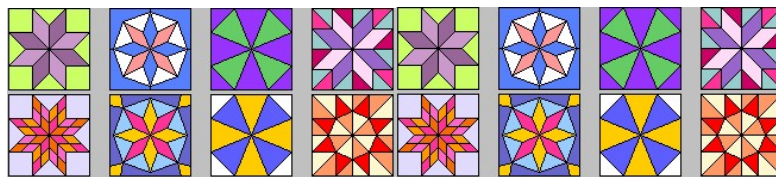
1 Corinthians 3:6-7 (NIV)

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

With love and expectation for what God is doing...

I love you, but God loves you more!

Elder, Mark Martin



Piecemakers Quilt Club

Piecemakers Quilt Club is back at it. We have begun working on some banners for the new church. We are learning as we go, so if you would like to learn with us – come join us.

Tuesdays at 5:00 pm for now. After Lent we will begin meeting on Wednesday afternoons as well.

Here is a picture of the first Banner in its beginning stages. Don't look at the mistakes – we prefer to call those "unique aspects of character".

We plan on making two of these – similar but not exact twins. We have additional ideas for more banners in the future. And down the road we will be working on another Quilt!!! Stay tuned!

If you have any questions about our group, contact Patti or Dru Fox.



Hang Out Dinner Group!



On Tuesday, February 10th, the Hang Out Dinner group met at The Olive Garden in the Highlands. There were 16 in attendance and they had a great time with friends and great food.

If you would like to become a part of this fun group, contact Tom Baum for more information.

This month's outing will be on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:00pm. They will be going to "The Wheel" (formerly TJ's Sports Garden).



Construction Update!!

Construction has slowed down just a tad as we are between "phases". The completion of the plumbing will be the next big project.

The flooring (in the fellowship room) and the Lighting have been completed. The A/V equipment is still in process.

The seating (chairs) for the Sanctuary have been ordered!!! 100 chairs have been ordered and we can add to that down the road as needed. Praise the Lord!!! A generous donation has been received to pay for the seating!

The next "cosmetic" item we will be looking at is carpeting for the Sanctuary, entry way and office/classroom areas.

(Continued on next page)

Please continue to pray for all aspects of the construction – the workers/contractors, the finances and, most of all, the ministry of this new facility!!!

God is Good All the Time and we are operating in His Time! Here are some pictures.

Sanctuary Stage Area



Fellowship Hall



Sanctuary Lighting



Sanctuary Lights/fans up close



Vestibule (Entry way) Light





Prayer List:

Debbie Baum (March surgery)
Fred & Virginia Brautigan
Fred Buskirk
Mark Claybrook
Holly Cline
Jennifer Fox - Eyes
Don Lehew - Back
Eunice Lohr
Shelley Martin (March surgery)
Mary Lou Metz
Jay Morris

Heather Neff
Rylin Richards
Chad Taylor
Preston White
Gary Wolfe

Church Construction
Military – Cheyenne Howard &
Thomas Norcott

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
Romans 12:12*



Food Pantry Ministry Update

The Food Pantry is continuing to provide boxes for local families. Between January and February we filled 6 more boxes for individuals / families.

We couldn't do this without your prayers and support.

If you know of anyone in need, please have them call and leave a message at the church (304-905-8230). We will return their call and get the information we need as to household size and make up. We like to know if there are children so we can make sure to include "kid friendly" foods like chicken nuggets and fries! Lol

Again, Thank you for all you do to support this very important outreach! A special THANK YOU to Alan Hinderliter who is constantly on the lookout for anything that we can use from the Mountaineer Food Bank. With his help we are able to procure many items at minimal or NO COST, which enables us to use the money donated by YOU for other things.



Lenten Luncheon Schedule

The schedule for the remaining Lenten Luncheons is below. The first one (held at our church) was great. There were 39 people from 6 different churches in attendance. The food was great and the fellowship and devotions, greater!!!

February 25 th	United Methodist Church
March 4 th	First Christian Church
March 11 th	Catholic Church (TBD)
March 18 th	Church of God, Boggs Run
March 25 th	Catholic Church (TBD)
April 1 st	First Christian Church

Here are some pictures...We hope to see you at the next one!!!





Happy Birthday to you!
Happy Birthday to you!
Happy Birthday dear...

Happy March Birthday to....

1	Cindy McCabe
7	Emma Howard
7	Abigail Johnston
7	John Martin IV
9	Mike Hill
14	Carrie McKenzie
20	Steven Morris
25	Tisha Brautigan
26	Betsy Nasser
28	Alyson DeNoon

Happy Birthday to you!



Happy March Anniversary to....

16	Phillip & Cindy McCabe	P
21	Brad & Lisa Minor	E



March, 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Sunday School 9:00 am Morning Worship 10:35 am	2	3 BackPack 12 noon Piecemaker's Quilt Club / Food Pantry 5:00 pm	4 Prayer & Bible Study 10:00 am Lenten Luncheon at the Christian Church 12 noon Titus Women 6 pm	5 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	6	7 Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 pm AA Group 7:00 pm
8 Sunday School 9:00 am Morning Worship 10:35 am	9 IronMen 6:00 pm	10 BackPack 12 noon Piecemakers Quilt Club / Food Pantry 5:00 pm Hang Out Dinner Group at 6:00 pm	11 Prayer & Bible Study 10:00 am Lenten Luncheon at Catholic Church (TBD) 12 noon Titus Women 6 pm	12	13	14 SPRING FORWARD Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 pm AA Group 7:00 pm
15 Sunday School 9:00 am Morning Worship 10:35 am	16 IronMen 6:00 pm	17 St. Patrick's Day BackPack 12 noon Piecemakers Quilt Club / Food Pantry 6:00 pm	18 Prayer & Bible Study 10:00 am Lenten Luncheon at the Church of God at 12 noon Titus Women 6 pm	19	20 Articles for the April issue of the Contact are due 	21 Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 pm AA Group 7:00 pm
22 Sunday School 9:00 am Morning Worship 10:35 am	23 IronMen 6:00 pm	24 BackPack 12 noon Piecemakers Quilt Club / Food Pantry 6:00 pm	25 Prayer & Bible Study 10:00 am Lenten Luncheon at the Catholic Church (TBD) 12 noon Titus Women 6 pm	26	27	28 Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 pm AA Group 7:00 pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 PALM SUNDAY Sunday School 9:00 am Morning Worship 10:35 am Dinner Church 5:00 pm	30	31		Hang Out Dinner Group Tuesday, March 10 th at 6:00 pm The Wheel (formerly TJ's) on National Road Wheeling		

