



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

*Pastor Paul*

*Pastor Alyssa*

*Nick Murphy*

*Jackson Love*

The staff of First Christian Church gives thanks to all of our church family for the generous Christmas gifts presented to us. We continue to be grateful for such a caring and supportive congregation. It's a privilege to labor with and serve you.

Thank you again and may you have a happy and healthy new year!

*Matt Ball*

*Lynn Abernathy*

*Samantha Richard*

*Brianna Corbin*

*Morgan Williams*

*Rick Shrout*

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**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (CWM)  
BLANKET MONTH 2024**

CWM's January service in supporting Church World Service Blanket program tells people in crisis: "You're not alone. Someone cares."



The program sends blankets to people in need all round the world. Ukraine has a special need this year. What do you do if you are cold? At home you reach for a blanket or turn up the heat.

What if you didn't have an extra blanket or no blanket at all? What if you didn't have a home because of conflict, a natural disaster, tornado, hurricane, earthquake, or flood?

Church World Service Blanket program provides blankets to those without blankets all over the world. CWM invites FCC to join us in giving blankets during the month of January. The cost of a blanket is \$10. Make your check out to FCC and mark for blankets. As one person put it, "it's about loving our neighbors on this small, interconnected planet, just as Jesus commanded".

Only \$10 per blanket warms someone, furnishes a carry-all, as well as offers protection and shelter. For more information [cwsblankets.org](http://cwsblankets.org).

Margaret J. Vann,  
CWM Blanket Chair

**2023 GIVING STATEMENTS**

Your 2023 Giving Statements are available in the Church Office during the week and on Sundays in the Narthex from **January 10th through January 29th**. (This saves on postage.)

Please contact the church office, 256-881-0150 or [office@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:office@fcc-hsv.org), if you cannot make it to church to pick up your statement. **We will send your statement by email or postal mail depending on your preference.**

Thank you for your generosity,  
FCC Office

**REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

First Christian Church, Athens, AL  
First Christian Church, Anniston, AL



**LONG TERM  
PRAYER CONCERNS**



Long term prayer concerns are published once a month in the *Journey*. **Please** keep the church office informed of the status of individuals you put on the list.

**CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE**

Sunday, January 7 is the last day to pickup your cards from the Christmas Card Post Office. Be sure to check to see if you have any cards on Sunday or have someone check for you. Remember, we do not mail any of the cards left in the Post Office.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Dec. 24:** Worship Service: 55  
Christmas Eve Service: 138  
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 10  
**Dec. 31:** Worship Service: 80  
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 15



**THIS WEEK'S FOOD BASKET** is given in Honor of Audrey Ball's birthday by Matt & Karen.

Naomi Circle will not meet in January and will resume in February.

**JANUARY COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
PROJECT: WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

The Community Outreach Committee’s project for January is collecting financial donations for the Foster Care Unit of DHR (Department of Human Resources) to purchase gift cards to Walmart and other places as requested by DHR. There are over 430 children in foster care in Madison County and funding is not adequate to cover all their needs. These children are in care through no fault of their own; they have been abused and neglected by those who should have protected them. Community Outreach, with your help, would like to ensure that the Foster Care Unit has funds on hand to use throughout the year to help our children who are suffering physically, mentally, and emotionally. A check can be made to FCC with “CO/DHR” in the memo line. Thank you for caring about the vulnerable children in our community.



**MUCH GRATITUDE**

The Christian Women’s Ministries again express their appreciation to the FCC Church family for the generous support of CCYR. Because of your kindness 25 filled stockings were provided along with upwards of \$1250 in support of the families of Madison County. The generosity of FCC never ceases to amaze. May all feel the hope of the season of the birth of Christ.

Community Outreach (CO) is asking for regular donations of hygiene products such as: sanitary pads, tampons, and/or period underwear (period-proof underwear is a relatively new period product that looks and feels like regular underwear.). The donations will support girls at three schools - Huntsville Junior High School, McNair School, Morris School– who do not have funds to purchase these products. A donation site is located in the church Narthex. Please consider helping with this needed project.  
Margaret J. Vann

The 2024 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is available. You may call the office at 256-881-0150 or email [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org) to select a Sunday to remember or honor a friend, loved one, anniversary, birthday, or other special occasion. Donations are \$25.00 and go to Community Outreach. Make checks payable to First Christian Church and Food Basket on the notation line. You may also make your payment through PayPal and designate Food Basket through this QR code linked to our website.

