



THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Pastor Laura

Pastor Paul

Lauren Wilson Carter

Chris McDonald

Alyssa Baldwin

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

Morgan Williams

Rick Shrout

JOURNEY DEADLINE CHANGE

The deadline for submission of articles for the Journey is 9:00 a.m. on Thursday. Previously the deadline was noon on Thursday. Also remember that the Journey is published on the first and third Monday of each Month.

The *Journey* is published on the first and third Monday of the month. The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, January 12**. Email to: publisher@fcc-hsv.org

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CWM BLANKET MONTH 2023



CWM’s January service is supporting Church World Service that will send 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 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 churchworldservice.org.

Margaret J. Vann, CWM Blanket Chair

2022 GIVING STATEMENTS

Your 2022 Giving Statements are available in the Church Office during the week and on Sundays in the Narthex from **January 8th through January 22nd**. (This saves on postage.)

Please contact the church office, 256-881-0150 or 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

ATTENDANCE

December 24: Christmas Eve Service: 100
December 25: Worship Service: 40
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): NR
January 1: Worship Service: 73
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 6



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS



Not Published Online

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 8 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.

NAOMI CIRCLE

"A safe space for grieving hearts"

We will be meeting (2nd Wednesday at 6pm) virtually over zoom for the months of December, January and February. If you would like the zoom link please contact Sharifa Love-Rutledge at *****



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

REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

First Christian Church, Anniston, AL
Village Christian Church, Auburn, AL

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Due to staffing changes in the Church Office, volunteers are needed **particularly on Fridays**. Volunteers will receive training for answering the telephone and operating the secure door to let church members in the building. Scheduling is flexible and hours may be altered to fit your schedule. If you cannot commit to volunteering on a regular day and time, we also need substitute volunteers who can fill in from time to time. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve. Please email office@fcc-hsv.org or call 256-881-0150 if you are interested in serving.

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



Proverbs 16:3- "Ask the Lord to bless your plans, and you will be successful in carrying them out."

2023 -A YEAR FOR CHANGE

For the first time in ten years, FCC is looking for a new Children's and Families Minister. As your search committee is formed and we begin our process, we need YOU! Specifically, we need your prayers. The office is setting up a prayer email list specifically related to our church life and minister search. **If you would like to be a prayer warrior for First Christian, please let the office know at office@fcc-hsv.org.** Once our prayer list is set up, you can expect weekly emails asking for prayers relating to a specific part of our search and our church activities.

Any questions? Please email or call me. I am excited to be your search committee chair and look forward to celebrating God's Presence here at First Christian.

Lee Boles



The 2023 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is available. **You may call the office at 256-881-0150 or email 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.

