



EMBRACING GOOD STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES

As we move toward a more desirable future for First Christian it's essential to reflect on the role of stewardship in supporting our church's ministry and the necessary improvements to our building. Good stewardship is more than just a financial responsibility; it's a spiritual practice that honors God's gifts and ensures the sustainability of our mission.

Good stewardship involves managing and utilizing our resources - time, talents, and treasures - wisely and faithfully. It's about recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God and that we are called to use these gifts to further His kingdom. Stewardship is an act of worship and a tangible way to demonstrate our gratitude and commitment to God's work.

Our church's ministry thrives when we, as a congregation, actively participate in and support various programs and activities. Here are some ways to practice good stewardship in our ministry:

1. **Volunteering:** Your time and talents are invaluable. Whether it's teaching Sunday school, helping with community outreach, or serving on committees, your involvement makes a significant impact.
2. **Prayer:** Consistent prayer for our church, its leaders, and its mission strengthens our communal bond and aligns our hearts with God's will.
3. **Participation:** Attend services regularly, engage in church events, and contribute to discussions and decision-making processes. Your presence and input are vital.

Our Capital Fund Campaign

Our building is more than just a structure; it's a sacred space where we gather to worship, learn, and grow together. To maintain and enhance this space, our Capital Fund Campaign needs your support. Here's how you can contribute:

1. **Financial Contributions:** Consider making a one-time donation or a pledge over a period of time. Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal.
2. **Fundraising:** Get involved in or initiate fundraising activities. We will be sponsoring creative efforts to foster community spirit.

As we journey together let us embrace the principles of good stewardship. Reflect on how you can contribute to both our ministry and the Capital Fund Campaign. Remember, stewardship is not about the amount you give but the heart with which you give it. Together, with God's guidance and our collective efforts, we can ensure that our church continues to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love for generations to come.

Pastor Cameron

Please give a warm FCC welcome to new members Phoenix Cothren & Brianna Jackson.

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The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 15**. Email to: publisher@fcc-hsv.org

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**LONG TERM
PRAYER CONCERNS**



Not Listed 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.

THANK YOU to all who came to Petra Sue’s memorial service and to those who remembered her with gifts to the church. I appreciate your care and generosity.
Sharon Kennedy, Petra Sue Richey’s sister

 **THE FOOD BASKET** is given in honor of James Cannon’s birthday and Beverly & James’s anniversary.

ATTENDANCE
July 21: Worship Service: 99
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 63
July 18: Worship Service: 119
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 34
Aug. 4: Worship Service: 91
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 83

**SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE AND
PRAYER CHAIN**

Dear God,

We are thankful for the work and preparation the Committee has put into preparing our Congregational Profile. We pray that this profile will lead First Christian Church to the pastor to best lead our congregation for your glory. We pray that our regional minister reviews our candidates wisely. We pray that our search committee comes to each candidate with open hearts and minds. We pray that “Thy Will be done.”

In Christ's name, Amen

Join us in our focused prayer chain for the Search Committee. To be part of the prayer chain, email

Thank you, Search and Call Committee

**OUR 29TH HABITAT HOME
IS COMING TOGETHER**



The home we are building, our 29th, is nearing completion. There are several photos of the July progress we have made on the Habitat Bulletin Board outside of the Parlor. Take a look next time you go down that hall or make a special trip to see them. If you can not work on the home, you can make a donation by writing Habitat on your check memo line or envelope. You may also make your donation through PayPal on our website at fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give Let us rejoice that we are helping put a hard-working family into their very own safe home. Bob Senn, Mr. Habitat for FCC

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S MINISTRIES
KICK OFF EVENT**

Sunday, August 18, following church services, Christian Women’s Ministries (CWM) will host our annual kick off event in the parlor. Please come to get your calendar for meeting times and dates and learn about CWM. Also, please feel free to invite anyone you know to learn of the many options available. These varied groups provide great fellowship as well as opportunities for study, crafts, service, and support.

REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

First Christian, Huntsville, AL

Cottdale Christian Church, Cottdale, AL

COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN AUGUST

Our Community Outreach project in August is WellStone's Nova Center for Youth and Family, with a focus on its programs for adolescents. WellStone is a nonprofit community organization that is North Alabama's largest and most comprehensive behavioral health-care provider. The Nova Center for Youth and Families helps teens overcome the psychological, behavioral, and emotional challenges that come with growing up in order to build strong, healthy relationships with themselves and their parents, families, and community. Nova collaborates with clients, parents, school personnel, and caretakers to develop a treatment plan and provides outpatient counseling to individuals, family therapy, group sessions, school-based services, juvenile court services, and related medical/nursing services. For more information go to wellstone.com/services. Please give generously with a note in the memo line for CO/WellStone/Nova. You may also make your donation through PayPal on our website at fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give Thank you.

In Huntsville and other communities, feminine hygiene products deserts exist. Girls and sometimes their mothers cannot attend school because the family cannot afford feminine hygiene products, and so the girls stay home from school or their mothers from work. Our emphasis will be on the girls' needs.

The Outreach Committee would like to support Title One schools with needs for girls without monies to buy these products. We would like to have regular donations of hygiene products and sanitary pads are preferred. There is a collection box in the Sanctuary Lobby and we will deliver the donations the Huntsville City Schools' Health Officer who will distribute the donations as needed at the schools.

Please consider providing ongoing support with this needed project.

Margaret J. Vann, Outreach Committee

The Huntsville Assistance Program August Food Pantry needs: cereal, canned fruit, Chef Boyardee, toilet paper, jelly, crackers, and spaghetti sauce. Items may be placed on the Food Pantry cart located in the Sanctuary Lobby.



The 2024 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is available. **You may email the office at publish-er@fcc-hsv.org or call 256-881-0150 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 on our website at fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give