



# THE JOURNEY

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## OLD DREAMS CAN BE NEW DREAMS

I used to dream about some things that I know now I will never do. (Like retirement. Lol Maybe someday.)

Years ago, these dreams were young and fresh. Hope was strong and expectations were high. So what happened?

Some of the dreams were unrealistic. We all have those, and they can be so beautiful, especially when we are young! But the other dreams went one of two ways: either I dropped the dream altogether, or the old dream turned into a new one. Like a caterpillar that turns into a butterfly, it metamorphosed into something much better than it was in the beginning. That's what needs to happen with most of our old dreams.

They should turn into new ones!

How is it with you? Are you in despair because an old dream has not come true? Is there a way you can reconstruct it into a new and better model? Never give up and never give in to any obstacle. God is with you to overcome any and all adversity. Keep on keeping on and maybe one day your new dreams will flourish into a new reality.

God bless you and I'll see you in church Sunday (and Wednesday evening).

*Pastor Cameron*

## PRAY IN SUPPORT OF OUR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Lord, we pray for discernment of our actions and for those working in the Lord's service in the congregation. Be with the search committee in this endeavor as it seeks the best fit with our congregation.

We pray that you guide the search committee in its search for someone who will lead this congregation best in your service.

We pray that our church will grow and for God to send us a pastor of the Lord's choice.

Amen



The *Journey* is published on the first and third Monday of the month.

The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 29**. Email to: [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

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**The Church Office** will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, in observance of Labor Day.

The Bible tells us that after the Creation “God looked over everything God had made; it was so good, so very good” (Genesis 1:31). **Just as God takes delight in the work of Creation, so are we called to take delight in our stewardship of what has been entrusted to us.**

As we look over our beloved church building in 2024, we can see there are areas we need to maintain and improve to ensure a welcoming, comfortable, and accessible environment for all who come to worship and participate in our ministries. To this end, we are launching a three-year capital campaign with a goal of raising \$300,000. This campaign will fund crucial upgrades and repairs to our church facilities, including:

- 1. Upgrading our HVAC System, Most is Beyond its Life Expectancy,(\$122,000 +)**
- 2. Paying of our Roof Repair Loan(\$78,000)**
- 3. Upgrading Restroom Facilities in the Basement and Across from the Church Office (\$90,000)**
- 4. ADA-Compliant Hearing Aid System for the Sanctuary (\$10,000)**


**We invite you to prayerfully consider making a pledge to this capital campaign,** above your commitment to the annual budget. Your contribution, no matter the size, will make an impact. Our congregation has a history of generous giving, and we are confident that **with your support and prayers, we can achieve our goal of ensuring that First Christian Church continues to be a place of welcome that inspires delight for years to come.**

To participate, return your Pledge Card to the Church Office marked Attn: Matt.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Aug. 11:** Worship Service: 83  
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 29

**Aug. 18:** Worship Service: 87  
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 80



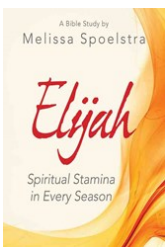
**THE FOOD BASKET** is given in honor of Rick & Kay Shrou’s anniversary and Kay Shrou’s birthday.

**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](http://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](http://fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give) Thank you.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**

A women’s Bible Study will start on September 19th, 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor. In this six week study we will be using the book, *Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season* by Melissa Spoelstra.



If you are interested, please contact Lisa Fitzgerald no later than September 1st at ..... or 256-..... for more information and/or to place a book order.

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.

### REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Union Christian Church, Tuskegee, AL  
Mt. Moriah, Letohatchee, AL

#### Thank You for Caring!



Your generosity to the Community Outreach project in July, financial support for The Arc, meant we could send \$780 to this organization. The Arc offers a variety of services to those in our community with mental challenges from skills training to living arrangements. Your contribution is making a difference in our community.

Thank you!



The 2024 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is available. **You may email the office at [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@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](http://fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give)

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

