



## CAMERON'S CORNER

There is a story told by Kline Roberts that I like a lot. It is something to think about. He writes: "I remember in the last days of my mother's life, I used to carry her up and down the stairs of our home. She was badly arthritic and couldn't negotiate the stairs herself. As I would carry her up and down the stairs, she would grab the banister and hold on so that we couldn't move. I would say, "Mom, let go: We can't move." And she would always say the same thing, "I'm afraid you will drop me." My next line in dialogue was, "No, let go," and she would always respond, "No, I'm afraid you will drop me." Then she would let go for awhile and we would start to move, and then she would grab the banister."

"One day as we were going through our little routine, I thought to myself, 'Ah, what a perfect analogy for faith. God has us in his arms and is saying, 'Come on, let go,' and we are saying to him, 'No, I'm afraid you will drop me.' Could it be he is saying to us all 'Let go. Ride on the winds of the Spirit. If you really let go, you will be fine. If only you make the surrender of faith, really believe in me.' What are we holding on to that prevents us from moving ahead in the journey with Christ? What about our church? What fears, doubts, sins enslave us so that we're not able to move? Think about it and pray about it as you daily live in God's care and love.

*Pastor Cameron*

Gracious Lord,

We here at First Christian Church are encouraged by the loving community we have here as well as the leadership we enjoy. Please help us to follow Your will in finding a Senior Minister who will lead us in the way You choose for us. Please bless our Regional Minister, Rev. Kerry Kesity, and our Search and Call Committee as they pray and work toward that end.

In Jesus's Holy Name, Amen

### SAVE THE DATE!

September 22nd is **Love Thy Neighbor Sunday!** The Evangelism committee hopes that you will invite your neighbors (friends, family, and community) to worship with us and join us for a pot luck lunch.

Go to [signupgenius](https://signupgenius.com) if you would like to bring food for the Pot Luck.

Thanks!

The *Journey* is published on the first and third Monday of the month. The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, October 3**. Email to: [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

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**FINANCIAL AID FOR NEEDY ADULTS,  
THE FORGOTTEN ONES**

For our September project, Community Outreach is requesting donations for the Adult Services Unit of Department of Human Resources and Enable (formerly CASA) to be used throughout the year in their work with needy adults, most with mental or physical limitations. Services range from building ramps and weatherization of homes to homemaker services and supplying medical equipment. Many are at risk of neglect, abuse, or exploitation. This is often a forgotten population but one frequently in need of services. Checks can be made to FCC with "CO September project" in the memo line. 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) and note CO September. The project will go through the end of the month. Your support will make a difference as these organizations help our community's vulnerable adults.

Thank you for caring.



# RECONCILIATION MINISTRY

## 2024 SPECIAL OFFERING

### REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

"...you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in." –Isaiah 58:12 NRSV

They came to work. The group had come to serve a small community on the South Side of Chicago by lending helping hands to remove trash in open spaces. They also came to learn about the convergence of economic, environmental, and racial justice in this area which houses 50 landfills. On this day, the group sat at the feet of environmental justice advocates, listening to stories of how their activism resulted in successfully ending the practice of toxic waste dumping in their community. Our group was able to participate in this service-learning opportunity as recipients of a grant from Reconciliation Ministry.

Closer to home in our own region, Reconciliation Funds enable training for clergy, grants for congregational bridge building, and support for Alabama Arise (a grassroots organization which addresses public policy and its impact on the poor and marginalized persons in Alabama).

The annual Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering will be received on September 29th and October 6th. Your gifts help repair the breaches that keep us apart.

You can note "Reconciliation Offering" for any amount, whatever your preferred method of donating to Huntsville First Christian Church. Half of your gifts to this special offering stay within the Alabama-Northwest Florida Region.

Please give generously.



**SEPTEMBER NEEDS:** Shelf Stable Milk, Spaghetti Sauce, Ramen Noodles, Canned Soup, Toilet Paper, Jelly, Fruit, Cereal, and Crackers.

Please leave your donations on the Food Pantry cart inside the Sanctuary Lobby.

### Hello Church Family!

The youth group is collecting disinfecting wipes and tissues for Whitesburg School. A bin for collection will be in the Narthex labeled "Healthy Students." Thank you for your generosity in this endeavor!

FCC-Youth and Pastor Alyssa

### REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

First Christian Church, Pensacola, FL  
Madison Christian Church, Madison, AL  
Retired Ministers in the Region

### ATTENDANCE

Sept. 1: Worship Service: 87  
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 58  
Sept. 8: Worship Service: 88  
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 109  
Sept. 15: Worship Service: 98  
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 68



### HABITAT HOME STATUS

We have made significant progress on our Habitat Home at 3129 Nassau. The kitchen cabinets have been installed and painted. Touch up paint was done in several areas. Our family leader, Natiaya Drake, is getting excited about her new home. The lawn has been mowed and is being watered to give the sod a good start. See the latest photos of the home on the bulletin board by the Parlor. On September 17th, the team will finish the final work and clean up getting ready for the owner to take occupation. The dedication ceremony is not scheduled as of this time.

Bob Senn, Mr. Habitat for FCC



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 2024 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is available. **You may contact the office at 256-881-0150 or [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 on our website at [fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give](http://fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give)