



The Journey

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GOD HAS ALREADY PROVIDED

Rev. Tony Campolo told a story of being invited to speak at a ladies meeting. There were 300 women there and before he spoke the president of the organization read a letter from a missionary. It was incredibly moving. In the letter the missionary expressed a need for \$4,000 to take care of an emergency that had cropped up. So the president of the organization said, "We need to pray that God will provide the resources to meet the need of this missionary. Brother Campolo will you please pray for us?"

Rev. Campolo, who is very outspoken, said, "No." Startled, she replied, "I beg your pardon." He said, "No, I won't pray for that. I believe that God has already provided the resources and all we need to do is give. I will tell you what I'm going to do. I'm going to step up to this table and give every bit of cash I have in my pocket, and if all of you will do the same thing, I think God has already provided the resources."

The president of the organization chuckled a little bit and she said, "Well, I guess we get the point. He is trying to teach us that we all need to give sacrificially." Rev. Campolo said, "No, that is not what I am trying to teach you. I'm trying to teach you that God has already provided for this missionary, all we need to do is give. Here, I'm going to put down all of the money I have with me."

He wrote, "I only had \$15 in my pocket so I wasn't too worried about that." So he put down his \$15 and then looked at the president of the organization. Reluctantly, she opened her purse and took out all of her money, which was about \$40, and put it on the table. One by one the rest of the ladies filed by and put their money on the table, too. When the money was counted they had collected more than \$4,000. Rev. Campolo said, "Now, here's the lesson. God always supplies for our needs, and he supplied for this missionary, too. The only problem was we were keeping it for ourselves. Now let's pray and thank God for His provision."

I have often heard it said that the church has plenty of money to be able to do amazing things, the problem is the money is in our pockets. Rev. Campolo's story speaks to the truth of this. We have all been blessed by so much and while there are those who do not have the necessities of life, almost all of us can say we have enough; enough to eat, to wear, to have a home, enough to be safe and secure. God has provided all of this and we should be thankful. In the same manner, when we are asked to share what we have, when we are asked to tithe, to provide resources, to work for our congregation, to reach out to those in need, we are called to give from our abundance so others may know the love of God expressed through the present church.

In the weeks ahead you will receive your annual stewardship letter with your yearly giving slip enclosed. I ask that you pray and reflect, thank God for all you have been given, and then fill out this card and return it to the church at our worship services or through the mail. In this way we can budget effectively for 2021, but more importantly we can continue to serve our congregation, community and world boldly in the name of Christ. Remember, God has already provided. Amen

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Sermon: "Use Them or Lose Them" **Scriptures:** 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 and Matthew 25: 14-19

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, November 12**, at Noon. Email to: publisher@fcc-hsv.org

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Sanctuary Service Protocols

- There is only one 9:30 a.m. Sunday service offered currently. Virtual services will continue with live streaming and recorded services uploaded to social media platforms.
- Sunday school classes, the nursery, and youth gatherings are temporarily suspended.
- Food, coffee, and other hospitality services are also suspended.
- High risk members and families with children unable to reliably social distance are encouraged to remain home for virtual services offered on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com), [twitch.tv](https://www.twitch.tv), or [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)
- Attendance is limited (approximately 75) to the ability to social distance and the service will be broadcast (107.9) to the parking lot in the event of overflow attendance.
- **Attendees will wear face coverings/masks inside the church and practice social distancing (6 feet apart for non-household members) for everyone's safety.**
- Bring your own communion elements (we have prepackaged if you forget or do not have them).
- Enter the church through the Bell Tower Garden/Narthex doors. The doors by the church office will be locked.
- Greeters will provide hand sanitizer to all who enter and provide masks for those who have not brought their own.
- Every other pew is roped off for social distancing.
- Ushers will seat people down the center/side aisles
- No choir/congregational singing.
- Following the service, rows will **leave by the side aisles** with the east aisle exiting through Family Services and west aisle through the Narthex doors. (There will be directional signs.)
- Offerings may be placed in the brass plate when exiting the sanctuary or sent by mail.
- Please, **no congregating indoors** before or after service - social distancing outdoors.
- **Anyone with any symptoms will remain home and celebrate virtually for at least 14 days.**
- **Notify the church office immediately if you develop symptoms after attending a service.**



WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS



Not Listed Online

REGIONAL PRAYER REQUEST

First Christian Church, Jasper, AL

We are temporarily publishing, as space allows in the printed version of the *Journey*, the prayer concerns that are usually listed in the Sunday bulletins. Concerns are listed for one month unless we receive an update. Long term prayer concerns are published monthly in the *Journey*. Send requests to publisher@fcc-hsv.org or call the church office at 256-881-0150 and leave a message. **Please notify the Pastors or the church office if you are going to the hospital and would like to be contacted**

THIS WEEK'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Patrick



Love's birthday by Monty & Dinah Love; and in memory of Paul Seward, brother of Jeff Seward, by Jeff & Sue Seward.

**ALABAMA AND NORTHWEST FLORIDA CHRISTIAN
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (CWM)**

REGIONAL PROJECTS

CWM's service project for November is Wellhouse. Our monetary support helps to further its mission which seeks to honor God by rescuing and providing opportunities to female victims of human trafficking. This is a \$10 billion industry in the U.S. alone. It is the fastest growing criminal activity, second only to drug trafficking. Forty percent of human trafficking happens here in the Southeast. The average age of entry is 12-14 years old. Eighty percent of victims are female and up to 50% are minors. There are over 2 million active runaways and all are at risk of being recruited into prostitution within 48 hours of running away. For more information check out the Wellhouse website at: www.the-wellhouse.org

A new regional project is Bread for the World (BFTW). This is a non-partisan collective Christian citizens' movement to end hunger by urging changes in the US government policy to create help and opportunity for the hungry. This project uses James 2:17 as its motivation: "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." Globally, the leading causes of death are diet-related. And now the economic fallout from the pandemic will cause hunger to become even more widespread in the United States and worldwide. Ways in which we can help are by prayer, letter writing to our elected representatives and donating money.

You can make a donation by writing your check to the church, noting Wellhouse and/or Bread for the World in the memo line.

Thank you for your consideration of these worthy causes,

Ruth Lackey,

CWM November Service Coordinator

FCC ONLINE VIDEOS

Miss a service? Watch previous services on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). For a mixture of children's stories, special music, and special activates on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).

COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN NOVEMBER

Founded in 1954, the Harris Home for Children is a private, non-profit agency that provides full-time foster care services for neglected adolescent children in our community and around the state. It is the only emergency crisis service for children in Alabama. Harris Home provides foster care, therapeutic care, and educational services to nurture and empower its children to become capable and compassionate adults. Your monetary donations will purchase linens, household and hygiene supplies, and Christmas gift cards for the residents.



**Harris Home
for Children**

Thank you for giving!

Mary Ann Anderson

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS REPLACEMENT PROJECT



This year we won't be doing our traditional stocking filling with Christmas Charities Year Round (CCYR). They have enough stockings committed for that project this year and suggested an alternative, particularly regarding dealing with COVID19 and providing a safe way to donate toys. The Chamber of Commerce/team from Cummings Research Park created a Toy Drive Wish List s on Amazon.

If you have an Amazon account, and would like to support CCYR, follow this link www.amazon.com and it will take you to the CCYR Toy Drive Wish List. Select the items you wish to purchase from the list and add them to our cart. **When you check out you will see Julia Kaye as a delivery option**, she is the Chamber of Commerce contact who is collecting the toys. Select her as the delivery option for your order and check out.

Thank you for your support,

Community Outreach

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 40