



# The Journey

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## BEING GOOD STEWARDS

Why do we have such a hard time talking about money in the church? Perhaps it is because society has conditioned us not to bring up this topic. I was taught that it is rude to talk about money, but Jesus talks about this topic all the time in the gospels. One in seven verses in the Gospel of Luke is about money and eleven out of thirty-nine parables speak to how money is used. Jesus believed that we should not be preoccupied with wealth, instead it was useful as a tool, and if we were blessed with monetary wealth God wanted us to share our resources.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> we began our Fall Stewardship Campaign which will end on November 5<sup>th</sup>, Stewardship Sunday. During our worship services you will hear leaders in our congregation speak about why they give their time and talents to the church. Rev. Laura and I will be speaking about Stewardship during our sermons and the tithes and gifts we receive will help us to compile our budget for 2018.

Budgeting and financial planning is a transparent process here at First Christian Church. Each Committee requests an amount in the budget for the year, and based on expenses, pledges, and estimated giving, the final budget is proposed to the board and then the congregation for approval. The congregation makes the final decision as to how our financial resources are spent by approving the budget. The pledges we receive allow the church to plan for operating costs, programming, and ministry in a way that allows us to get the most benefit from each pledge. Each and every Stewardship commitment helps to support the mission of First Christian Church to connect to God and to each other.

### What are ways you can give?

- Fill out a Stewardship giving card and offer your tithe or gift weekly or monthly during the worship services.
- Use Automatic Bill Pay through your bank, your gift can be sent automatically to the church.
- Give by mail – Payable to First Christian Church and mail to: First Christian Church 3209 Whitesburg Drive Huntsville, AL 35802
- Give online through PayPal, you can find a handy button on our website.

However, stewardship is not just about money, it is the basic idea that we should be good stewards of all the gifts God has given us. This means that our money, time, energy, physical and spiritual gifts must all be used for the glory of the Creator who provided these blessings. When we think about all that God has given us we are filled with a sense of awe and thanksgiving. This allows us to know that stewardship is not about choosing when to donate, rather, it is offering our whole selves, everything that we have, that we are, or that we will be, to God. Thanks be to God for the blessings we have received and the call to use them, Amen.

*Pastor Paul*

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, October 19**, at Noon [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

3209 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802 Telephone: 256-881-0150 **Office Hours: 9am - 5pm M-F**  
Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages - 9:15 a.m.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

Sermon Scripture                      Matthew 22: 15-22  
 Sermon                                      Kingdom or Coin

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15    Justin Givens & Dave Crockett  
 10:30   Dale Thomas & Frank Fitzgerald

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Gayle Herber

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15    Carl & Carol Jones  
          Rick & Kay Shrout  
 10:30   Sabrina Beckman & Braly Beutjer  
          Charles & Pam Gilliland  
          Marilee Keim

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Patti Allen

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is in honor of Houston  
 Webster's second birthday by Don & Bev  
 Williamson

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*The 10 Best Ways to Live*  
 Nancy Woodall, Chuck Jackman,  
 Matthew Beutjer, & Ty Davis

**YOUNG DISCIPLES** (Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

*Jesus and the Tax Collectors*  
 Christi Sexton, Christa Brockway,  
 Sarah Brockway, & Cara Sexton

ATTENDANCE	10/8	10/15
First Service Worship	34	42
Sunday School	23	37
Second Service Worship	59	116
Children's Church	NR	NA
Young Disciples	10	NA
Total Worship	103	158

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a congregational meeting following second service on Sunday, October 22, to vote on the approval of Rev. Laura West's sabbatical.

**WE JOIN FORCES WITH HEROES  
 TO CELEBRATE CHILDREN**

Community Outreach and CWM are working together to support Shop With a Hero, a project designed to give less fortunate children in our community a Merry Christmas. The children will be given \$100 gift cards and will shop with the aid of a Hero. These Heroes are either active or retired military, police, fire fighters, first responders, teachers, medical personnel, etc. You can give toward this project by writing a check to FCC with Shop With a Hero on the memo line. Any amount is appreciated. As always, thanks for helping the less fortunate in our community.



Community Outreach and  
 Christian Women's Ministries

**BAKE SALE**

The bake sale is fast approaching and will soon be here. I want to thank everyone that volunteered to



help with the organization and publicity of the bake sale. I am hoping that we can increase our presence in the community

even more this year. I will have flyers in the Commons Area by Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please take the time to pick up a few to distribute into the community and even place on your car to help us advertise this event. I restarted the bake sale to help us to restock the Parlor kitchen once it is completed. We have enough funds in our account to do that so I would like to apply any extra money that we have to our local and church missions this year. I would like to have a meeting in February with everyone that has helped make this happen so we can determine where our funds should go. We have many local missions that could benefit and I would like a vote from the participants on where we spend the money we make this year. Please help to make this a great event and we will have even more to donate to the community and our missions.

Thank you...Dinah Love



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 (5:00 - 8:00 PM)**

On Sunday night, October 29, from 5:00-8:00 pm we are opening our parking lot and our trunks to the families in our church, our ECM, and the community for a fun filled evening of "Trunk or Treat!"

At Trunk or Treats events, children make their way to the trunks of vehicles that have been turned into games and activities by gracious volunteers and are given prizes & candy. The event provides a safe family environment for trick or treaters.

We need folks to sign up to provide and be responsible for a trunk. To be "responsible for a trunk" means that you will provide everything necessary to host your particular trunk. Decorating trunks is highly encouraged and some folks like to have games incorporated into their trunks. We ask that participants not use scary items in decorating. Dress in costume (no scary or risqué costumes, please) and invite your friends and neighbors.

This year we are expanding our Trunk or Treat experience to also include food and games! We need volunteers to help with this event. You can sign up on the paper forms at church or electronically by going to Sign-Up Genius [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F084EABA72EA0FB6-trunk](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F084EABA72EA0FB6-trunk)

We also need folks to donate candy for this event. Please bring bags of individually wrapped candy by Sunday morning on October 29.

This is a great outreach event for the community of Huntsville!

Please sign up to help with this event by calling the church office (256) 881-0150 or contact Pastor Laura. ([laura@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:laura@fcc-hsv.org))

**PROPERTY WORKDAY IDEAS**

We will be having a property work day in the next several weeks. We have several projects in mind, but we are asking for your suggestions. Do you see any areas of the church that need special attention? Please call, 256-881-0150, or email, [office@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:office@fcc-hsv.org), the church office with your suggestions. There are also suggestion forms on the table in the Narthex that you may fill out.



**GIVING STATEMENTS**

Giving Statements are available for pick up in the Church Office during the week. You may call the office, 256-881-0150, if you cannot make it to church and wish for your statement to be mailed to you.

**NEAVES-DAVIS CENTER FOR CHILDREN**

Remember Nancy Erskine, a late FCC member? (Peggy Ann Bakery is named for her daughter.) Nancy realized that the city jail was no place for children who were incarcerated and she worked long and hard for an alternative.

The Neaves-Davis Center was her dream. The center houses juvenile court intake and probation services, detention services, community service programs, and the community placement and supervision program. It includes food, medical, recreational, religious, and library services.

Please support this very worth-while project by writing "Neaves Center" in the note/memo line of your check and turn in to the office or place in the offering bowl. To give using PayPal, go to our website [www.fcc-hsv.org](http://www.fcc-hsv.org) and scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "How to Give" under "Learn More About First Christian Church Huntsville." Scroll down and click on Donate. Type in "Neaves Center" in the "Purpose" box and follow the directions.

CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH? Stream it live at [www.fcchsvtech.weebly.com](http://www.fcchsvtech.weebly.com)