



The Journey

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THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING

Many of us are aware of today's skyrocketing costs of higher education. In recent years, student debt has surpassed credit card debt in terms of total debt owed by Americans. Our Disciples colleges and universities and our theological institutions continue to work at providing quality education, keeping costs down, and providing funding to assist Disciples students and others.

As Disciples, we recognize how important higher education is. Since our founding, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has been committed to higher education. Today, over 50,000 students attend our fourteen Disciples-related colleges and universities or seven seminaries and divinity houses. And in the past twelve months, over 12,000 students have graduated from these fine schools.

Alexander Campbell, founder of Bethany College, believed that "churches and colleges go hand in hand in the progress of Christian civilization." When looking at our world today, the social, political and religious contexts have changed since Campbell wrote those words. However, even in these changed contexts, the work of educating and forming students intellectually, emotionally, spiritually and physically continues. We continue to do our part as a church.

Our gifts to the Thanksgiving offering help support the work of our institutions of higher learning in many ways: financially supporting Disciples-related schools, providing undergraduate scholarships and support for spiritual life offices, and providing scholarships and support for those pursuing theological education.

The world in which we live continues to change. Our commitment to the importance of both communities of faith and of higher education, present from our founding, continues. May we please give generously to support this important work by placing your check, with Thanksgiving Special Offering in the note/memo line, in the collection plate this Sunday or mailing your check to the church office.

Thank you.



Higher Education & Leadership Ministries

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, November 16**, at Noon 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, NOVEMBER 19

Sermon Scripture 1st Thessalonians 1: 1-10
 Sermon "Are We Examples of God's Love?"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Dale Thomas & Justin Givens
 10:30 Gale Herber & Roger Sameck

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bev Williamson

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Linda Lykins & Jackie Sameck
 Eddie & Valerie Parks
 10:30 Sabrina Beckman & Ty Davis
 Charles & Pam Gilliland
 Nancy Adams

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Carolyn Brown

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Patrick Love's birthday by Monty & Dinah Love.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Exile and Return
 Margaret J. Vann
 Jan Mackenzie,
 Ty Davis
 Cara Sexton

YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

ATTENDANCE	11/5	11/12
First Service Worship	42	35
Sunday School	36	53
Second Service Worship	106	88
Children's Church	6	11
Young Disciples	NA	6
Total Worship	154	140

YOUTH PROJECTS

The Youth will be collecting warm weather clothes beginning November 5th as part of their outreach. This year we seek to partner with our Sister church Grateful Life and ensure that all those in need of warm clothing receive them. Please drop donations in box located in the Commons Area.



The Youth will also be collecting books as part of their monthly Community Outreach and has partnered with the NICU Foot Prints Ministry and the Huntsville Hospital Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit to collect books for siblings. The Youth will be working towards volunteering during Christmas and other traditional holidays to work on crafts and reading books.



Please help us to collect one bin of new or slightly used books to be taken the week of Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your generosity!
 Pastor Linda

SACK SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 19TH

Please remember to bring your sacks this Sunday and place them on the tables in the hall outside of the Parlor! Community Outreach will be distributing your donations to Hope Place, HAP, CASA, St. Paul, and Grateful Life. Monetary donations will also be accepted and used to purchase specific items needed



Thank-you, Community Outreach

During the month of November, CWM is again supporting the regional CWM project - The Well-House in Leeds, AL. The WellHouse is a faith-based, Christ-centered nonprofit organization offering immediate shelter and a Next Steps to Freedom program to women who have been trafficked or sexually exploited. If you would like to support this project, please drop a check in the offering bowl or church office marked CWM WellHouse in the memo line. The women's ministries at First Christian appreciate your participation in our monthly service projects.

BAKE SALE!

The bake sale is right around the corner for us.



It is this Saturday November 18th. Please consider baking something to donate to the sale.

We need cakes, cookies, pies, etc. You may pick up containers from the office for packaging the cakes, pies and cookies.

We have taken out an ad on Facebook so I would really appreciate people baking for this event. Families can make cookies with their kids and donate them (or most of them) to the bake sale. Just making one cake or pie to donate will give us is one more than we would have had. Drop off your homemade goodies on Friday, November 17th from 4PM to 7:00 PM. Please label your items so we will know how to price them. Sometimes we can't tell just by looking. A "post it" note is adequate. Leave them in McMains Hall and we will sort them as they come in. I need helpers for both the set up and the sale, so please consider helping out. The more we sell, the more we can donate to our local charities.

Thank you, Dinah Love

THANK YOU!

A big **THANK YOU** for your recent generous support to our sister church, Grateful Life. Their needs are the same needs as ours such as expenses for the building, utilities, and bus. Yet, First Christian does need to provide to our members the Sunday meal, lunch bags to go, help with seasonal clothing, or provide foot powder and lotion, etc. when cold weather arrives. Your financial support makes such a difference in the lives of their attendees. Grateful Life appreciates our continued help in meeting the current needs of this ministry.

The fifth Sunday in October when FCC provided the lunch bags to go and Madison Christian provided the meal, 124 individuals were served.

Once again, Thank You.

SPECIAL ADVENT SERVICE TIMES

Please mark your calendars for these worship services:

Sunday **December 3** is the first Sunday of Advent. The Hanging of the Greens will be incorporated into the unified worship service. **Church will be at 10:00 am with Sunday school at 9:00 am.** If asked to help or participate, please do.

December 24 will also be a **unified service with worship at 10:00 am and Sunday school at 9:00 am.** That evening we will have a **5:00 pm** Christmas Eve service for the entire family; and we will have a simple **11:00 pm** service for all.

The church will be putting out a card with all the Advent events listed for your planning.

See you in church,
Margaret J. Vann,
Worship Chair

VINTAGE VAGABONDS

HOLIDAY LUNCH

December 6, 11:00-12:30

Family Services

Gibson's Brunswick stew!

Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share and bring a friend, too. Let's enjoy some Holiday cheer together.

Call Bob Cloyd or Sue Seward for more information.

NOTICE

The Church Office will be closed on November 23 & 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH? Stream it live at:

www.fcchsvtech.weebly.com

MISS A SERMON? See previous sermons at:

www.fcc-hsv.org/sermons/