



# The Journey

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## LEAST OF THESE

More than 25 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

This week our youth ministry will begin its community outreach by collecting can goods, cash, check or grocery gift cards to help support our sister church Grateful Life. On average, Grateful Life services the needs of nearly 100 homeless people on any given Sunday. Pastor Sheri and her staff ensure that those in need have food, toiletries, clothing, medicine and a warm place to sleep in the cold months.

When I reflect on the gospel of Matthew, I am reminded that ministry is never about me but rather God’s people, all people even the least of these. As we read Matthew’s gospel we come to understand the earthly life and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Matthew’s book emphasizes Jesus’ teaching for the church’s internal life as well as its evangelistic mission.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me” (Matthew 25:35-36) .

This parable is a reminder that as the body of Christ we are to love others. Jesus continues to say “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). Can you imagine if we all fully lived out Jesus’ teachings just how much this world could fully be transformed? I challenge you all to this.

As one body, let’s take the time now through February 4th to give to the least of these and show love, compassion and support for Grateful Life by donating can goods, money, checks or grocery gift cards. Amen.

*Pastor Linda*



**WE'RE READY, ARE YOU?** We need new talent in the FCC Chancel Choir and Praise Band! Making music is a great form of worship, prayer and fellowship and a vital part of the FCC ministry. If you play an instrument and/or sing please join us! All skill levels are welcome. For more information contact Lauren at [88fingers1963@gmail.com](mailto:88fingers1963@gmail.com) or Christopher at [mcdnld\\_chrs@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdnld_chrs@yahoo.com).

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, January 25**, 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, JANUARY 28

Sermon Scripture                    Isaiah 40: 21-31  
 Sermon                                "Have You Not Heard?"

### SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15    Gayle Herber & Frank Fitzgerald  
 10:30   Dave Crockett & Jan Mackenzie

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mary Ann Anderson

### SERVING COMMUNION

8:15    Penny & Chuck Jackman  
          Valerie & Eddie Parks  
 10:30   Beverly Cannon & Elaine French  
          Pam Clasgens & Matt Ball  
          Nancy Adams

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Lynn Abernathy

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is in honor of Jordan Green's birthday by Rick & Kay Shrout.

### CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

*The Mustard Seed*  
 Nancy Woodall  
 John Hall  
 Troy Davis  
 Cara Sexton

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

*Jesus Heals Two "Daughters"*  
 Pastor Laura  
 Pam Clasgens

ATTENDANCE	1/14	1/21
First Service Worship	46	47
Sunday School	35	39
Second Service Worship	77	91
Children's Church	8	7
Young Disciples	5	NA
Total Worship	136	137

The 2018 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is located across the hall from McMains Hall. Remember a friend, anniversary, birthday, or other special occasion. Donations are \$25.00 with checks made out to First Christian Church and Food Basket on the notation line.

### JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT FOR CWM

January has traditionally been blanket month for CWM service activity. Once again, CWM is partnering with Church World Service in their Blankets+ program. We are the "+" in the blanket project. FCC in Huntsville, Alabama, can make a difference all around the world as the need arises. \$10 can provide a warm blanket for anyone left homeless by an earthquake or other natural disaster. Please consider a monetary donation to FCC with CWM "Blankets" in the memo line.



Margaret J. Vann

### DRAFT INTERIOR SIGNAGE

Please take a look at the draft interior signs posted around the church. These are in response to several notes in the recent all-church survey stating that it was hard for new persons to find their way around the church. Contact Bob Senn if you have suggestions on location of the signs or the content.



Once they have been "approved," a professional sign company will make the final signs for installation.

Thanks, Renovation Committee

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The youth ministry is in need of a few volunteers willing to serve one Wednesday a month so that Pastor Linda is able to attend the Worship meetings. Please contact her directly for more information at FCCyouthmin1@gmail.com or at (256) 529-1076.

**CONDOLENCES** to the family of Henry Waits who died on Friday, January 19. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at First Christian Church on Saturday, February 3, at 11:00 a.m.

# JESUS JAVA


Volunteers needed to serve in our Youth Sunday morning program from 9:15-10:15. Curriculum is biblically rooted and easy to teach. Please consider volunteering.  
Please contact Pastor Linda  
FCCyouthmin1@gmail.com


## **NURSERY OFFERED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

We are now offering a nursery on Wednesday Nights. The nursery is for nursery and toddler age children and is available from 5:45-8:15 pm. This is offered for parents to attend one of the adult Bible studies and/or choir practice! We hope to see continued growth in our Wednesday night ministries.

## **YOUTH FUNDRAISER**

We still have car decals to purchase for \$5.00. All donations will go to Grateful Life Ministry.





**FCC Souper Bowl Sunday**  
**Chili Cookoff! Sunday, February 4**  
**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Sign Up Chart Is In The Narthex**  
**Do you have the right ingredients to win?**



## **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

MORE THAN 25 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: *Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.*

Since that day, more than \$125 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday.

Every dollar donated goes to  
Grateful Life (Disciples of Christ) Ministry  
 Our 2018 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of Choice.  
 You may either donate Food or write a check or place cash in the  
 Souper Bowl buckets now through February 4th

