



The Journey

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THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, FOR PRESIDENTS DAY.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Beginning on Sunday February 17th, our church will be collecting donations for our annual Week of Compassion offering. The Week of Compassion seeks to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities. The resources provided help those in our country and throughout the world. The following is an example of the work of the Week of Compassion.

Imagine having a garden, but not being able to feed your family. Imagine digging into the sand of a dry river bed in search of drinking water. Imagine your child is diagnosed with stunted growth, a preventable early childhood condition with lifelong consequences.

These are the struggles of the people living in a small village in West Timor, Indonesia. On the bank of an impassable river in monsoon season, which transforms into scorched moonscape at rains' end, the small village of Oebaki is considered one of the poorest communities in the country. The prefix "Oe" means water, but drought has stolen this town's identity. Poverty abounds, and families struggle to feed their children.

Imagine life in Oebaki. Now imagine the world the way God intends. God imagines a world where all are fed, everyone has access to clean water, and all children grow up healthy. The author of Ephesians writes, "Now to God be the glory, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine..." (Ephesians 3:20).

Your gifts to Week of Compassion help make this world look more like the world God imagines. In Oebaki, your gifts help support well-trained savings and loan groups that allow families to buy resilient vegetable seeds for farming, yarn for weaving stunningly beautiful traditional fabric, and egg-laying chickens for a sustainable source of protein essential to prevent child stunting. These three enterprises also produce excess goods that families sell to generate income.

Those who once struggled during the dry season and drought can now maintain a diversified diet by eating stored root vegetables from the last harvest, supplemented with greens purchased at the market. Nelci Tlonaen works hard in Oebaki with her husband and three children - two in elementary school and one entering high school. Despite the current drought, she feels confident that her family will persevere. "Even now, I can afford clothes and food for my children. I don't have any difficulty paying for their school." That's what happens when we imagine the world as God intends. Through your gifts to Week of Compassion, our imaginations, and far more, become reality for families in Oebaki and around the world. Please give generously in the next weeks to support this mission.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, February 14**, 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, FEBRUARY 17

Scripture Luke 6: 17 - 26
Sermon "Living out the Beatitudes"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Mark Stiles & Roger Sameck
10:30 Gayle Herber & Dale Thomas

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Gayle Herber

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Donna Blair & Troy Davis, Jr.
Jackie Sameck & Roberta Shivers
10:30 Nancy Adams & Gayle Herber
Linda Hooker & Marilee Keim
Troy Davis, Sr.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Gayle Herber

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is given in honor of my church family by Bobbye Riggs

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

The Sower
Ty Davis, Lee Boles, Abby Allen & Riley Rogers

YOUNG DISCIPLES

Meets second and fourth Sundays

AV SUPPORT TEAM

Technical Director - Chuck Herber
Assistant Director - Michael Smith
Sound - Michael Smith & Malcolm Landreth
Stream Operator - Michael Smith

ATTENDANCE	2/3	2/10
First Service Worship	34	28
Sunday School	13	29
Second Service Worship	101	90
Young Disciples	NA	5
Children's Church	7	7
Total Worship	142	130

THE FCC BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

**CHANGE IN STARTING DATE
ADULTING SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**

A 6 week series starting **Wednesday, February 13, 2019** at 6:00 PM (after Wednesday night dinner) The study will follow the Andy Stanley Future Family DVD series and discussion will focus on what it means to be part of a family. This study will be co-ed and primarily geared towards couples in their mid-20s to late-30s.

Thank you to Pastor Paul and my church family at First Christian Church.
The support through your prayers, calls, and cards was very much appreciated, as was the Celebration of Jack's life, and the lovely reception provided by my friends in the church. Your thoughtfulness is a gift we will always treasure.
Dorothy Montgomery & family

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL FEBRUARY 20

Baked Lemon Chicken, vegetables, salad, dessert, and assorted drinks. Following the meal are small groups including Adulting, Kids'/Youth, Men's, and Women's Bible Studies. The Chancel Choir meets at 7:00 pm. **Call in your reservation by Wednesday, February 13, at 256-881-0150.**

THANK YOU

Thank you, Kathryn Shrout, for your donation to purchase 100 new padded chairs for the church. These chairs help to replace the old worn gray padded chairs.

THERE ARE MANY OPEN FOOD BASKET DATES FOR 2019
The 2019 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.

**COMMUNITY FREE DENTAL CLINIC
AND FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

For the February outreach project, Community Outreach and CWM have joined together to financially support the Community Free Dental Clinic, which serves low income adults. Since opening in 2013, the Clinic has provided dental care to 7000 adults, primarily with extractions. All of the dental and nursing staff are volunteers and funding comes from, individuals, groups, and a few grants. Nurses take a medical history and provide education to the client on their situation, such as diabetes and high blood pressure, both prevalent among the clients. Just recently, a limited number of cleanings and fillings have been added to services available; however, there is a charge for fillings because of the expense of the materials. Only those within 150% of the poverty level are eligible to receive services at the Community Free Dental Clinic (a sobering statistic - 14% of Huntsville's population meets that criteria). To participate, please make your check to FCC with Dental Clinic in the memo line to help this agency that provides a much-needed service. Thank you for caring about those in need in our community.

NEW PLANS FOR A NEW YEAR!

Community Outreach is moving our monthly meeting to the third Sunday at 11:30 am. Our next meeting will be in the FCC Parlor on February 17. This is a great time for new members to attend and share their feelings about how best to meet local needs. All are invited and we hope to see some new faces with fresh ideas!

Community Outreach

RUMMAGE SALE



UPDATED INFORMATION

MARCH 1ST 8 AM- 5 PM

MARCH 2ND 8 AM-NOON

Time to clean out those closets and save your items for donations!!

Sign up posters for workers/volunteers will be in the Commons Area on February 3.

RUMMAGE SALE MEETING: February 17th following Second Service with a light lunch provided.

DROP OFF ITEMS: February 24th -28th

LARGE ITEM PICK UP: Phone the Church Office, 256-881-0150, and leave your name, number, and what large item(s) you want picked up. You will be contacted to arrange a time and date for pick up.

GUIDELINES: No broken electronics or appliances; no CRT TVs or monitors; no personally recorded audio or video. Please try and box items that go together and tape remotes to the electronics they go with.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

Share an hour or more of your time with our babies or toddlers once a month. Sign up poster is in the Commons for first service, Sunday School, or second service. If you are not on the Safe Church volunteer list, we can easily provide training. Call Pastor Laura, 256-881-0150, if you have any questions.