



# The Journey

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## WEEK OF COMPASSION

On May 22, 2019, an EF3 tornado struck Jefferson City, Missouri, devastating most of the homes in its path - roughly 500 in all. These homes and apartments were primarily low-income households. In many cases, the owners decided to sell their lots and relocate. A rainy spring caused the Missouri river to flood and stay out of its banks for an extended time during this same period. These events exacerbated a bad situation for community residents who depend on the availability of affordable housing.

Prior to this incident, the Missions team at First Christian Church was already in conversation with their community about housing issues. Following the tornado and flood, the church knew it was time to act. In pursuit of a multi-pronged approach to increase the availability of affordable housing within their community, First Christian Church is now partnering with Disciples Volunteering and Week of Compassion.

In August of 2019, First Christian Church agreed to accept a gift of property from longtime member Loise White, whose home had been destroyed by the May tornado. After her insurance company removed the home, she gifted the land to the church - with the intention that it would be used to address low-income housing needs in Jefferson City.

The Missions team began by familiarizing themselves - and the congregation - with what the process would involve and what partners they would need to work with. They met with several organizations that do work related to affordable housing. The congregation then participated in seven days of prayer in discernment of God's will regarding the future. After that thoughtful process, the congregation voted in early February to gift the property to Habitat for Humanity.

Responding to the 2019 disasters, the Jefferson City chapter of Habitat has launched "Road to Recovery," doubling their annual build goal from four houses to eight. They will break ground in March of 2020, and through a summer blitz, aim to complete four units in time for the new owners to move in by fall. Along with the gift of property, the church will offer financial support and volunteer labor.

Meanwhile, the Missions team has also pledged support for a new non-profit launched by area churches. Similar to Habitat but targeting its support to renters, Transformational Housing has received a historic property that will be gutted and remodeled with 4-6 rental units for low-income households.

Now, mission teams are invited to share in the work of this new vision. Several rooms in the education wing are available for sleeping, with separate showers in the family life center, and the church offers a complete kitchen for preparing meals. First Christian Church looks forward to sharing their beautiful community with those who come to help.

The Week of Compassion special offering theme this year is "Invest In Futures." We are grateful for the faithful way in which FCC Jefferson City is investing in the future of its neighbors and community. With your support, Week of Compassion is prepared to respond immediately after disasters and remain long-term partners for the rebuilding process. With your help, we can also support congregations in serving their neighbors in times of crisis - and far beyond, into the future.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, February 20**, 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, FEBRUARY 23**

**Scripture** Matthew 17: 1-9  
**Sermon** "Coming Down the Mountain"

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Kerry Williams & Mike Lash  
 10:30 Margaret J. Vann & Gayle Herber

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Nancy Woodall

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Gayle Herber & Frank Fitzgerald  
 Kyle & Carrie Love  
 10:30 Nancy Adams & Troy Davis, Jr.  
 Elaine French & Marilee Keim  
 Bev Williamson

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Patti Allen

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is in honor of Jean Patterson.

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*The Good Samaritan*  
 Abby Allen, Jan Mackenzie, & Tré Davis

**YOUNG DISCIPLES WORSHIP**

Jesus and the Paralytic  
 Pastor Laura & Pam Clasgens

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

Beverly Cannon

**AV SUPPORT TEAM**

Technical Director - Chuck Herber  
 Assistant Director - Michael Smith  
 Sound - Malcolm Landreth

ATTENDANCE	2/9	2/16
First Service Worship	39	34
Sunday School	29	32
Second Service Worship	96	95
Children's Church	9	10
Young Disciples	5	NA
Total Worship	149	139

**INVEST IN FUTURES!**

**SPECIAL OFFERING FEBRUARY 16-23**

"We are all co-workers together in God's service," writes Paul in 1 Corinthians 3. Some of us plant, some of us water. But God gives the growth.

Through *Week of Compassion* – the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – we can serve the fruitful future for which God yearns. *Week of Compassion* partners to alleviate suffering across the world, whether after disastrous storms or in response to ongoing need. You can find stories and more information at [weekofcompassion.org](http://weekofcompassion.org).

On February 16 and 23, we join Disciples churches across the US and Canada to collect a special offering for *Week of Compassion*, supporting the vision of a world where God's people transform suffering into hope. Please give generously

**FAMILY GAME DAY**

**WhooHoo!** Our first all church family game day is almost here! Mark your calendar for **Sunday, February 23**, at 4:00 pm! Two family games will be hosted for this first gathering: Bin-



go and Bunco! There are posters in Commons area to sign up for either or both game(s).

There will be snacks and winning prizes! Winners will be featured in the Journey, too! There will

also be an area for our youngest members to color, build with legos, story time, and/or video. And feel free to bring your favorite family game to recruit players just coordinate with your MF Convener to ensure that tables will be made available. Come one, come all!



**SEVERAL OPEN DATES FOR FOOD BASKETS**

The 2020 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is now up and 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. The donated funds go to our Community Outreach ministry.



**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS OR GROUPS  
FEBRUARY 26 AND MARCH 4.**



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES  
FEBRUARY 26, 6:00 PM**

**THE YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE  
IS FAST APPROACHING!**

Drop off will be at FCC beginning on Sunday, March 1, at 9:00 AM and continue through Wednesday, March 4, at 7:00 PM. Pick up can be arranged by contacting the church office at 256-881-0150.

Volunteers are needed to sort, price, and conduct the rummage sale. Sign up in the church Narthex on the poster board or by following this link [www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949AFA728A1FD0-fcchsv](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949AFA728A1FD0-fcchsv)

For questions contact Alyssa Baldwin @ 205-706-0478 or [alyssa@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:alyssa@fcc-hsv.org)

**NOTE:** No CRT TVs, No broken electronics, No personally recorded videos or music, Non functional appliances have to have a note attached with the known repair.

The Free Dental Clinic is the February local outreach focus for FCC. Located on Whitesburg Drive, this clinic is available, by appointment, to serve those in Madison County living at or below the poverty line with an acute dental crisis. The clinic needs monetary support for necessary supplies to aid the volunteering dental professionals providing the services. Oral health greatly affects general health. Please consider this opportunity to support local outreach with donations to FCC earmarked *Free Dental Clinic*.

**CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH?**

Stream it live at: <https://www.twitch.tv/fcchsv>

