

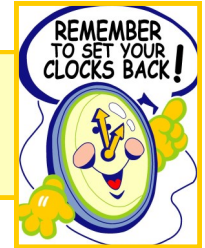


The Journey

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REMEMBER TO FALL BACK!

Remember to "fall back" by setting your clocks back one hour before going to bed on
Saturday, November 3.



CELEBRATION OF STEWARDSHIP by Richard Massouh

Northwest Christian Church, Arlington, TX, April 21, 2013

My stewardship message this morning is going to be somewhat different and maybe a little personal and uncomfortable. I am not going to talk about the giving of our money each week in this time and in this place as we usually do. Instead, I would like to talk about the giving of our money when we are no longer in this time and place, when we have gone to be with our Lord and Savior forever.

The real question to be discussed is: "Do we have any stewardship responsibility in our estate planning and in making out our will?"

Over the past year, I have been doing a lot of serious thinking about this, and here is what I have come to believe with all my heart. While I live on this Earth, everything that I have was given to me by God and belongs to God. He only asks that I return at least 10% of what He has given me to support the ministry of His church.

Based on that, I have come to an awakening: that when I pass from this earth, nothing has really changed in this regard. Everything I have still belongs to God and I believe He still wants me to approach my giving in the same way. He still wants me to continue to be a faithful steward of what He has given me.

So as I looked at leaving an inheritance to my family, I wanted to ensure first and foremost that I included God's church ministry in my will, which I have done. I feel blessed knowing that my legacy of love for my family as well as for the ministry of God's Kingdom will carry on for some time after I have passed from this place.

I believe that the more we are grateful for the incredible eternal inheritance that we have already received from our Lord's sacrifice on the cross, the more faithful we will be in sharing our own worldly inheritance to extend His kingdom.

Dear Lord,

In our daily life here on Earth, You are our Shepherd, and we do not want for anything because of that. You lead us to green pastures and still waters. You restore our soul. You allow our cup to overflow with goodness and mercy all the days of our life. Please help us, Lord, to be more and more grateful for how You have provided for us; and to be eternally responsible stewards of all that we have. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, October 25**, 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 4

Sermon Scripture Mark 12: 38-44
Sermon "Everything We Have"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

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

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bev Williamson

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Donna Blair & Delores Edgeton
Carl & Carol Jones
10:30 Nancy Adams & Marie Bittle
Sabrina & Hayley Beckman
Bev Williamson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Gayle Herber

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of all our volunteers who made Trunk or Treat such a huge success.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Exodus
Chuck Jackman, Lee Boles,
Brianna Jackson, & Jacob Black

YOUNG DISCIPLES

Meets second & fourth Sundays

AV SUPPORT TEAM

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

ATTENDANCE	10/21	10/28
First Service Worship	42	36
Sunday School	26	28
Second Service Worship	126	82
Young Disciples	NA	4
Children's Church	NA	9
Total Worship	168	131

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS DUE

We are wrapping up our 2019 Stewardship Campaign. **Please be sure to turn in your pledge card this Sunday, November 4.** Extra cards are available on the table in the Narthex on Sunday if you lost or did not receive your card. You may also email your pledge directly to Matt Ball, the church bookkeeper, at matt@fcc-hsv.org with the following message: *I/We, (your name), pledge (amount and indicate if weekly, monthly or annually) to the First Christian Church General Fund during 2019.*

STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION MEAL

On November 4th we will be celebrating Stewardship Sunday, the conclusion of our annual Stewardship Campaign for First Christian Church in Huntsville. We would like to thank you for giving so much to our community of faith and so to do this we want to invite you to a meal. After the 10:30 am service on the 4th we hope that you will stay for lunch. It will be a traditional Thanksgiving meal with Turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings. Feel free to invite friends and family but **if you are coming please let the office know (256-881-0150 or office@fcc-hsv.org) by November 2nd so we can prepare enough food.** Again we thank you for sharing your tithes and offerings to the church and look forward to a new year full of opportunities and joy.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL OCTOBER 31

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL NOVEMBER 7

Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, & fruit. Following the meal are small groups including Men's Bible Study, Women's Bible Study, Youth/Kids' Bible Study. Chancel Choir and Community Outreach at 7:00 pm. Call in your reservation by Wednesday, October 31, at 256-881-0150

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.



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS



Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

Lynda Baig, cousin of Penny Jackman
Thomas Burns, father of Karen Ball
Burl Chandler, father of Chris Chandler
Betty Joe Estes, friend of Donna Blair
Grateful Life Church
Lynn Harris, daughter of Bob & Mary Spencer
Phil & Ginny Jackson, brother-in-law & sister of Cathy Rosol.
Carroll Keller, brother of Walt Keller
Carey Link, friend of Margaret Vann
Joyce Neighbors
Betty Rogers
Bob Spencer
Jo Thomason
Lynne Ursery, former member
Mack Vann

Long term prayer concerns are published once a month in the *Journey*. Please keep the church office informed of the status of individuals you put on the lists.

Changing the World one Lobster at a time! Come and join us at Lobsterfest 25, a fun family event where all the money goes to outreach within the community and beyond: Habitat for Humanity; First Stop Homeless assistance program; Sloan Medical Clinic in the Honduras; and more. YUM: Lobsters, BBQ, ribs, Brisket, live music, children's games, crafts, silent auction, furniture sale! Saturday, November 10, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, 12200 Bailey Cove Road, Huntsville, 35803. 256-880-0248, www.lobstersrock.com.



UP TO DATE ON YOUR GIVING?
Giving statements are available in the church office.

CWM NOVEMBER SERVICE PROJECT
In November, CWM highlights our regional service project--the plight of women who have escaped the bondage of human trafficking and are seeking a new life with the help of The WellHouse, a non-profit agency near Birmingham. The WellHouse offers spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical support services to all women who have been sexually exploited by addressing individual needs and sharing the Gospel, empowering women to make a positive, life-affirming choice. The 800 phone line for The WellHouse is answered 24/7 by a trained and caring rescue coordinator. All donations are tax deductible. Make your donation to FCC with a note in the memo line--CWM WellHouse--for a record of your giving. See the display in the Commons



VALHALLA CEMETERY LOTS
First Christian Church owns four cemetery lots in Valhalla Memory Gardens (698 Winchester Rd NE, Huntsville, AL 35811). These lots are available at market value, either in pairs or four total. We are offering these to our members and friends before advertising through various outlets. If you would like more information, please contact Lee Boles.

Leeboles@aol.com for the Trustees



Birthdays

NOVEMBER 2018

- 1 Cindy Allen
- 2 Judy Chaney
- 4 Debra Chandler & Rebecca Kresna
- 5 Melinda Blackman & Carrie Lewis
- 9 Ty Davis, Vonda Dihm, & Gary Wright
- 10 Kelsi Shrout Green, Phyllis Nicaise, Diane Pettitt, & Sunni Thompson
- 11 Sabrina Beckman & Dinah Love
- 12 Riley Beckman
- 14 Morgan Qualls
- 17 John Jordan
- 18 Ashlyn Johnson
- 20 Mack Blackman & David Browning
- 22 Iman Davis & Rob Williams
- 24 Chet May
- 25 Ann Thompson
- 26 Theresa Killough
- 27 Katherine Boles Stumb
- 28 Dottie Dale Hughes & Marilyn Martin
- 29 Jim Daniel, Emil Luft, Rick Shrout, & Jena Wright

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study 5 pm Convener Meeting	2	3
	4 11:30 Stewardship Celebration Meal 3 pm Pickelball	5 10 am Quilters 5:30 pm Christian Ed Mtg	6 Election Day - Don't forget to vote 5:30 pm Personnel Committee	7 Sr. Adult Regional Retreat 9 am Emmaus 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Men's Bible Study •Phoebe Circle •Kids Bible Study •Women's Bible Study •Youth Project Pack Food 7 pm Chancel Choir	8 Sr. Adult Regional Retreat 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study 10: am Elizabeth Circle 6 pm Board Meeting	9	10
	11 11:30 Children's' Choir/ Hand Bells 3 pm Pickelball	12 Church Office Closed Veterans Day Observed 9:30 am Esther Circle 10 am Quilters	13 5:30 pm Elders' Meeting	14 9 am Emmaus 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Men's Bible Study •Youth/Kids Bible Study •Women's Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir •Community Outreach	15 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study	16 Bake Sale Drop Off	17 9 am - 12 pm Bake Sale TBA Youth Bowling
	18 Thanksgiving Special Offering 11:30 Children's' Choir/ Hand Bells 3 pm Pickelball	19 10 am Quilters	20	21 9 am Emmaus 6 pm Men's Bible Study •Women's Bible Study	22 Church Office Closed  <i>Happy Thanksgiving! To You And Your Family</i>	23 Thanksgiving Holiday - Church Office Closed	24
	25 Thanksgiving Special Offering 11:30 Children's' Choir/ Hand Bells 3 pm Pickelball	26 10 am Quilters	27	28 9 am Emmaus 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Men's Bible Study •Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal •Women's Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	29 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study 3:30 pm Vintage Vagabonds Meal 5:30 pm Vintage Vagabonds Galaxy of Lights	30	