



The Journey

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OUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING SUPPORTING DISCIPLES STUDENTS AND INSTITUTIONS

Many of us are aware 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.

The Thanksgiving Offering also provides scholarship and support for those pursuing theological education at one of our seven seminaries or divinity houses. Consider the many generations of pastors, who, if not for the support of faithful congregations and individuals over the ages would not have flourished as our pastors, teachers and leaders. What impact has your pastor had in the life of your church, community or region? You can thank them by supporting the Thanksgiving Offering.

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.

Taken from disciplesmissionfund.org. For more information visit disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/thanksgiving/

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 22, and Friday, November 23, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Wednesday, November 21**, 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.



UNIFIED 10:00 SERVICE

On Sunday, December 2, we will have Sunday school at 9:00 followed by a single Hanging of the Greens unified service at 10:00.

Thank You

Thank you very much for your generous support of the Neaves-Davis Center for Children. We were able to send the center \$500 thanks to your giving.

Louise May, CWM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

NOVEMBER 28

Baked potato bar with pulled pork or chicken and baked beans.. Following the meal are small groups including Men's Bible Study, Women's Bible Study, Youth/Kids' Bible Study. Chancel Choir is at 7:00 pm. Call in your reservation by Wednesday, November 21, at 256-881-0150

Can't Make It To Church? Stream it live at:

www.twitch.tv/fcchsv

Miss A Sermon? See previous sermons at:

www.fcc-hsv.org/sermons

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 area for more information.



Sue Seward

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

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.