



The Journey

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Pastor Cameron

Pastor Alyssa

Nick Murphy

Jackson Love

The staff of First Christian Church gives thanks to all of our church family for the generous Christmas gifts presented to us. We continue to be grateful for such a caring and supportive congregation. It's a privilege to labor with and serve you.

Thank you again and may you have a happy and healthy new year!

Matt Ball

Lynn Abernathy

Samantha Richard

Pae Payne

Morgan Williams

Rick Shrout

We are having a reception for our new senior minister, the Rev. Dr. Brad Henderson, on Sunday, January 12th, immediately following our worship service. Please use the following link if you would like to contribute food or drink items for the reception www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4FA4AE2AA20-54234554-welcome#.

This is an exciting time for our church and its growth. See you Sunday.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!!!
Stephanie Braly-Beutjer

The *Journey* is published on the first and third Tuesday of the month.
The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, January 16**. Email to: publisher@fcc-hsv.org

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The January Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16, at 6:00 pm in Family Services.



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS



CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S MINISTRIES (CWM) BLANKET MONTH 2025

Community Outreach’s January service is supporting the Church World Service Blanket program telling people in crisis: “You’re not alone. Someone cares.”



The program sends blankets to people in need all round the world. Ukraine has a special need this year. What do you do if you are cold? At home you reach for a blanket or turn up the heat.

What if you didn’t have an extra blanket or no blanket at all? What if you didn’t have a home because of conflict, a natural disaster, tornado, hurricane, earthquake, or flood?

Church World Service Blanket program provides blankets to those without blankets all over the world. CWM invites FCC to join us in giving blankets during the month of January. The cost of a blanket is \$10. Make your check out to FCC and mark for blankets. As one person put it, “it’s about loving our neighbors on this small, interconnected planet, just as Jesus commanded”.

Only \$10 per blanket warms someone, furnishes a carry-all, as well as offers protection and shelter. For more information www.cwsblankets.org.

Margaret J. Vann, Blanket Chair

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 list.

2024 GIVING STATEMENTS

Your 2024 Giving Statements are available in the Church Office during the week and on Sundays in the Narthex from **January 15th through January 28th**. (This saves on postage.)

Please contact the church office, 256-881-0150 or office@fcc-hsv.org, if you cannot make it to church to pick up your statement. **We will send your statement by email or postal mail depending on your preference.**

Thank you for your generosity, FCC Office

Table with 1 column and 1 row containing attendance statistics for Dec 22, Dec 24, Dec 29, and Jan 5.

REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS
First Christian Church, Athens, AL
First Christian Church, Anniston, AL
Village Christian Church, Auburn, AL

THE FOOD BASKETS are given in Honor of Audrey Ball’s birthday by Matt & Karen and in Memory of Henry Waites by Nancy Waites.

JANUARY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

PROJECT: WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Outreach Committee's project for January is collecting financial donations for the Foster Care Unit of DHR (Department of Human Resources) to purchase gift cards to Walmart. The Unit does not have its own checking account so gift cards ensure that the funds will be used to help supply the needs of the children in their care. There are over 430 children in foster care in Madison County and funding is not adequate. Community Outreach, with your help, would like to ensure that the Foster Care Unit has funds on hand to use throughout the year to help our children who are suffering physically, mentally, and emotionally. A check can be made to FCC with "DHR" in the memo line.

Thank you for caring about the vulnerable children in our community.



The 2025 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is available. You may call the office at 256-881-0150 or email publisher@fcc-hsv.org to select a Sunday to remember or honor a friend, loved one, anniversary, birthday, or other special occasion. Donations are \$25.00 and go to the Outreach Committee. Make checks payable to First Christian Church and Food Basket on the notation line. You may also make your payment through PayPal and designate Food Basket through this QR code linked to our website.



PANTRY NEEDS LIST - JANUARY

<input type="checkbox"/> Cereal	<input type="checkbox"/> Dried Beans (1-lb bags)
<input type="checkbox"/> Peanut Butter & Jelly	<input type="checkbox"/> Boxed Dinners
<input type="checkbox"/> Macaroni & Cheese	<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper
<input type="checkbox"/> Shelf Stable Milk	<input type="checkbox"/> Bar Soap
<input type="checkbox"/> Canned Fruit	



Community Outreach (CO) is asking for regular donations of hygiene products such as: sanitary pads, tampons, and/or period underwear (period-proof underwear is a relatively new period product that looks and feels like regular underwear.). The donations will support girls at three schools - Huntsville Junior High School, McNair School, Morris School— who do not have funds to purchase these products. A donation site is located in the church Narthex. Please consider helping with this needed project.

Margaret J. Vann

