



The Journey

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THANK YOU.

It's such a simple phrase, one that even toddlers master early in their vocabulary. In many cases, it is a phrase that is so simple and so short that it feels inadequate when compared to the emotions we feel within. Such is the case for Jeannie and me as we find ourselves surrounded and embraced by your love in our third week at First Christian Church of Huntsville. We are so very happy to be here and truly do look forward to the years we will have together. We say, "Thank you" for making our arrival here so easy and so warmly welcoming, even if those two words seem to scarcely touch how we feel.

As your Senior Minister, I hope to be worthy of your love and trust, knowing even as I type those words, that there will be plenty of situations in which we will disappoint each other. But through it all, we will love with a love that sees beyond any differences, a love which finds its home in the unfailing divine embrace we have learned through faith. And when all is said and done, we will be able to say to each other, "thank you."

Brad

IS YOUR DIRECTORY INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE?

We will be producing an updated Church Directory in February with names, addresses, phone numbers, and family email addresses. We can list up to two phone/cell phone numbers (if you are providing two numbers, please attach a name to each number) and one email address per family. **If we do not hear from you by Wednesday, February 12**, we will publish the information you provided in the May 2024 Directory. To update your information, please email [office @fcc-hsv.org](mailto:office@fcc-hsv.org) or call 256-881-0150.

You do not need to contact the Church Office if there are no changes.



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CONGRATULATIONS to Andy & Caroline Herron on the birth of Phillip Andrew Herron on Wednesday, . ***are the proud siblings.

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

ATTENDANCE

Jan. 12: Worship Service: 86
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 29
Jan. 19: Worship Service: 84
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): NR



THE FOOD BASKET is given in Honor of Jordan Green’s birthday by Rick & Kay Shrout

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

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.



REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Primera Iglesia, Birmingham, AL

Edward Point Christian Church, Century, FL

Short term concerns are listed for one month unless we receive an update. Long term prayer concerns are published monthly in the *Journey*. Call the church office at 256-881-0150 or send requests to publisher@fcc-hsv.org. Please notify the Pastors or the Church Office if you are going to the hospital and would like to be contacted.



PANTRY NEEDS LIST - JANUARY

- Cereal
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Canned Fruit
- Dried Beans (1-lb bags)
- Boxed Dinners
- Toilet Paper
- Bar Soap



HUNTSVILLE
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MATTHEW 25:32

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