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## **OF VISIONS**

If you've been paying attention over the last 30 years, you've heard a lot of businesses talk about their "vision," proudly proclaiming their "vision statements" as though they had discovered something new. The truth is that the idea of visions was appropriated from the religious realm, whether we are talking about pre-historic shamans or contemporary televangelists. For people of faith, visions are nothing new.

In fact, you and I are familiar with visions being given to Old Testament prophets and New Testament apostles, from Isaiah and Ezekiel to John, the disciple whom Jesus loved. Visions recorded in the Bible are almost always forward-leaning and always initiated by God. They are not about predicting the future as much as they are about God saying that things are not the way that they could, and even should, be and that something needs to change.

We have begun the process of discerning God's vision for First Christian Church of Huntsville, starting with three weeks of prayer in which we will open ourselves to the gifts God will speak to us in our moments of quiet time listening to the Divine voice. It is our hope and our expectation that in our time of praying, God will whisper to us the shards of wisdom that, when brought together, will form the full crystal of God's desire for us, filled with light that clearly shows the path before us that leads to our future as part of the Body of Christ.

Such a vision subdues chaos and creates unity among us with a common, God-given purpose and direction so that we are all working to fulfill what God is hoping to do in, through, and beyond us. Join me in praying in such a way that you are open to what God will share with you that reflects that Divine desire for us in this place and at this time.

Grace to you



THE FISH FRY IS BACK! SUNDAY, MAY 25, FOLLOWING WORSHIP We need your help to make it happen.

We need some muscle (Setup & Tear down), cookers, kitchen staff, side dishes and desserts and drinks.



Use the link below to reach our sign up page so we know how much help we have. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/

The *Journey* is published on the first and third Tuesday of the month. The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 15.** Email to: publisher@fcc-hsv.org

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LONG TERM **PRAYER CONCERNS** 



## Not Listed Online

Long term prayer concerns are published once a month in the Journey. Call the church office at 256-881-0150 or send requests to publisher@fcchsv.org. Please keep the church office informed of the status of individuals you put on the list.

### **REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

Macedonia Christian Church, Birmingham, AL Cedar Plains Christian Church, Falkville, AL



# THE FOOD BASKET is given in memory of Bob Abernathy by Lynn Abernathy

### ATTENDANCE

Apr. 17: Maundy Thursday: 40 Apr. 20: Easter Worship Service: 165 Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 47 Apr. 27 Worship Service: 103 Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 50 Worship Service: 84 May 4 Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 49

# HABITAT HOME #30 IS ON THE HORIZON

Get ready to learn how to repair your home from the ground up by building one from scratch. You will need to first attend an Orientation Program by zoom meeting. The next programs are scheduled as follows:



1. Saturday, May 10, at 10:30 am

2. Thursday, May 22, at 4:30 pm

To attend a class, you need to contact Tracy Draper at Habitat to get scheduled. She is at

Once we start on our home, we work on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings from 8 to noon. You come when you can during those hours.

This information is posted on the Habitat bulletin board outside of the Parlor.

See you soon,

Bob Senn, Mr Habitat for FCC

### WAVES OF WONDER VBS 2025

Vacation Bible School is rapidly approaching! Our event will be July 7-10th (Monday-Thursday) and will be themed Waves of Wonder. Over the next few week I will be sending out updates and requests for volunteers and donations to make this event a success! Every year this event gives us the opportunity to minister to about 80 children between the ages of 3 and exiting 3rd in ECM, our church family, and the community at large! This event is so fun and meaningful for all involved!

Today I want to invite anyone who has kids or grandchildren to register for VBS! Registration forms are available in the Church Office or you may access to the form on line at: docs.google.com/ forms/d/

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I also want to share the VBS wish list. This is a great way to contribute to the success of the event. Not everyone wants to or can volunteer in person, donations give us the opportunity to make our event shine with a lessened budgetary impact! See the link for access to the Wishlist! www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ share



The Outreach Ministry is seeking donations, **during the month of May**, for the Community Free Clinic at 401 Sivley Rd, in Huntsville.

The Community Free Clinic sees residents of Madison County who are not on Medicaid or Medicare. Local physicians and other health care professionals donate their time to provide quality free healthcare, education, and medications to the people of Madison County with no healthcare benefits.

Donations may be made by noting "CO May/ CFC" for any amount, by check to FCC or our Pay-Pal account by clicking on the Donate button on our website at <u>fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-</u> <u>give</u>

Learn more at <u>hsvfreeclinic.org</u>.





Join us after church Sunday, June 8 to shower Emma Colson and Andrew Ray. Sign up Genius will be sent soon.

Lee Boles

