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## **VISIONING NEXT STEPS**

By the time you read this, we will have completed three weeks of praying, talking with and listening to God as the divine vision for our future here at First Christian Church of Huntsville is shared with us. I hope that the *lectio divina* way of praying has been a positive experience for you, and that you have been able to "hear" God speaking to you about the direction in which we are being called to go.

Our next step is for you to share what God has given to you in your prayer times. We will do this during three upcoming listening sessions:

**Wednesday, May 28, 5:30 p.m.** (Please RSVP for the Wednesday night visioning session by calling the church office 256-881-0150 by Friday, May 23rd or replying online <a href="here">here</a>, by Sunday, May 25th to ensure we have enough food.)

Sunday, June 1, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 1, 10:30 a.m.

Once we have heard from you, the responses will be handed off to the Visioning Committee so that they can pray with/over them, and then craft them into a single sentence, simple enough that anyone over the age of 6 can understand it. This Vision Statement will then guide our congregational life and ministries for the foreseeable future. I am excited about what this will do for our holy fellowship and for the way God will move in, though, and beyond us here at FCC.

Stop asking God to bless what you're doing.

Get involved in what God is doing - because it's already blessed.

That's what we're doing!

Grace to you,



# THE FISH FRY IS BACK! SUNDAY, MAY 25, FOLLOWING WORSHIP

# We need your help to make it happen.

We really need help especially with Sunday cookers, kitchen staff, setup and clean up. Use the link below to reach our sign up page so we know how much help we have.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949AFA728A1FD0-56376658-fish#/

See you on Sunday, May 25!



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 29. Email to: publisher@fcc-hsv.org

## GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

2025 PENTECOST OFFERING SUNDAYS JUNE 1 & JUNE 8



Our life in the church is founded on so many layers. God breathing life into dust. Moses leading people out of slavery into freedom. Mary saying yes. Jesus breaking bread - and then being broken for our salvation before rising to new life.

Our predecessors built a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world, going above and beyond church as it had always been. Your gifts to the 2025 Pentecost Offering, received on Sundays, June 1 and 8, reaches above and beyond to what God's spirit is doing next.

Half of your gift supports new church development within the Alabama-Northwest Florida Region. The other half supports New Church Ministry efforts across the United States and Canada to equip, train, and empower new leaders.

Donations may be made by noting "Pentecost Offering" for any amount, by check to FCC or our PayPal account by clicking on the Donate button on our website at fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to -give

Please give generously.

**CONDOLENCES** to the family of Alma Kingsbury, who passed on Monday, May 11.

### **REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

Macedonia Christian Church, Tallassee AL Mt. Zion Christian Church, Hayneville, AL First Christian Church, Ft. Walton Beach, FL



THE FOOD BASKET is given in honor of Matt & Karen Ball's anniversary.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

May 11: Worship Service: 100

Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 86

Worship Service: 104 May 18

Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 46

### **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 for Humanity



program is scheduled for. Thursday, May 22, at 4:30 pm

To attend a class, you need to contact Tracy Draper

at Habitat to get scheduled.

Once we start on our home, we work on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings from 8 to noon. 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 weeks 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 grade 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 on line at:

docs.google.com/forms/d/11qGOoBN4F-**PEFU** 

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/

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Thank you for your support!

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 <a href="fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give">fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give</a> Learn more at <a href="hsvfreeclinic.org">hsvfreeclinic.org</a>.

#### **THANK YOU FOR CARING!**

Through your generous support of our Outreach project for April, over \$1,000 was raised for The Arc. The organization works with those in our community with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Their clientele ranges from babies to adults, providing many services. You are making a difference in the community.

Thank you!



Join us after church on Sunday, June 8, to shower Emma Colson and Andrew Ray. The couple are registered at (links) Target and Williams Sonoma.

Go to Sign Up Genius if you would like to help with the shower.

Lee Boles



