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CAMERON'S CORNER

First Christian Church Needs Your Talent

Do you consider yourself talented? Most of us don't. We think because we can't sing, dance, write, teach Sunday school, or speak that we have no talent. But these lines from an unknown poet remind us that all of us have more talent than we realize:

I have no voice for singing, I cannot make a speech.
I have no gift for music, I know I cannot teach.
I am no good at leading, I cannot organize.
And anything I write would never win a prize.
It seems my only talent, Is neither big nor rare.
Just to listen and encourage, And to fill a vacant chair.
But all the gifted people, Could not so brightly shine,
Were it not for those who use, A talent such as mine.

Amen! You do have talent and First Christian needs YOU to use your talent to listen, encourage, praise, and love God by loving others. That is ministry. It's important that every member sees himself or herself as a minister. As a Christian it is important to do and to be something ministering for Christ. Sure attending church and Sunday school is great. Coming to a Fellowship Bible Study group is wonderful, but if you are a member then by definition you are in ministry. You are created to serve. All of us are called to serve. How dismal the world (and church) would be without these talents.

See You Sunday,
Pastor Cameron

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hello Church family! Summer is quickly approaching and with summer comes VBS! VBS is such a great way for us to reach out into our community and provide children with high quality Christian Education in a safe and loving environment. This year our theme is Seeker in Sneakers and will take place from July 8-13th from 9-11:30am. The church cannot make this happen without your help! We have several volunteer slots open. We have jobs for all levels of mobility. Another way you can help is through purchasing items for VBS from our amazon Wishlist. This was a big hit last year; I love to see everyone coming together for a great cause in the church! If you want to sign up to volunteer please email me at alyssa@fcc-hsv.org or call 256-881-0150. Follow this link to the [Amazon Wishlist](#).

Thank you for all you do to support the children's ministry of this church,
Rev. Alyssa Burton

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The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 13**. 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*. **Please** keep the church office informed of the status of individuals you put on the list.

CONDOLENCES to the family of Petra Sue Richey who passed on Monday, May 27th.

REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Oakmont Christian Church, Saraland, AL
Mt. Calvary Missionary, Tuskegee, AL

Thank you to everyone who sent birthday cards to my mother, Doris Paul, for her 98th birthday. It meant so much to her to know so many people were thinking of her on this special day.

Thanks again, we appreciate it,
Frances Albright

ATTENDANCE

May 26: Worship Service: 88
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 31

June 2: Worship Service: 85
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 37

SEARCH AND CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search and Call committee has been very busy creating and polishing a set of survey questions to help us define the makeup of our congregation and what our needs and wants are for our new pastor.

We sent emails with links to an online questionnaire to everyone for which we have contact information. Hard copy versions of the survey are available on the welcome desk in the foyer of the sanctuary. A drop box is also located in the foyer for completed hard copies. The email/online version will automatically capture your inputs and we will assemble those with the hard copy submissions for our use and for a final report to the congregation. June 16th is the deadline for the submission of inputs from the online survey.

A set of discussion questions will also be distributed. We plan on having several opportunities for the congregation to meet and discuss these questions. We are providing the questions ahead of time so that you can think about your input.

There is a gathering on June 5th where a meal will be provided and we will break up into groups to discuss these questions so that we can listen and assimilate your inputs. There will be other opportunities to meet as well. We hope to meet with adult Sunday School classes, Women's circles, and Men's Bible Study groups.

Please make every effort to participate and give us your honest feedback on these questions and any other issues you may want to convey to the committee. Please email me at cmlove999@gmail.com or call if you want to discuss this privately.

The family of Tom Killough would like to thank Rev. Dr. Cameron Douglas, Mr. Monty Love, and Ms. Jernigan for their giving and support in the service for their husband and father. Special thanks to the Ladies of the Church who provided lunch for the family so that they could spend some time together remembering Tom. Our heartfelt appreciation for all of the calls, prayers and love that has been shown to us during this difficult time.





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

LET'S PRAY FOR THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Our Search Committee has begun their search for our new Senior Minister. It is an exciting time for us at FCC.

How can we help? Pray! Pray for who God wants us to be, what qualities a Senior Minister needs to help us achieve God's Purpose, and how we as a congregation can grow in God's Purpose. Please join me as we pray together for God's Wisdom. To be a part of our prayer chain, email me at

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Lee

LANDSCAPE REPORT

I keep getting nice compliments on the beautiful landscape presentation. A lot of thanks also goes to the helpers I have for this big effort. They are - Duffy Boles: Duffy keeps the two lower islands near the exit in beautiful shape.

Dick Christiansen: The Bell Tower Entrance always looks great on Sunday mornings.

John Hall: The beautiful Courtyard and both playgrounds keep John busy!

Please thank them when you can.

Bob Senn, Landscaping Manager



The 2024 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 Community Outreach. 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 on our website at fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give and click on the Donate button.

HABITAT NEWS

Our 29th home is fully insulated and ready for inspection by the City. Once that is done, the dry wall contractor will install the dry wall. Then we will start the interior painting, which needs lots of volunteers. The brick contractor has completed the brick layer on the four outside walls.

Watch the bulletin board for photos and other information on how you can help with this home.

Bob Senn, Mr. Habitat for FCC

