



# *The Journey*

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## WHAT IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF US

Sometimes life can be stressful, there is too much going on, things seem to be changing so fast that you head spins, and you wonder when it will all get back to normal. I can remember a week, when Abby was just a baby, where everything that could go wrong seemed to go wrong. Our car broke down, so we were down to one vehicle, we were getting ready for Vacation Bible School in the church, and I was helping to lead the food drive for our Benevolent Ministries.

Toward the end of the week it was my turn to take Abby to day care in the morning. Most of you know that I am not a morning person; it takes a long time for me to wake up, get moving, and for my brain to start functioning. That day Abby woke me up earlier than usual, so I got her dressed and ready for the day, fed her breakfast, and while she was watching TV I got ready. I was doing well on time, I had everything prepared, and things were going great. I picked Abby up, went out the door, put her in her car seat, and looked in my pocket for the car keys, only to find they were not there.

Of course I ran back into the house and looked where I normally put them and they were not there. I looked in the kitchen, the dining room, the bedroom, the bathroom, the refrigerator (yes, my keys have shown up in the refrigerator a time or two), I looked all over the house, but could not find them. Finally I decided to go back outside to see if I had dropped them, and there they were sitting on the front seat of the car where I had put them after I unlocked it to put Abby in her seat.

Sometimes in the business of life we forget our actions and do not look at and appreciate what is right in front of us. The past few weeks have ushered in a great deal of change at First Christian Church but we are already seen positive results. Our Evangelism committee has been busy and there are visitors and prospective members coming every Sunday who are excited about what we are doing and want to be a part of our community of faith. We are looking forward to the youth mission trip, and Vacation Bible School in July. New leadership is about to come forward leading us into the future. This is an exciting time to be a member of First Christian.

Let's keep this excitement through the summer and beyond, keep inviting new people to experience the joy of our community, and thank God for what is right in front of us, a wonderful church family that is working for God and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Wait for the Lord. Be strong, and let your heart take courage. Yes, wait for the Lord. - Psalm 27:14*

As we wait for our next Associate Pastor, the Search Committee asks for your prayers. Please pray for open hearts and minds to all candidates, for God's guidance as we move forward, and for the person who best fits our church's needs. We are thankful for our God who is patient with us, and help us to be patient in our search.

The *Journey* is published on the **first and third Monday** of the month.

The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 15**. Email to: [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REQUESTS

VBS is July 17-21st and we need your help! We have the following volunteer positions still open and would love for you to participate!

#### Volunteers Needed

Kindergarten-2nd Grade helper

Games helper

Snack and story helper

Greeter (Tuesday-Friday)

Set up crew

Clean up crew

Email [alyssa@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:alyssa@fcc-hsv.org) or call the church office (256-881-0150) to sign up!

#### Supplies Needed

If you are unable to volunteer in person and feel led to support, follow the link below to donate supplies that will be needed! [www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2YFZJHKU4HK4?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2YFZJHKU4HK4?ref=wl_share)

Thanks for all of your support of the children's ministry!

#### REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Sellers Memorial Church, Hayneville, AL

Braggs Christian Church, Minter, AL

First Christian Church, Hartselle, AL

**CONDOLENCES** to the family of Margaret Schock, a longtime member of FCC, who passed on June 13.

#### GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

Second Quarter Giving Statements will be available beginning the week of July 3. If you would like a copy, call or email the office (256-881-0150 or [office@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:office@fcc-hsv.org)) and we will mail or email you a copy of your statement. Questions? Call 256-881-0150.

#### ATTENDANCE

**June 11:** Worship Service: 100

Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 27

**June 18:** Worship Service: 81

Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 26



**IT'S A GIRL!** Congratulations to Claire & Owen \*\*\*\*\* on the birth of \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* on \*\*\*\*. Peggy Sington is the proud grandmother.

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT FOR JUNE:

##### WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Community Outreach Committee's project for June is collecting financial donations for the Foster Care Unit of DHR (Department of Human Resources) to purchase gift cards to Walmart and other places as requested by DHR. **There are over 430 children in foster care in Madison County** and funding is not adequate to cover all their needs. These children are in care through no fault of their own; they have been abused and neglected by those who should have protected them.

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 "CO/DHR" in the memo line or through our PayPal account (go to [fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give/](https://fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give/) scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the Donate button). Thank you for caring about the vulnerable children in our community.



**FOOD BASKETS** are given in honor of Mac and Mae's second birthdays by Lee & Duffy Boles.

The 2023 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is available. You may email [office@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:office@fcc-hsv.org) or call the Church Office at 256-881-0150 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 donation through PayPal and designate Food Basket through our website at [fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give/](https://fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give/)

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

**Mission :** To provide opportunities for spiritual growth, enrichment, education, and creative ministries to enable women to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the Church of Jesus Christ.

During the 2022-23 program year, FCC CWM offered 5 monthly circles along with a weekly offering for quilters and as needed Prayer Shawl Ministry. Both Phoebe and Esther Circles have been long established, and during this past year Abigail was reestablished while Naomi was formulated to serve as grief support. Fleming Farms Circle has offered a monthly meeting opportunity for Fleming Farms residents as well as members of our congregation. Plans are currently being formulated to begin a sixth circle, "Lois and Eunice", named in honor of Timothy's grandmother and mother. This circle will meet on an alternate Wednesday evening beginning in September, and the goal is to provide intergenerational opportunities for the ladies of First Christian Church. The goal of CWM is to remain sensitive to the evolving needs of the community while engaging in study, service and fellowship.

## CWM 2022-23 Year End Report

DONATION	AGENCY	AREA
\$1019	Hope Place	Community
\$909	Neaves Davis Center for Children	Community
\$1117	WellHouse, Odenville, AL	Region/World
	100 stockings for Christmas Charities Yeararound	Community
\$1385	Church World Service Blanket Program	World
	Valentine Greetings to 32 FCC college students, shut-ins and military members	Community
\$714	*Community Free Dental Clinic	Community
\$752	Disciple Mission Fund's Blessing Box program	Region
\$525	National Children's Advocacy Center Healthy Families Program	Community
\$1530	Global Ministries'Child Sponsorship Program House of Hope, Haiti Pringle Home, Jamaica	World
\$3300	*Grateful Life Community Church	Community
	* Denotes joint project with Community Outreach	
\$11231	Total	



JULY 2023

Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 2 pm Pickleball	3 • No Quilters	4 Independence Day • Church Office Closed	5 6 pm Men’s Bible Study	6 4:30 pm Christian Ed Mtg	7	8
9 10:30 am Lee-Reed Baby Sprinkle 2 pm Pickleball	10 10:30 am Quilters 5 pm Conveners’ Meeting	11 6 pm Elders’ Meeting	12 TBA Ice Cream Social & Trivia 6 pm Men’s Bible Study	13 6 pm Board Meeting	14	15
16 10:30 am Evangelism Mtg 2 pm Pickleball	17 • No Quilters • Vacation Bible School	18 • Vacation Bible School	19 • Vacation Bible School 6 pm Men’s Bible Study	20 • Vacation Bible School	21 • Vacation Bible School • Depart for Youth Mission Trip	22 • Youth Mission Trip
23 • Youth Mission Trip • VBS Sunday 2 pm Pickleball	24 • Return from Youth Mission Trip 10:30 am Quilters	25	26 6 pm Men’s Bible Study	27	28	29 • General Assembly Begins Louisville, Kentucky
30 • General Assembly • Youth Sunday 2 pm Pickleball	31 • General Assembly 10:30 am Quilters					