



## IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE?

We will be producing an updated Church Directory in August with names, addresses, phone numbers and family email addresses. We can list up to two phone/cell phone numbers (if providing two numbers, please attach a name to each number) and one email address per listing.

**If we do not hear from you by Monday, August 8,** we will publish the information you provided for the September 2021 Church Directory. So far, only three people have updated their information. To update your information, call 256-881-6468 or email [office@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:office@fcc-hsv.org).

## OUR JOURNEY TO THE FUTURE

Celebrate 75 years of First Christian Church in Huntsville

Our celebration will be on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> with our Interim Regional Minister Rev. Dr. Dale Braxton as the main speaker. A reception will follow after the Church service at 11am. If you know any former members who you think would want to come, please email Gayle Herber or Margaret J. Vann with their contact information.

## JANUARY THROUGH JULY 2022 GIVING STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive an FCC giving statement with your donations from January 1 until July 31 you will need to contact the church. You may email us at [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org) or phone the office at 256 881-0150.

We will email your statement if you include the email address you want it sent to, or we can mail it to your physical address. We realize that many people may not need this information so we are only sending it to those who request it or wish to check if they are up-to-date with their giving.

This summer, like many other summers, we are experiencing a little slump in giving. Please know that we are very thankful of your continued support of First Christian Church during these challenging times.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRIES KICKOFF "TEA"

**When:** Sunday, August 28, 10:30 am (following worship service)

**Where:** Church Parlor

**Who:** Anyone interested in mid week small groups

**Why:** Opportunities for service, support, creativity, learning and fellowship

Christian Women's Ministries (CWM) is the parenting group for multiple and varied opportunities offered by First Christian Church. This event is the time to learn options available to meet individual needs and desires. All are invited to come and ask questions. CWM is excited about the multiple offerings and welcomes any questions you might have. We are hoping to talk with you on Sunday, August 28, 10:30.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, August 11,** at Noon. Email to: [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

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### COMMUNION SERVERS WANTED!

It's been almost two and a half years since the pandemic upended the way we worship. As this thing moves from pandemic to endemic, with a readily available vaccine and improving treatment options, we're finally able to return to a sense of normalcy. One of the last steps for our church is bringing back communion to the way it used to be. While I believe we'll continue to offer the individually wrapped cups for those who feel most comfortable, we'd also like to give the option for folks to come up to the front of the church and celebrate with bread and juice. To that end, we need volunteers to prepare and to serve communion.

I'm working on organizing our return to the table, and I would be grateful to hear from anyone who is willing to serve in this way. I'll start pulling together a schedule that we can plan to, and we'll also organize some orientations to go through what needs doing and when. It's worth noting that everyone's schedules are busy, and often fluid, so we'll update that schedule as folks might need to switch out weeks for trips and illness.

Thanks in advance, and I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Andy Herron

### THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Because of your generosity, \$700 in Walmart gift cards were delivered to a very grateful Foster Care Unit of the Alabama Department of Human Resources. Plus, another \$200 was donated to the Foster Care Alliance, an organization that supplements the unmet needs of our community's children. These children are taken from their families for their protection with very few belongings. With more children than ever coming into care, your donation is desperately needed.

Thank you for caring about those in need.



**THIS WEEK'S FOOD BASKET** is given in honor of Nancy Waites by Esther Circle for her dedication to the Circle



### SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS



## Not Published Online

**CONDOLENCES** to the family of Gene Cowart, who passed on Friday, July 22.

We are temporarily publishing, as space allows, the prayer concerns that are normally listed in the Sunday bulletins. **Concerns are listed for one month unless we receive an update.** Long term prayer concerns are published monthly in the *Journey*. Send requests to [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org) or call the church office at 256-881-0150 to leave a message.

**Please notify the Pastors or the church office if you are going to the hospital and would like to be contacted**

### REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Little Union, Hayneville, AL  
First Christian, Huntsville, AL

### JOURNEY SUMMER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

With Pastor Paul's sabbatical and the summer season, *The Journey* will be published on the first and third Monday of the month **starting June 6.**

### HABITAT HOUSE NO 28 UPDATE

Our home build is progressing slowly due to extreme heat at the work site, which restricts how long we work each day. The brick masons have just about completed the house wrap. The insulation is about 1/3 completed. After inspection, the drywall board will be installed by the contractors and then painting will begin.



After 35 years of serving Madison County, Habitat has expanded into Limestone County and changed its name to Habitat for Humanity of the River Valley. They have served over 300 families since 1987.

Our church has helped build 27 homes and is working on our 28th. What a great outreach program this has been thanks to the late Rev. Dr. Harold Dowler for loading us on the bus, taking us to an unfinished house, and challenging us to complete it! Thanks also to all of you who worked, donated, and prayed for our success. Thanks, church!

Contact me if you would like to work on this great project or please provide a donation for our effort.

Thanks,  
Bob Senn,  
Mr. Habitat for FCC

### CHURCH CALENDAR

- August 1 10:30 am Quilters
- August 3 6 pm Men's Group
- August 7 3 pm Pickle Ball
- August 8 10:30 am Quilters  
5 pm Conveners
- August 9 6 pm Elders
- August 10 6 pm Men's Group
- August 11 6 pm Board Meeting
- August 14 11:45am Community Outreach  
3 pm Pickle Ball
- August 15 10:30 am Quilters
- August 17 6 pm Men's Group

### HELLO SUPPORTING CHURCHES OF THE VINE

The Vine is creating "Warm Fuzzy" boxes that we will give to certain clients. These boxes are intended to communicate that 'someone cares about you'. Would you like to help us create these care boxes? We are accepting donations of little gifts that we can include.

Ideas: fuzzy socks, small snacks, health care products (for some), anything to promote quiet time, candles, devotional guides, mugs and tea bags or coffee single servings, journals, gel pens, colored pencils. If you would like more information please call our office: 256-270-7399. Accepting items Monday - Thursday 8:00-5:00 and Friday 8:00-3:00.

Dr. Amanda W. Ragland, LMFT  
Executive Director  
The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center  
256-270-7399

### ATTENDANCE

July 24 Worship Service: 89  
 Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 24  
 July 31 Worship Service: 62  
 Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 21



This QR code is linked to the Church's PayPal giving page for your convenience.

*We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.*

- 21st Century Vision Team

