



The Journey

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ALL THE WAY DOWN THE HALL. LAST CLASSROOM ON THE LEFT.

Mrs. Alderman’s room and my first-grade class.

It is the first of many first days to come. I am carrying a folding mat for napping (red on one side, blue on the other) and basic school supplies (after all, it’s just first grade). The air is permeated with the smell of pencil shavings (or is that the cleaner the janitor uses on the floors?).

The new adventure begins. It’s 1969 at Cahaba Heights Elementary School, in a building that isn’t even there anymore. But it was the starting place for my education, an adventure that would stretch for another 22 years. Every time I graduated I would return to that building in something of a pilgrimage to where it all began. I would look through the front windows, all the way down the hall, and imagine myself, six years old, walking with uncertain steps and carrying that mat that threatened to overpower me. Little did that towheaded guy know what was ahead of him.

So it is with all new adventures. We don’t always know what is ahead of us, but something calls us and compels us to take the uncertain steps toward the “next” something. Even as school returns now in our communities for the 2025-26 academic year, we in the church also begin a new adventure. There will be new worship experiences, new small group offerings, new outreach and service opportunities, and new occasions to gather in holy fellowship.

I invite all of you who read this to find your place here if you haven’t already. You belong here. And invite those you know who are looking for a place to be. They belong here, too. All you have to do is ask them.

No red and blue mats required.

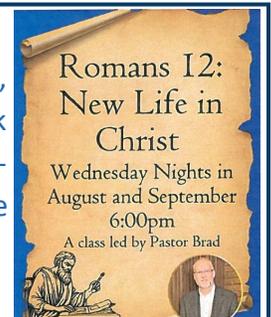
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT ROMANS 12 STUDY

If you want to know Paul’s perspective on Christ and the Christian life, look to Romans, his longest and most profound letter. But to take the whole book on at one time is a task too large, so on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in August and September, we will be exploring Chapter 12 and its emphasis on new life in Christ. Bring your Bible and your desire to dig deeper into Paul’s take on the Christian life!

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The *Journey* is published on the first and third Tuesday of the month. The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 28**. Email to: publisher@fcc-hsv.org

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THE AUGUST OUTREACH PROGRAM

Since May of 2020, Shower Up has been supplying the homeless of Huntsville with showers, hygiene supplies, survival gear, socks and more. Their volunteers also shower their clients with grace, hope and love. Their Kohler shower trailer has 7 shower suites and offers Huntsville's only ADA shower unit.

Please consider giving to this wonderful service. You can support this organization with donations made by noting "ShowerUp" 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

NEEDS FOR AUGUST

Shelf-stable milk, cereal, crackers, jelly, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce in cans (NO glass containers), toilet paper, & bar soap. The drop-off cart is located in the Narthex.

Thank You!

INTERESTED IN PLAYING PICKLEBALL?



Pickleball

A friendly group meets most Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 to play Pickleball in McMains Hall. Contact

Bob Senn if you have any questions about joining the group.



Community Outreach (CO) is asking for regular donations of hygiene products such as: sanitary pads, tampons, and/or period underwear (period-proof underwear is a relatively new period product that looks and feels like regular underwear.). The donations will support girls who do not have funds to purchase these products. The donation site is located in the church Narthex.

Please consider helping with this needed project.



Pictured are our top wants and needs for our Early Childhood Ministries. The link below includes other needed wish list items submitted by staff and teachers.

Thank you for supporting FCC ECM!
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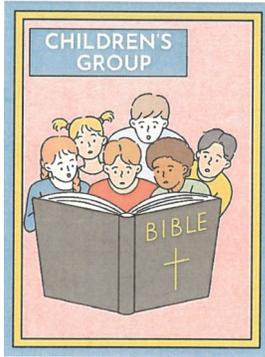
THE FOOD BASKETS are given in honor of Rick & Kay Shroust's anniversary and in honor of Beverly & James Cannon's anniversary

REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS
 First Christian Church, Montgomery, AL
 First Christian Church, Florence, AL

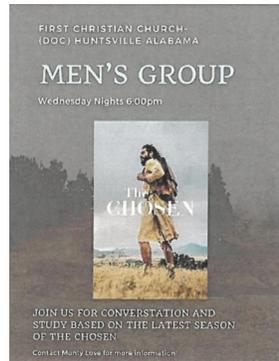
John Robinson has a new address since the directory was published. Please contact the Church Office if you would like the updated address.

ATTENDANCE
 Aug. 10: Worship Service: 85
 Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 65
 Aug. 17: Worship Service: 103
 Small Groups (During week & Sunday): NR

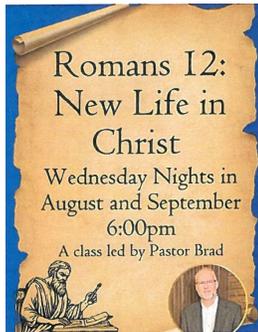
WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIES 6:00 PM



Location: Worship and Wonder
Contact : Rev. Alyssa Burton



Location: Parlor
Contact: Monty Love



Location: Basement Room 204
Contact: Rev. Brad Henderson

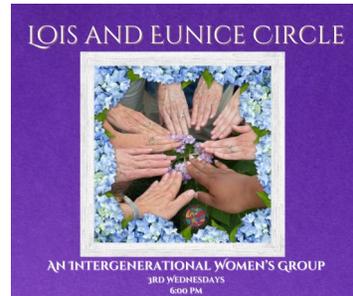
Women's Circle Meetings



Days: First Wednesdays
Location: Garden Room

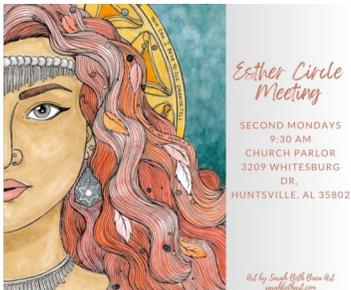


Days: Second Wednesdays
Location: Library



Days: Third Wednesdays
Location: Garden Room

Women's Monday Circle



Second Mondays 9:30 am
Location: Parlor



The 2025 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 the Outreach Committee. 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 through this QR code linked to our website.

