



The Journey

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“BUT WHEN THE GAME IS DONE...”

The first BIG weekend of college football is in the books, and yes, there were some surprises. But, as they say, that’s why they play the game. We who love this time of year immerse ourselves in it, hanging on to every untimely penalty, every missed-it-by-this-much pass, and every agonizing turnover. We have a love/hate relationship with this game.

Which is all the more reason for me to remind you: you are not the team you pull for. Your worth does not increase with a win, and it does not decrease with a loss. Do not let the actions of talented 18 - 22-year-old athletes be the determination of your mood for the next four months. There is more to you, an eternal worth that is imbued by the God who creates you and loves you beyond your imagination. And it has nothing to do with the gridiron.

In the back of my mind this past weekend, I’ve been thinking of others whose worth is just as great: the families whose children were killed or wounded in Minneapolis last week. And the woman who is doing her best to survive domestic abuse. And the children who go to bed hungry at night. And the widow who misses their spouse so very much. And the one whose doctor told them about their test results.

And suddenly, football seems so very small and insignificant in the larger picture. Please understand this is not intended to make anyone feel guilty about enjoying the football season, or about being enthusiastic for a time that gives us distraction from such issues, because I’m right there with you, watching the games with my banquet of unhealthy foods. I hope that you do find joy, anguish, and even relaxation in the stadium and in front of your TV. But when the game is done, come back with your innate worth intact and work, pray, and live for those whose worth is just as great.

Pastor Brad

SAVE THE DATE!

September 21st is **Love Thy Neighbor Sunday!** The Evangelism committee hopes that you will invite your neighbors (friends, family, and community) to worship with us and join us for a pot luck lunch.



The *Journey* is published on the first and third Tuesday of the month.
The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, September 11**. Email to: publisher@fcc-hsv.org

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LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

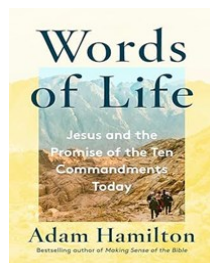


Frank Ahlbin, father of Jon Ahlbin
 A.J. Arisco, relative of Pam Clasgens
 Alan Brennaman
 Ken Brown
 Grace Carter, friend of Cameron & Diane Douglas
 Chad Cegelski, nephew of the Seward's
 Judy Chaney
 Christy Denton, mother of Chris Clark
 Vonda Dihm
 Pam Gilliland
 Bud & Linda Hooker
 Lane Ingram, friend of Jean Patterson
 Katherine Jordan
 Stephen McCreary
 Lisa Miller, niece of Monty Love
 Becky Love Roberts, sister of Monty Love
 John Robinson
 Tommy Ross & Madisyn Magistiados, friends of
 Chris & Rhianna Clark
 Mary Spencer
 Hillary Hettinger Steiner
 Helga Tucker, Rhianna Clark's grand-mother
 Jay & Cynthia Wright, parents of Holly Ahlbin

Long term prayer concerns are published once a month in the *Journey*. Call the church office at 256-881-0150 or send requests to publisher@fcc-hsv.org. **Please** keep the church office informed of the status of individuals you put on the list.

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING

For any women interested, a new Bible study will begin in September. In this 10-week study we will be using Adam Hamilton's *Words of Life - Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments*.



The study group will meet each Thursday at 10:00 am in the church parlor beginning September 18th. **If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lisa Fitzgerald by September 8th at 256-508-4837 or lkfitzgerald0@gmail.com.**



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!
amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2AVADD27FPHTY?ref=wl_share

REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

First Christian Church, Tuscaloosa, AL
 First Christian Church,
 Valhermoso Springs, AL

ATTENDANCE

Aug. 24 Worship Service: 98
 Small Groups (During week & Sunday): NR
 Aug. 31 Worship Service: 121
 Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 45

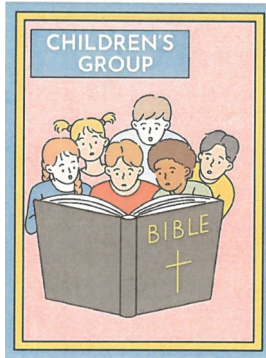
Community Outreach (CO) is asking for regular donations of hygiene products such as: sanitary pads, tampons, and/or period underwear (period-proof underwear is a relatively new period product that looks and feels like regular underwear.). The donations will support girls who do not have funds to purchase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

Please consider helping with this needed project.

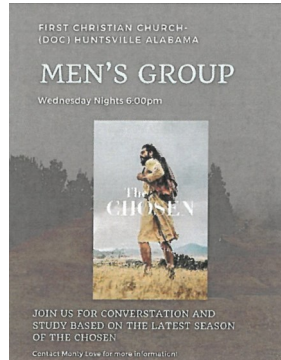
FINANCIAL AID FOR NEEDY ADULTS, THE FORGOTTEN ONES

For our September project, Community Outreach is requesting donations for the Adult Services Unit of DHR and Enable (formerly CASA) to be used throughout the year in their work with needy adults, most with mental or physical limitations. Services range from building ramps and weatherization of homes to home-maker services and supplying medical equipment. Many are at risk of neglect, abuse, or exploitation. This is often a forgotten population but one frequently in need of services. Checks can be made to FCC with "CO September project" in the memo line. The project will go through the end of the month. Your support will make a difference as these organizations help our community's vulnerable adults. Thank you for caring.

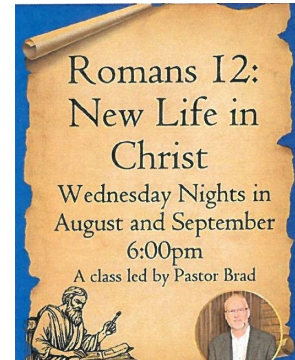
WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL AT 5:30 AND STUDIES 6:00



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Contact : Rev. Alyssa Burton



Location: Parlor
Contact: Monty Love

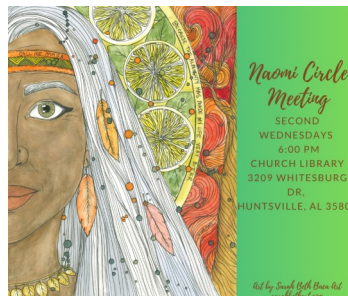


Location: Basement Rm 204
Contact: Rev. Brad Henderson

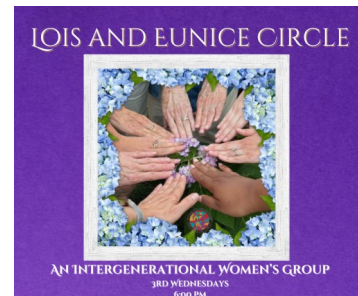
Women's Circle Meetings



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.

