



The Journey

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2023 Special Offering Sound the Trumpets: Unmuted Witness; Uncommon Love; United Service

The annual Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering will be received on September 24th and October 1st. Reconciliation Ministry is an invaluable part of the church as we strive to faithfully follow Jesus Christ. When we encounter the perils of systemic racism, we sound the trumpet. In every expression of the church, we sound the alarms so that we may be the hands and feet of Christ in the face of racial inequity and injustice. Just like the camps of the east and south in Israel, called together at the sound of the trumpets in the book of Numbers, Disciples are called together as an anti-racist and pro-reconciling faith movement.

Your generous giving in our shared ministry of Reconciliation allows us to join the cacophony of trumpets sounding the alarm to unmute our witness on behalf of the voiceless, to shine the light of Christ's uncommon love, and to advocate for justice through our united service and ministry of reconciliation. Will you join Reconciliation Ministry, seeking to extend the reach of Christ's invitation to abundant life for all of God's children?

You can note "Reconciliation Offering" for any amount, whatever your preferred method of donating to Huntsville First Christian Church. (You may donate online through the church's PayPal account by clicking on the Donate button at fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give) Half of your gifts to this special offering stay within the Alabama-Northwest Florida Region.

Please give generously.

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

We will be producing an updated Church Directory in October with names, addresses, phone numbers, and family email addresses. We can list up to two phone/cell phone numbers (if you are providing two numbers, please attach a name to each number) and one email address per family. **If we do not hear from you by Wednesday, September 27**, we will publish the information you provided in the February 2023 Directory. To update your information, please email office@fcc-hsv.org or call 256-881-0150.

You do not need to contact the Church Office if there are no changes.

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is given in honor of Pastor Appreciation by Marie Bittle, and in honor of the new FCC leadership.

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

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**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. Many are at risk of neglect, abuse, or exploitation. This is often a forgotten population but one that is often in desperate need, particularly in these difficult times. 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.

PROPERTY WORK DAY. Saturday, September 23, 9:00 am. We will weed the side of McMains Hall and spread mulch in all of the gardens and islands. We should be done by 10:30 or 11. Call the church office, 256-881-0150, or email office@fcc-hsv.org if you plan on helping so we will know how many to expect. Thanks!

Community Outreach supports Title 1 schools with needs for girls without monies to buy feminine hygiene products. The schools include Morris School.

CO would like to have regular donations of hygiene products such as:

- Sanitary pads. Sanitary pads are great for younger girls.
- Period underwear. Period-proof underwear is a relatively new period product. It looks and feels like regular underwear.

CO has a collection site in the church and will deliver the donations to the Health Officer, Jana Mason or Elizabeth Fleming at Huntsville City Schools Auxiliary Office on Bob Wallace. They would distribute the donations as needed at the schools.

This past summer, 22 items were delivered to the central office. Let's keep the box full.

Christian Women's Ministries service project for September is **Hope Place**. Hope Place is an agency of Crisis Services of North Alabama that provides emergency shelter, counseling, court advocacy, etc. for victims of domestic violence and their children. Please join our Circle members in supporting this worthy cause during September. You may include your donation with your church offering by noting "Hope Place" and the amount.

Thank you, Nancy Woodall



If you want to help with Habitat this year, you will need to take a virtual volunteer orientation program. These are done on the computer in the comfort of your house. The next two are given on Tues., Sept. 19 and Sat., Oct. 7. Both are at 10:30 AM. You will need to contact Tracy Draper at the Habitat Office to get on the list for one of them. She is at tdraper@habitatrivervalley.org. If you want, I could set one up at church on one of their computers. Let me know. Bob Senn

Want to start a new spiritual discipline or continue a tradition? Why not keep a "blessing box" handy? You can celebrate blessings large or small on a regular basis by dropping a coin or more in as an intentional, "Thank You, God." You can use your own container or pick up a CWM blessing box (created in 1953) from your circle or from the narrow table in the Commons hallway. Contents will be collected in late March or April to support the Disciples Mission Fund.

REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS
First Christian, Pensacola, FL
Madison Christian, Madison, AL

ATTENDANCE
Sept. 10: In-Person Worship Service: 95
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 28
Sept. 17: In-Person Worship Service: 99
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 111

October 2023

Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 World Comm union Sunday Reconciliation Offering 12:30p Youth Group 2p Pickle ball	2 School Fall Break 10:30 am Quilters	3 School Fall Break	4 School Fall Break No Wednesday night meal 6p Men's Group • Phoebe Circle	5 School Fall Break 10a Simon Peter Study	6 School Fall Break Youth Mission Camp Chandler	7 Youth Mission Camp Chandler
8 Youth Mission Camp Chandler 10:30a Community Out- reach 2p Pickle ball	9 9:30a Esther Circle 10:30a Quilters	10 4:30p Elders	11 10:15a ECM Worship 5:30p Meal 6p Men's Bible Study • Children's Group • Naomi Circle	12 10a Simon Peter Study 6p Board	13	14
15 10:30a Evangelism 12:30 p Family Fun Pump- kin Patch Outing 2p Pickle ball	16 10:30a Quilters	17	18 10:15a ECM Worship 5:30p Meal 6p Men's Bible Study • Children's Group • Lois & Eunice Circle	19 10a Simon Peter Study	20	21 11a Youth Group-CASA
22 2p Pickle ball	23 10:30a Quilters	24	25 10:15a ECM Worship 5:30p Meal 6p Men's Bible Study • Children's Group	26 10a Simon Peter Study	27	28
29 2p Pickle ball 5-7 pm Trunk or Treat	30 10:30a Quilters	31				

