



CAMERON'S CORNER

Once you find God's love, grace, acceptance and mercy and confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior, what's next? Are there any expectations? The following is well stated and worth your while to read, study and apply.

God expects us to live in alignment with God's will, guided by love, faith, and obedience. God's expectations are rooted in the principles revealed through Scripture and the life of Jesus. Some key aspects of what God expects include:

1. Love God and Love Others: The greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39). God expects us to build our lives on love - both for God and for others - treating everyone with kindness, compassion, and respect.
2. Faith and Trust in Him: God desires that we place our full trust and faith in Him, seeking His guidance in all areas of life. God wants us to rely on Him, especially in times of uncertainty, and trust that God's plan for us is good (Proverbs 3:5-6).
3. Obedience to His Word: God expects us to live according to His commandments and teachings. God calls us to follow the example of Christ, living lives of integrity, humility, and righteousness (John 14:15).
4. Seek Justice and Protect the Vulnerable: God expects us to stand up for justice, care for the marginalized, and protect those who are powerless. Throughout Scripture, God consistently calls God's people to care for the poor, the oppressed, widows, orphans, and strangers (Micah 6:8; Isaiah 1:17).
5. Humility and Repentance: God desires a humble heart that acknowledges its need for Him. God expects us to repent of our sins, seek God's forgiveness, and grow in holiness, continually turning back to Him when we fall short (2 Chronicles 7:14; 1 John 1:9).
6. Live in Peace and Unity: God expects us to be peacemakers, striving for unity and reconciliation. God calls us to forgive one another, to avoid division, and to live in harmony with others (Matthew 5:9; Ephesians 4:3).
7. Serve Others and Use Our Gifts: God has gifted each of us uniquely, and expects us to use those gifts to serve others and build up God's kingdom. God calls us to a life of selflessness, serving others just as Christ served (1 Peter 4:10; Matthew 20:28).

In summary, God expects us to reflect God's love in our daily lives, living with faith, justice, humility, and compassion. His expectations are not burdensome but life-giving, leading us to a closer relationship with Him and with one another.

To all of that I say Amen!

Pastor Cameron

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**LONG TERM
PRAYER CONCERNS**



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Hello church family!

October is here and so it's time to prepare for one of FCC-HSV's most fun community events. **Trunk or Treat** will be **Sunday, October 27th from 5-7pm**. We need candy and other food items donated, as well as people to decorate and man trunks! You may sign up in the Narthex or email Alyssa@fcchsv.org or online at [Sign Up Genius](#).



**HUNTSVILLE LEARNING CENTER
OCTOBER FUNDRAISER**

For the month of October, the Community Outreach ministry is collecting donations to benefit the Huntsville Learning Center.

Huntsville Learning Center (HLC) is a faith-based non-profit after-school program that helps students from impoverished and underserved communities. HLC has been ministering to school-age children (K-8th) and their families since 2005. In 2023, they moved to larger facilities on Kavanaugh Drive in Northwest Huntsville and introduced 9th-grade classes. The Learning Center plans to add another grade level each year, with programs for students Kindergarten through 12th grade by the fall of 2026. The Learning Center also holds Summer Camp and other community programs such as parent education opportunities. You can learn more at www.hsvlc.org.

HLC envisions a future where all children, including those from marginalized communities, are inspired to become confident, compassionate, and successful individuals who positively impact our world. They believe that every individual is one of God's creations and deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential. HLC is committed to helping them do just that!

Throughout October, you can note "Huntsville Learning Center" or "HLC" for any amount, whatever your preferred method of donating to Huntsville First Christian Church.

Please give generously.



Long term prayer concerns are published once a month in the *Journey*. **Please** keep the church office informed of the status of the individuals you put on the list.

REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

First Christian Church, Robertsedale, AL
Grace Christian Church, Helena, AL



THE FOOD BASKETS are given in honor of Clara Green's birthday by Rick & Kay Shrout and in honor of Pastor Appreciation by Marie Bittle.

ATTENDANCE

Sept. 22: Worship Service: 115
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 43
Sept. 29: Worship Service: 95
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 59
Oct. 6: Worship Service: 85
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 45

PRAYER FOR SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, - Ephesians 3:20

Dear God,

We are assured that you will do more than we could ever ask at First Christian Church. We know your will is for First Christian to thrive in serving you and your world. May we trust in that will as we continue our senior minister search. May your way be made known to us.

In your Son's name,
Amen

Hello Church Family!

The youth group is collecting disinfecting wipes and tissues for Whitesburg School. A bin for collection will be in the Narthex labeled "Healthy Students." Thank you for your generosity in this endeavor!

FCC-Youth and Pastor Alyssa

Weekly prayer concerns are published in the Sunday bulletins. Send your requests to publisher@fcc-hsv.org or call the church office at 256-881-0150. **Please notify the Pastors or the church office if you are going to the hospital and would like to be contacted**

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

In Huntsville and other communities, feminine hygiene products deserts exist. Girls and sometimes their mothers cannot attend school because the family cannot afford feminine hygiene products, and so the girls stay home from school or their mothers from work. Our emphasis will be on the girls' needs.

The Outreach Committee would like to support Title One schools with needs for girls without monies to buy these products. We would like to have regular donations of hygiene products and sanitary pads are preferred. There is a collection box in the Sanctuary Lobby and we will deliver the donations the Huntsville City Schools' Health Officer who will distribute the donations as needed at the schools.

Please consider providing ongoing support with this needed project.

Margaret J. Vann, Outreach Committee



The 2024 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is available. You may contact the office at 256-881-0150 or [publish-er@fcc-hsv.org](mailto: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 Community Outreach. Make checks payable to First Christian Church and Food Basket on the notation line. You may also make your payment through PayPal on our website at fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give

