



The Journey

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THE PATH WE SHARE

Walk with Us in Stewardship

"Our steps are made firm by the Lord, when He delights in our way..." - Psalm 37:23

We're now midway through our annual Stewardship Campaign and looking forward to gathering for Celebration Sunday on November 16. Psalm 37 reminds us that even when we stumble, God holds us by the hand. As a church family, we journey together - each step guided by grace and strengthened by community. Stewardship is how we live that journey: through giving, serving, and committing to the future of First Christian Church.

This year, we're using shoes as a symbol of our shared path. Each time you put yours on, reflect on how God has steadied your steps - and how you can help steady someone else's. Your estimate of giving is a vital part of planning our ministries for 2026, ensuring we continue to grow in spirit and service.



During worship, you'll hear stories from members about how God has guided their journey and how this church has walked beside them. On Celebration Sunday, we'll gather in joy and gratitude - celebrating the gifts, stories, and commitments that make our church vibrant.

Consider how you might respond to God's call in this season of stewardship. Please return your estimate of giving card by November 16 to the church office or the collection area in the Narthex.

Let's walk forward - faithfully, generously, and together - on the path we share.

Pam Clasgens, Chair

Stewardship Committee

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

For November, the Wednesday Night activities will focus around community service. **We have a meal at 5:15** followed by a service project. Visit this link, secure.smores.com/n/ckz0y, for more information about the projects we will focus on! The Women's Circles (first Wednesday Phoebe on Zoom, second Wednesday Naomi, and third Wednesday Lois & Eunice. Esther Circle meets second Mondays at 9:30 am.) will still be meeting, some by Zoom! Call 256-881-0150 for meal reservations.

The *Journey* is published on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, November 13**. 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
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
Bev & Don Williams
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.

THE FOOD BASKETS are given in honor of Spencer Jenkins 4th birthday by Beverly & James Cannon, and in honor of John & Jill Hall's 50th anniversary.

ATTENDANCE

Oct. 26 Worship Service: 97
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 56
Nov. 2 Worship Service: 113
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 42



For the month of November, the Community Outreach ministry is collecting donations to benefit the Community Free Dental Clinic.

Located on Whitesburg Drive near Bob Wallace, the Community Free Dental Clinic provides tooth extractions with a limited number of cleanings and fillings to people at or near poverty level. Neither Medicare, Medicaid, nor the Affordable Care Act provide dental coverage to adults, and people in financial hardship are unable to buy dental coverage on their own.

Without dental coverage, people often endure tooth pain until it pushes them to a hospital emergency room. There, they will only receive prescriptions for antibiotics (if an obvious infection is present) and/or pain medications. Local dentists and dentists from University of Alabama in Birmingham volunteer their time at the clinic so that people without dental insurance can receive treatment for the cause of their tooth pain.

Throughout November, you can note "Free Dental Clinic," 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.

Please give generously.



CONGRATULATIONS to Raynor & Madeline Boles on the birth of John Duffy Boles III on Thursday, October 23. Duffy & Lee Boles are the proud grandparents.

The 2025 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is available. **You may come by the office or call 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 with Food Basket on the notation line. You may also make your payment through PayPal and designate Food Basket through on our website at fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING



Since its beginning, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has pledged its dedication to the support of higher education. Higher Education & Leadership Ministries (HELM) provides support, nurture and funding in the denomination's realm of higher education. HELM currently partners with 15 colleges and universities, and 7 seminaries and divinity houses, all of which are associated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). HELM is also looking to expand its relationship with other schools and institutions to better serve the educational needs of all our Disciples.

Supporting students is more important than ever. Scholarship requests are increasing yearly. We ask for your support during this year's Thanksgiving Offering (Nov. 16 & 23) so that HELM can both continue supporting the needs of higher education and learning and grow to meet the broader needs of our Disciples students. It is HELM's mission to develop and nurture Christian leaders who are transforming church, society and world. Together, we can make this obtainable for all. You can support this organization with donations made by noting "HELM," 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.

Please give generously.

Karen Ball,

Outreach Committee Chair

THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Through your generous support of the Community Outreach project for September, \$2,000 was divided between Adult Services of DHR and Enable! Both organizations were so very grateful for the gift from FCC to be used for their work with vulnerable adults in our community. We will not know the individuals helped by our donation but we are making a difference in the lives of those in need by helping organizations that do the work.

Thank you for caring about the less fortunate in our area!

