



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) BEGINNINGS

Everything has a starting point, and the denomination of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is no different. In the 1800s, two religious movements converged to create what is known as the Stone-Campbell Movement, which eventually separated into the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Church of Christ, and the Church of Christ. However, a document written in 1804 began the Stone movement and still helps steer the identity and practices of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination.

Barton Stone had been working (and getting into trouble) as a Presbyterian minister in Springfield, Kentucky. Over time, he began to take issue with some key aspects of Presbyterian theology - predestination, in particular. Eventually, things came to a head, and a landmark document was produced. *The Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery* was penned in 1804. Although the congregation was strong and growing, those who attended and led this presbytery signed away the life of the congregation as it was known.

The document begins with a brief summary of the congregation's health and an acknowledgment of the document's intended purpose. It states, "We will, that this body die, be dissolved, and sink into union with the Body of Christ at large; for there is but one body, and one spirit, even as we are called in one hope of our calling." This statement alone was revolutionary at the time.

The document goes on to outline many principles that the Presbytery "willed." Some of the most recognizable today include: congregations having the power over decision-making and the ability to call their own leadership; the Bible as the main source of teaching material; maintaining civility in times of dispute; and placing Jesus at the center of belief (instead of earthly leaders, such as the Pope or bishops).

I invite you to take the time to read this document in full. It is not very long, but it remains a fascinating part of our history!

Rev. Alyssa Burton

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**LONG TERM  
PRAYER CONCERNS**



**Not Published Online**

**REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

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



**THE FOOD BASKETS** are given in honor of Jackie & Ron Volinski's first great-great-grand child Yates Vito Manzo (Sarah & Bryan Manzo parents) and in honor of Spencer Jenkins third birthday by Beverly & James Cannon.

**ATTENDANCE**

Oct. 27: Worship Service: 83  
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 26  
Trunk or Treat: 375  
Nov. 3: Worship Service: 106  
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 52



**COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN NOVEMBER**

**FIRST STOP, INC.**



"First Stop encounters the homeless where they are, connects them to critical services and support, and empowers them toward independent sustainable living." (firststop.org)

In 2001, First Stop was formed through the efforts of the City of Huntsville and the Interfaith Mission Service to serve the homeless population with compassion, respect, and excellence. In 2008 it was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and in 2023 opened a new facility on Stokes Ave.

First Stop partners with the City of Huntsville and other local agencies to offer case management, medical care, mental health care, and other services to the homeless community. Please give generously with a note in the memo line for "First Stop" by check or through PayPal on our website at [fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give](http://fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give). Please go to [firststop.org](http://firststop.org) for more info and to learn about hands-on opportunities to serve with First Stop.

Thank you!



**BABY SPRINKLE!**



Please join us in celebrating the upcoming birth of Baby Boy Herron! We will celebrate with a reception following service on November 17th. We are so excited for this new addition to our church family.

The family has provided a registry of a few items that will help make the arrival of Baby Herron a little easier, and said, Costco gift cards would also be appreciated to help off set diaper costs!

[www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?registryId=8d133ca0-7ddc-11ef-a230-f70b691a90a8&type=BABY](http://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?registryId=8d133ca0-7ddc-11ef-a230-f70b691a90a8&type=BABY)

Much Love,  
The Young Adults

Hello Church Family!

The youth are collecting new and gently used winter weather clothing (coats, gloves, hats, socks) to distribute to those who are served by the Salvation Army mobile soup kitchen. We will be distributing items on November 19. Please consider donating to this worthy cause in our community. All sizes are needed and welcomed. Leftover donations (if we have any) will be given to Mana House to serve similar communities!

FCC-Youth and Pastor Alyssa

## 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 (November 17 & 24) 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 add a note "Thanksgiving Offering" in the memo line of your check or on your PayPal offering through our website at [fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give](https://fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give).

Please give generously.

Karen Ball, Outreach Ministry Chair

## November Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Shelf-Stable Milk

Chef Boyardee

Bar Soap

Cereal

Crackers

Canned Fruit

Mixed Veggies

Spaghetti Sauce



**HUNTSVILLE**  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
MATTHEW 23:35



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:publish-er@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](https://fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give)

