



The Journey

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GRATITUDE AND CELEBRATION: WALKING FORWARD TOGETHER

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

As we come to a close of our annual Stewardship Campaign, we pause to give thanks. To those who have already returned your commitment card - thank you! Your generosity and faithfulness help ensure that First Christian Church continues to grow in spirit and service in the year ahead.

If you haven't yet turned in your estimate of giving, there's still time. Commitment cards are available in the Narthex and church office. You may also call the church office and give your estimate of giving to Matt or Lynn or email them at matt@fcc-hsv.org or lynn@fcc-hsv.org. Every gift matters, and every commitment strengthens the shared path we walk as a church family. Your pledge helps us plan ministries for 2026 and live out our calling to be a beacon of hope and love in our community.

Throughout this campaign, we've reflected on the shoes that carry us along life's journey - symbols of the steps we take together in faith. During worship, members shared shoes that tell their stories: sturdy hiking boots for the rugged paths of life, an ice hockey goalie skate representing perseverance and teamwork, and the tiny shoes of small children reminding us of the future we nurture. Each pair speaks to the truth that God steadies our steps and calls us to walk beside one another.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's walk forward together on the path God has set before us.

Pam Clasgens, Chair
Stewardship Committee



FUNKY CHRISTMAS FASHION SHOW!



Hello all! Get ready for a fun fundraiser led by the youth group! It is time again for the Funky Christmas Fashion show. This fundraiser doubles as a fun event for the entire church. Following the 5:15 meal on Wednesday, December 3rd, join the youth for a night of Christmas cheer and ugly Christmas sweaters to fund Christmas presents for 5 local children. The way the Funky Christmas Fashion show works is that **members of the church, children's group, and youth group sign up to dress up in their ugliest, funkiest, most adorable, Christmas outfits** and show them off to the congregation in the fashion show of the advent season. The fundraising part of this event happens directly following the runway show when all are invited to vote for their favorite contestant, one dollar is equal to one vote! At the end of this event, we will tally the votes and announce the winner!

Make sure to mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 3rd, at 5:15 pm in McMains! If you are interested in participating in the fashion show, or would like to donate for the Christmas present shopping, please contact Alyssa Burton at alyssa@fcc-hsv.org or sign up on the board located outside of the sanctuary!

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

The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 26**. Email to: publisher@fcc-hsv.org

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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

PASTORS' SABBATH DAYS

Please remember that our pastors have days off each week. Alyssa's days off are Tuesday and Saturday, and Brad's are Friday and Saturday. Our pastors are always available in times of crisis or emergency, but it helps them to be renewed and refreshed when their Sabbath days are uninterrupted by church-related work. We hope you will keep this in mind when you consider contacting them.

ATTENDANCE

Nov. 9 Worship Service: 100
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 64
Nov. 16 Worship Service: 105
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 46



Community Free

Dental Clinic

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 Stan & Audrey Ball on the birth of Finnegan Thomas Ball on Tuesday, November 12. Matt & Karen Ball are the proud grandparents.

REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Seminarians

United Christian Church, Montgomery, AL
Westwood Christian Church, Pensacola, FL
Ambassadors for Christ

