



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On February 2nd, the eyes of the world will be on Super Bowl LIV as the San Francisco 49ers play the Kansas City Chiefs for the Lombardi Trophy. I will admit that I will be watching the game with my family and our youth group and that I will be cheering for the Chiefs, remember that Patti was raised in Kansas and is very excited by their Super Bowl appearance. It should be a wonderful game, but to me this will not be the highlight of the day.

The highlight of my day will be after the second service when the Youth Group holds its annual Chili Cook Off and Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser. I love chili, and if I do say so myself I can cook a mean bowl of red. The competition is always fun and I am looking forward to the Chili Cook Off trophy once again taking its rightful place in my office, but that is not what the day is all about. This day is about caring for those in need, as all of the funds donated to the Chili Cook Off will be donated to the Rose of Sharon Soup Kitchen. Our youth group has participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring for many years, but even I did not know that the Souper Bowl of Caring is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.



The Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-inspired, youth-led movement working with other groups across the nation including: schools, churches, local businesses, corporations, passionate individuals and NFL teams to tackle hunger in their local communities during the weeks leading up to the biggest celebration in football, the Super Bowl. In 1990, a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" was delivered to a small youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC led by Brad Smith, who was serving as a seminary intern at the time.

This gave birth to an idea. Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football, food and fun, to unite the nation for a higher good? Youth groups could collect money and canned food for those in need and send every dollar and food donation to a local charity of their choice. The first year, they invited 22 area churches to join the team and collected \$5,700 with 100% of donations distributed to local-area charities.

Since then, the Souper Bowl of Caring has become a national, grass roots, youth-led movement where ordinary young people are doing extraordinary work. Over 150 million dollars and food donations have been generated while benefiting thousands of soup kitchens, food banks, meal programs and other hunger-relief

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Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, January 30**, at Noon [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

3209 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802 Telephone: 256-881-0150 **Office Hours: 9am - 5pm M-F**  
Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages - 9:15 a.m.

**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 2**

**Scripture** Micah 6: 1-8  
**Sermon** "The Justice of God"

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Kerry Williams & Nancy Woodall

10:30 Andy Herron & Sabrina Beckman

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Lynn Abernathy

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Kyle & Carrie Love

Kathi Luzar & Nancy Waites

10:30 Nancy Adams & Ruth Lackey

Tré Davis & Marilee Keim

Bev Williamson

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Rick & Kay Shrout

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is in honor of Jordan Green's birthday by Rick & Kay Shrout.

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*The Leaven*

Nancy Woodall, John Hall &

Brianna Jackson

**YOUNG DISCIPLES WORSHIP**

Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

Mary Ann Anderson

**AV SUPPORT TEAM**

Technical Director - Chuck Herber

Assistant Director - Michael Smith

Sound - Malcolm Landreth

ATTENDANCE	1/19	1/26
First Service Worship	53	33
Sunday School	38	36
Second Service Worship	91	83
Children's Church	7	6
Young Disciples	NA	6
Total Worship	151	128

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charities in local communities. In 2019, nearly 5,000 groups collected over 9.6 million dollars and food donations for hunger-relief charities across the country. Our congregation and our youth group have been a part of this effort.

I invite you to come to the Chili Cook Off on February 2nd, try the Chili, donate to your favorite pot, and become a part of a wider effort to share food and resources with those who are at risk in our community. Even if you do not like football that is something to get excited about.

**FAMILY GAME DAY**

**WhooHoo!** Our first all church family game day is almost here! Mark your calendar for **Sunday, February 23**, at 4:00 pm! Two family games will be hosted for this first gathering: Bingo and Bunco! There are posters in Commons area to sign up for either or both



game(s). There will be snacks and winning prizes! Winners will be featured in the Journey, too!

There will also be an area for our youngest members to color, build with legos, story time, and/or video. And feel free to bring your favorite family game to recruit players just coordinate with your MF Convener to ensure that tables will be made available. Come one, come all!



**THANK YOU!**

The Foster Care Unit of DHR was thrilled to receive twenty four \$25 Walmart gift cards for the social workers to have on hand for emergencies! That's right - 24 gift cards! They were very touched by this gesture of support from FCC. Thank you for caring about the needy in our community.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Christy Clasgens, a recent graduate of Jacksonville State University! Christy graduated with special honors in her major, Communications. What an accomplishment!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS & GROUPS

### Resume on January 29

Fried chicken, mashed potatoes & cream gravy, seasoned green beans, yeast rolls, pie, and assorted drinks. Please call in your reservation (256-881-0150) **ASAP!**

Following the 5:30 meal are small groups including: Young Adults, Kids'/Youth, Men's and Women's Bible Studies. The Chancel Choir meets at 7:00 pm.



### Food Pantry

Please remember to bring a non-perishable item, or several, for the food cart outside of McMains Hall on a Sunday.

Pick your own Sunday and make it a habit. Let's help keep the pantry full at the Huntsville Assistance Program.

Thank you,  
Community Outreach Committee

### CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH?

Stream it live at:

<https://www.twitch.tv/fcchsv>

## YOU WERE SO GENEROUS!

Because of your generosity, 17 twenty-five dollar gift cards were given to both DHR and CASA for their work with disadvantaged adults in our community! The Adult Services Supervisor at DHR had just learned that their budget has been cut by half for this year so our gift cards will mean so much. CASA, too, appreciated knowing that they have all this extra money to use throughout the year for their clients. You are making such a difference to those in need. The Community Outreach Committee thanks you for caring.

### FOUND

One gold colored clip-on hoop earring. Claim it at the church office volunteer desk.

### SEVERAL OPEN DATES FOR FOOD BASKETS

The 2020 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is now up and located across the hall from McMains Hall. Remember a friend, anniversary, birthday, or other special occasion.

Donations are \$25.00 with checks made out to First Christian Church and Food Basket on the notation line. The donated funds go to our Community Outreach ministry.





- 1 Campbell Blair, Judith Hodge
- 3 Jodi Crockett & Kathryn Shrout
- 5 Cowan Wilson IV
- 6 Don Coburn
- 7 Charles Herber, Michelle Givens, & Valerie Parks
- 10 Lisa Fitzgerald
- 11 Matthew Brown
- 14 Ben Burger, Mike Burger & Justin Givens
- 17 Holly Ahlbin, Brandon Rutledge & Jackie Sanford
- 19 Shelby Gillroy
- 20 Adler James Turner
- 23 David Suggs
- 25 Shea Brennaman, Evan Sexton, & Velma Strong
- 26 Kelsey Beckman & Tom Craig

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					9 am Emmaus	1
2 11:30 pm Chili Cook-Off 3 pm Pickelball 5 pm Youth Super Bowl Party	3 10 am Quilters	4 6 pm Personnel Committee	5 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Men's Bible Study • Kids & Youth Bible Study • Men's Bible Study • Phoebe Circle • Women's Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	6 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study	7 9 am Emmaus 5:30 pm Parents' Night Out 	8
9 3 pm Pickelball	10 9:30 am Esther Circle 10 am Quilters	11 5:30 pm Elders' Meeting	12 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Men's Bible Study • Kids & Youth Bible Study • Men's Bible Study • Women's Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	13 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study 10: am Elizabeth Circle 6 pm Board Meeting	14 9 am Emmaus <b>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY</b> ♥	15
16 11:30 Community Outreach 3 pm Pickelball	17 <b>Presidents Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 10 am Quilters	18 6 pm Christian Education Meeting	19 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Men's Bible Study • Kids & Youth Bible Study • Men's Bible Study • Women's Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	20 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study	21 9 am Emmaus	22
23 4 pm <b>All Church Game Night</b> 	24 10 am Quilters	25	26 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Ash Wednesday Service 	27 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study	28 9 am Emmaus	29 Rummage Sale <u>Set-Up</u> <u>Only</u> (Begin Receiving Rummage Sale Items at 9:30 am on Sunday, March 1)