



The Journey

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The church has its own language, words, and phrases that are used to express beliefs or define particular groups. In our own denomination we have the CWM (Christian Women's Ministries), DYF (Disciple Youth Fellowship), and DMF (Disciples Mission Fund) and we know what we are talking about even if others do not. This language is a part of us but churches also have words or phrases that make us uncomfortable and one of these words is "Stewardship".

Why do we have such a hard time talking about money in the church? Perhaps it is because society has conditioned us not to discuss the topic? I was always taught that it was rude to ask how much another person made or what they paid for an item. However, we have to face facts and realize that money is a concern in our society and we are the ones who place value on our money just as we are the ones who choose where it should go.

However, stewardship is not just about money, it is the basic idea that we should be good stewards of all the gifts God has given us. This means that our money, time, energy, physical and spiritual gifts must all be used for the glory of the Creator who provided these blessings. When we think about all that God has given us, the gift of life, family, the church, and the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are filled with a sense of awe and thanksgiving. Through these examples we know that stewardship is not about choosing when to donate, rather, it is offering our whole selves, everything that we have, that we are, or that we will be, to God.

The past few weeks we have promoted our annual stewardship campaign. We have asked you to reflect upon what you can offer to the church, and to God, and then make a pledge to the church of what you think you can give. The pledges we receive allow the church to plan for operating costs, programming, and ministry in a way that allows us to get the most benefit from each offering. Each and every Stewardship commitment helps to support the mission of First Christian Church to connect to God and to each other.

What are ways you can give?

- Fill out a Stewardship giving card and offer your tithe or gift weekly or monthly during the worship services.
- Use Automatic Bill Pay through your bank, your gift can be sent automatically to the church.
- Give by mail – Payable to First Christian Church and mail to: First Christian Church 3209 Whitesburg Drive Huntsville, AL 35802
- Give online through PayPal, you can find a handy button on our website.

Together we can fulfill the mission of the church to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Thanks be to God for the blessings we have received and the call to use them, Amen.

Pastor Paul

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, November 8**, at Noon 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, NOVEMBER 4

Sermon Scripture Ruth 1: 1-18
 Sermon "In a Foreign Land"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Mike Lash & Roger Sameck
 10:30 Jan Mackenzie & Andy Herron

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mary Ann Anderson

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Gayle Herber & Kathi Luzar
 Rick & Kay Shrout
 10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Roberta Shivers
 Charles & Pam Gilliland
 Allison Landreth

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Dinah Love

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

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

The Ten Best Ways to Live - Nancy Woodall,
 John Hall, Joe Allen, & Tré Davis

YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Peter, Follower of Jesus, Heals a Lame Man
 In Jerusalem* - Pastor Laura & Abby Allen

AV SUPPORT TEAM

Technical Director - Chuck Herber
 Assistant Director - Michael Smith
 Sound - Michael Smith &
 Malcolm Landreth
 Stream Operator - Michael Smith

ATTENDANCE	10/28	11/5
First Service Worship	36	43
Sunday School	28	28
Second Service Worship	82	99
Young Disciples	4	NA
Children's Church	9	5
Total Worship	131	147

The Bake Sale is coming! Please start planning your cakes, bread, cookies and any item that will compliment a Thanksgiving Feast! Cake domes will be in the office if needed. Set up is Friday, November 16 from 4:00 to 7:00. The Bake Sale will be Saturday, November 17 from 9:00-12:00. Start sharing the word via Facebook and email.




WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL NOVEMBER 14

Smothered pork chops, wild rice, peas, biscuits, and desserts. Following the meal are small groups including Men's Bible Study, Women's Bible Study, Youth/Kids' Bible Study. Chancel Choir and Community Outreach at 7:00 pm. **Call in your reservation by Wednesday, November 7, at 256-881-0150**

SACK SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 18TH

Please remember to bring your sacks this and next Sunday and place them on the tables in the hall outside of the Parlor! Community Outreach will be distributing your donations to Hope Place, HAP, CASA, St. Paul, and Grateful Life. Monetary donations will also be accepted and used to purchase specific items needed. Just write Sack Sunday in the memo portion of your check.



Thank-you,
 Community Outreach

The 2018 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is 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.

Changing the World one Lobster at a time! Come and join us at Lobsterfest 25, a fun family event where all the money goes to outreach within the community and beyond: Habitat for Humanity; First Stop Homeless assistance program; Sloan Medical Clinic in the Honduras; and more. YUM: Lobsters, BBQ, ribs, Brisket, live music, children's games, crafts, silent auction, furniture sale! Saturday, November 10, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, 12200 Bailey Cove Road, Huntsville, 35803. 256-880-0248, www.lobstersrock.com.



THANK YOU!

The Property Committee would like to thank Pastor Paul, Chris Barr, Don Coburn, Bob Senn, and Rick Shrout for painting McMains Hall this past week.



CWM NOVEMBER SERVICE PROJECT

In November, CWM highlights our regional service project--the plight of women who have escaped the bondage of human trafficking and are seeking a new life with the help of The WellHouse, a non-profit agency near Birmingham. The WellHouse offers spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical support services to all women who have been sexually exploited by addressing individual needs and sharing the Gospel, empowering women to make a positive, life-affirming choice. The 800 phone line for The WellHouse is answered 24/7 by a trained and caring rescue coordinator. All donations are tax deductible. Make your donation to FCC with a note in the memo line--CWM WellHouse--for a record of your giving. See the display in the Commons area for more information. Sue Seward



NURSERY HELP NEEDED

Share an hour or more of your time with our babies or toddlers once a month. Sign up poster is in the Commons for first service, Sunday School, or second service. If you are not on the Safe Church volunteer list, we can easily provide training. Call Pastor Laura, 256-881-0150, if you have any questions.

VALHALLA CEMETERY LOTS

First Christian Church owns four cemetery lots in Valhalla Memory Gardens (698 Winchester Rd NE, Huntsville, AL 35811). These lots are available at market value, either in pairs or four total. We are offering these to our members and friends before advertising through various outlets. If you would like more information, please contact Lee Boles.

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