

Our Hopes for Our Church

These statements of hope were collected at our All Church Retreat, Sept. 16-17.

- I hope that we will find a minister who can help us move forward, in whom we can feel confident. I hope we can grow.
- I hope our young members will continue to accept leadership roles especially in our search for a pastor.
- That the church will not become stagnant.
- That the church will remain open-minded in all matters and continue to be inclusive.
- Congregational growth.
- Congregational unity during pastoral search.
- I hope that we do not lose sight of our blessings. We must grow stronger in faith, knowing that God calls each of us. Together we have all we need to grow and prosper.
- It is my hope that the ministry that Rebecca has served here at FCC prospers; that relationships that have grown from seeds continue to flourish and we stick together remembering our mission statement as we work.
- I hope that we will surrender our fear to our faith.
- I hope that we remain strong, continue doing what we do best: love.
- That we continue to pray for and invite people to join us on their faith journey.
- FCC Anniston is an awesome witness to God. Nothing should get in our way!
- I hope and pray for God's divine presence and his guiding light during this time of transition. I pray for a period of growth where we as individual members and as a congregation can stretch our faith.
- I hope and pray for the new pastor who can lead us into the next ten years of this church.
- I pray that our congregation can be patient and faithful and embrace the process of selecting a new pastor, no matter how long it takes.
- I hope and pray that we will not regress in the areas we have grown as a congregation over the past few years.
- I hope and pray that the leaders in this congregation will lead faithfully and be able to withstand the challenges associated with such a transition. I pray that they will support and pray for each other and our congregation.
- My hope for our congregation is for our leaders to become stronger in their own faith. This will happen when we do two things: rely on relationships built prior to this transition and trust that God will provide us a spiritual leader that we need, not necessarily one we think we need.
- I pray that this church will trust God and seek what his plans are by praying and sharing each others' joys and concerns; by worshiping and giving of their time and resources.