

Pastoral Musings

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Scripture Focus: Micah 6:8

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” — Micah 6:8 (NIV)

As we look to the future of First Christian Church Lincolnton, it's important to be rooted in what truly matters. We don't need to search far to discover God's vision for us—Micah 6:8 reminds us plainly what the Lord requires: *justice, mercy, and humble discipleship*. These three values are more than lofty ideals. They're the framework for how we live out our calling as a church. In a world full of division and injustice, we are called to be a people who seek fairness, truth, and integrity—not only for ourselves, but for those whose voices often go unheard. As a church, this means standing beside our neighbors, advocating for the vulnerable, and making sure the ministries we support reflect the justice of God's kingdom. Whether through local outreach or how we treat one another within our congregation, we are committed to embodying the justice of Christ. In a divided nation where mistrust and resentment often run deep, mercy must be shown in our conversations, on our social media feeds, in our neighborhoods, and especially across lines of difference. It means offering grace even when it's hard, forgiving freely, and responding to need with compassion. As Micah reminds us, this isn't just a suggestion, it's a requirement. At First Christian Church Lincolnton, we strive to be a place where brokenness meets healing, where kindness is practiced daily, and where no one feels beyond the reach of God's love. Humility doesn't mean thinking less of ourselves—it means thinking of ourselves less. To walk humbly with God is to stay teachable, to listen well, and to surrender control as we trust in God's guidance. As a congregation, we do not claim to have all the answers, but we walk forward in faith, seeking God's will together. We pray, worship, and serve with the understanding that it is Christ who leads this church—not any one person or plan. As we continue to grow as a community of faith, I believe God is calling First Christian Church Lincolnton to be a church that lives out Micah 6:8 in every aspect of our ministry. Not just in what we say, but in how we love. Not just in Sunday worship, but in weekday witness.

Let this verse be more than a motto. Let it be our mission.

With hope and gratitude,

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