



# The Journey

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## Cameron's Corner

In the early nineties, the ABC news show 20/20 had an interesting segment on the shroud of Turin. Have you ever heard of the Shroud of Turin? It is supposed to be the cloth that Jesus was buried in. And on this cloth is an imprint of a face. Is the person's face of Jesus?

It is now housed in a cathedral in Turin, Italy. Several years ago an international team of scientists, consisting of Christians, Jews, Moslems, and non-believers, set about to prove or disprove the story behind this ancient cloth. The results of their findings were published in an issue of National Geographic magazine.

The interesting thing to me about the 20/20 story was an interview that they had with one of the scientists, an Air Force colonel who was a specialist in laser technology. He openly admitted that he began the project not only as a non-Christian but as a person who was openly anti-religious. I relished this opportunity, he said, to debunk what I considered a childish myth. Geraldo Rivera asked him: "Now that you have spent four years on this project what is your response." He said: "After four years on this project, I now fall upon my knees and worship a resurrected Christ."

It would be nice if we could hold some physical evidence in our hands to prove it all, but I would mislead you this Easter Day if I left the impression that the resurrection was a matter of fact. For in the end, the resurrection is a matter of faith and therefore belief. In the end you cannot prove it or disprove it. And that is why some brilliant people believe and why some brilliant people do not believe. Because you cannot prove it one way or the other. In the end we must fall back upon the words of the resurrected Christ to the disciple Thomas: "Thomas, you have believed because you have seen. Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe."

I sincerely hope to see you in church during Holy Week: Palm Sunday Worship followed by a Light Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt, Maundy-Thursdays Communion and Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m., March 28, and ending with Easter Sunday morning Celebration Worship Service at 9:30 a.m., March 31, 2024.

See You Then,  
Pastor Cameron



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

The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 28**. Email to: [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

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## LENT & EASTER SERVICES

### Palm Sunday Service

March 24

Procession of Palms

9:30 am Service

10:30 am Light Brunch  
and Egg Hunt



### Maundy Thursday Service

Communion and

Tenebrae Service

March 28 at 7:00 pm



### Easter Service

March 31

9:30 am Service



The annual Easter Egg Hunt activities will be on Palm Sunday, March 24th, directly following worship service. We will serve a light brunch for children and families followed by the Easter Egg Hunt.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



In March, CO is requesting financial support for Habitat For Humanity of Madison County. Bob Senn has been keeping us informed about this year's building program, which includes FCC's 29th build in our community! Please help us continue our long, productive association with Habitat with your contributions. Thank you!

Mary Ann Anderson

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

CWM is soliciting financial donations for the Healthy Families program of Huntsville's National Children's Advocacy Center. HF offers support and education to first-time parents in Madison County; these services begin just before or just after a baby's birth and may continue until a child begins kindergarten. Please give generously this month to support these important services. Thank you!

Lynn Abernathy

**CONDOLENCES** to the family of Mary Spencer who recently passed. Service will be at Laughlin Funeral Home.

Visitation: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Service: 1:00 am

## REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Nisha Warbington & Youth Ministries  
Ministers Under Care

The 2024 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is available. **You may call the office at 256-881-0150 or email [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org) to select a Sunday to remember or honor a friend, loved one, anniversary, birthday, or other special occasion.** Donations are \$25.00 and go to Community Outreach. Make checks payable to First Christian Church and Food Basket on the notation line. You may also make your payment through PayPal and designate Food Basket on our website at [fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give](http://fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give) and click on the Donate button.



**THIS WEEK'S FOOD BASKET** is given in honor Matt Seward's 50th birthday by Jeff & Sue Seward.

## ATTENDANCE

**March 10:** Worship Service: 82

Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 21

**March 17:** Worship Service: 75

Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 38






On Easter, we celebrate the power of the resurrection together with the whole body of Christ as one united church in multiple places with many gifts and languages.

Gifts to the Easter Special Offering support several of the general ministries of the Christian Church that help Disciples share the limitless love of God that overcomes death. Your gift supports:

- College students in leadership programs
- Global mission partners
- Health and social service ministries
- The formation of new congregations
- Support for pastors and chaplains
- And so much more...

We are witnesses to the power of God's love, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

**Please give generously on March 24 and 31.** You can note "Easter Offering" for any amount, by check or our PayPal account by clicking on the Donate button on our website at [fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give/](http://fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give/) And you can learn more at [disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/easter/](http://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/easter/).

An illustration of a brown paper grocery bag overflowing with various food items. Visible items include a box of cereal, a jar of jam, a bottle of olive oil, a can of soup, and a loaf of bread. The words "Food Pantry" are written in a stylized, cursive font to the right of the bag.

Why not start a new habit this Sunday? Bring one food non-perishable item for the food pantry cart. Of course, the more donations the better. If each of us could get into the habit of donating each Sunday, the cost would not seem very much in dollars or labor. Are you up to the challenge of starting a new, beneficial habit?

Our food pantry cart is located to the right as you enter the church. Can you help your neighbor?

Community Outreach (CO) is asking for regular donations of hygiene products such as: sanitary pads, tampons, and/or period underwear (period-proof underwear is a relatively new period product that looks and feels like regular underwear.). The donations will support girls at three schools - Huntsville Junior High School, McNair School, Morris School— who do not have funds to purchase these products. A donation site is located in the church Narthex. Please consider helping with this needed project.

Margaret J. Vann