



CAMERON’S CORNER

I loved the following from an online sermon by Pastor Lori Wagner (ChristianGlobe Networks, Inc.). She makes a great point.

Max Lucado once told an interesting story about a group of men who went on a fishing trip. When it rained, they were all stuck inside their trailer with nothing to do. As a result, they began sniping at each other, critiquing each other, lashing out in tempers, and feeling grouchy. His verdict: when fishermen don’t fish, they fight.

Disciples in mission are focused on the mission. Disciples who are not focused on mission will focus on their differences and not bear fruit of the kingdom of God. Our mission is to bear fruit for the kingdom.

Jesus tells us, “I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.” He goes on to say, “I am giving you these commandments so that you may love one another.” That’s right to love one another, not judge each other, nor fight among ourselves, but to love one another.

“Be united in your mission,” Jesus tells his disciples. I chose and appointed you to carry on the mission I have started, to change the world, to heal the sick and doubting, to proclaim God’s sovereignty and saving grace, to let people know, they are beautiful exactly the way they are in all of their differences and diversity, to be their example of what the world can look like when people work together toward a common goal.

Who are your brothers and sisters? Who are your neighbors?

Everyone. Not just the people in your neighborhoods. Not just the people at your work. Not just the people you know. But everyone. We are all sons and daughters of God.

The more we see the world this way, the more loving and beautiful the world will become.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Cameron

**IS YOUR CONTACT
INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE?**

We will be producing an updated Church Directory in May with names, addresses, phone numbers, and family email addresses. We can list up to two phone/cell phone numbers (if you are providing two numbers, please attach a name to each number) and one email address per family. **If we do not hear from you by Wednesday, May 15**, we will publish the information you provided in the October 2023 Directory. To update your information, please email office@fcc-hsv.org or call 256-881-0150.

You do not need to contact the Church Office if there are no changes.

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

The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 16**. Email to: publisher@fcc-hsv.org

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**LONG TERM
PRAYER CONCERNS**



SUPPORTING GRATEFUL LIFE MINISTRY

Christian Women’s Ministries and the Outreach Committee are working together for the month of May on a joint project to help support the Grateful Life Community Christian Church - our sister church. Its focus is the homeless population of Huntsville pastored by Reverend Sherry Birney. Please give as you are able. Checks are to be made out to First Christian Church with Grateful Life in the memo line or online through the church’s Paypal account at fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give

Thank you for your support of this worthy project. If you have questions, please contact Karen Ball or Roberta Shivers.

SEARCH & CALL UPDATE

The Search & Call Committee met with our Regional Minister, Rev. Kerry Kesey on April 21st in our first meeting. We went over the process for the search and call of our next Senior Minister.

We met again on Tuesday, April 30th, and began the task of updating our congregational profile. Once this is done, we will send it to the Regional Office and they will begin matching resumes to our profile.

We are asking for Prayers for our committee for discernment in looking for the information we need to finish our profile.

ECM TEACHER APPRECIATION

May 6th-10th is teacher appreciation week at ECM. FCC-HSV will be sponsoring a my favorite things snack cart. Please contact Alyssa for a list of items needed (or go to www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949AFA728A1FD0-48839808-ecmteacher) to make this InReach activity a success!



THE FOOD BASKET for May 5 was given in honor of Margaret & Mack Vann’s anniversary.

REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Macedonia Christian Church, Birmingham, AL
Cedar Plains Christian Church, Falkville, AL

CONDOLENCES to the family of Tom Killough, who passed on Saturday, April 27.

Long term prayer concerns are published once a month in the *Journey*. **Please** keep the church office informed of the status of individuals you put on the list.

CHILDREN IN DESPERATE NEED GLOBALLY

We know there are children living in desperate conditions all over the world. Please join CWM in sponsoring at least two children who are being helped by Global Ministries (co-sponsored by DoC and UCC). The Children’s Program in Zimbabwe and Family Village Farms in Panni, India both provide programs that educate, feed, house, and provide a safe, nurturing environment for children at risk. It costs \$30 a month per child in Zimbabwe and \$35 a month in India. It is our goal to sponsor at least one child for a year at each locale. Please join CWM by donating to make life better for a child in a far away land so different from ours. Checks can be made to FCC with CWM April project in the memo line or through PayPal on our website at: fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give/.

Thank you for caring about children in need wherever they are.

LET'S PRAY FOR THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Our Search Committee has begun their search for our new Senior Minister. It is an exciting time for us at FCC.

How can we help? Pray! Pray for who God wants us to be, what qualities a Senior Minister needs to help us achieve God's Purpose, and how we as a congregation can grow in God's Purpose. Please join me as we pray together for God's Wisdom. Email me at lee@fccc.org to be a part of our prayer chain.

Lee

ATTENDANCE

April 21: Worship Service: 94
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 93
April 28: Worship Service: 89
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 67
May 5 Worship Service: 100
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 75

HUNTSVILLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MAY PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Fruit, Macaroni & Cheese, Shelf-Stable Milk, Spaghetti Sauce, Dried Black Beans, Chef Boyardee, Crackers, and Bar Soap

2024 PENTECOST OFFERING

ALL WHO BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER AND HAD ALL THINGS IN COMMON; THEY WOULD SELL THEIR POSSESSIONS AND GOODS AND DISTRIBUTE THE PROCEEDS TO ALL, AS ANY HAD NEED. ACTS 2:44-45

In the beginning, every church was new.

Early disciples came together, sharing all things in common, breaking bread with glad and generous hearts. God was doing a new thing: creating a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

In the beginning, Jesus sent out disciples, two by two, not to "plant" churches, but to proclaim good news, to experience the hospitality and wisdom of neighbors all around.

Disciples of Christ New Church Ministry believes God is calling the whole Church back to becoming new... back to becoming who we are: a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

Your gifts to the 2024 Pentecost Offering, received on Sundays, **May 12 and 19**, help ensure the movement continues to embody the Disciples of Christ vision: to be and to share the Good News, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

Half of your gift supports new church development within the Alabama-Northwest Florida Region. The other half supports New Church Ministry efforts across the United States and Canada to equip, train, and empower new leaders.

You can note "Pentecost Offering" for any amount, whatever your preferred method of donating to Huntsville First Christian Church. Please give generously.

HABITAT NEWS



Some preliminary work has been done at our home to get ready for the installation of the insulation which requires many volunteers.

Blocking for the two medicine cabinets was installed in the bathroom walls, a house wrap barrier between the garage attic and the main attic was installed, and caulking of all the vertical and horizontal joints in the wall framing was completed. Spray foam was used to fill gaps around windows and doors and blocking for a possible attic trap door in the garage ceiling was created. The house was generally cleaned up of debris.

We are now waiting for the HVAC Subcontractor to complete the next stage of their work so we can install wall insulation. We also now expect the driveway to be poured next week.

Thanks for volunteering your time, talent and treasure to our home.

Bob Senn, Mr. Habitat for FCC



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