



# THE JOURNEY

Volume XXXII No. 12  
June 17, 2024  
www.fcc-hsv.org

## CAMERON'S CORNER

I know you have seen those church marques where folks post some catchy phrase or thought. Undoubtedly you have seen the one, “Ch\_\_ch What’s Missing? — ‘ur’.” That’s right you can’t have “church” without you being there in the middle of it. Yes, I know this is summer and there are vacations to take, places to go, people to meet, things to do. There are a great number of good reasons to have to miss church. But we can’t have church without YOU.

Actually I enjoy church. Go figure, right? I’m a preacher. I am delighted to see you and be with you in worship. We have a great worship team. I truly enjoy the way things flow in our service and the excellence of our musical staff, Nick and Jackson, and volunteers, our choir. The excellence of our Children’s Ministry moment with Alyssa and Stephanie expertly sharing the gospel with the kids. I’m enriched with that moment too! Then the wonderful prayers and communion service itself at the Table of the Lord with our elders presiding. We are greatly blessed, but we can do better. What’s missing? You are.

I grew up being in church, going to church, and finding my life inside church. Both my parents and my brother were ordained Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ministers so I was surrounded by church everything all the time. I even attended and graduated from a Christian university. There has never been a season in my life that I did not attend church. So nowadays when I’m not in church something is missing in my life. Perhaps you feel the same way. I seem to thrive more during the week when I have attended church to contemplate the loving graciousness of God and feel God’s presence in the fellowship of others at church. It’s just a part of who I am. I am incomplete without church.

So, “Ch\_\_ch What’s Missing? — ‘ur’.”

See you Sunday, Pastor Cameron

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hello Church family! Summer is quickly approaching and with summer comes VBS! VBS is such a great way for us to reach out into our community and provide children with high quality Christian Education in a safe and loving environment. This year our theme is Seeker in Sneakers and will take place from July 8-13th from 9-11:30am. The church cannot make this happen without your help! We have several volunteer slots open. We have jobs for all levels of mobility. Another way you can help is through purchasing items for VBS from our amazon Wishlist. This was a big hit last year; I love to see everyone coming together for a great cause in the church! If you want to sign up to volunteer please email me at [alyssa@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:alyssa@fcc-hsv.org) or call 256-881-0150. Follow this link to the [Amazon Wishlist](#).

Thank you for all you do to support the children's ministry of this church,  
Rev. Alyssa Burton

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

The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 27**. Email to: [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

3209 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802  
256-881-0150 [office@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:office@fcc-hsv.org)

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

### SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE AND PRAYER CHAIN

Our surveys are in but our work is not done!

As our committee begins the important task of assimilating the information and preparing our congregational profile, your input is needed more than ever.

Please pray daily for the committee's work as they focus on the needs of our congregation and city, focusing on God's vision for this church. First Christian Church in Huntsville, Alabama has a unique mission. Pray that we will find the leader who will lead us to fulfill that mission.

Join us in our focused prayer chain for the Search Committee. Email me to be a part.

Thank you,  
Lee

### REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Sellers Memorial, Hayneville, AL  
Braggs, Minter, AL  
First, Hartselle, AL

### ATTENDANCE

June 9: Worship Service: 96  
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 88  
June 16: Worship Service: 95  
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 49

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?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 5:30 P.M.

### TRIVIA NIGHT AND A MEAL

Contact the Church Office, 256-881-0150, or office@fcc-hsv.org, to sign up so we know how many to expect!

**Christian Women's Ministries** thanks First Christian Church for its generous contributions to the local, regional, and global organizations we supported in 2023-24. Your money goes a long way!

\$1,448 to Crisis Services of North Alabama (Hope Place)

\$1,041 to Neaves Davis Center for Children

\$955 to The WellHouse

\$1,109 and 25 stockings to Christmas Charities Yearround

\$963 to Church World Service (Blankets Program) Valentine greetings to FCC shut-ins

\$765 to Community Free Dental Clinic

\$627 to Disciples Home Missions (Blessing Box Program)

\$460 to National Children's Advocacy Center (Healthy Families Program)

\$1,040 to Global Ministries' Child Sponsorship Program (India and Zimbabwe)

\$797 to Grateful Life Community Church

**Thank you** to all who donated toys, money, or both for HEALS Dental Clinics. Sixty-one toys and \$370 will help bring smiles to the children after a dental procedure.

FCC collected at the perfect time as the school year was closing. The clinics and mobile van were preparing for the summer. Your concern and giving is a blessing.

Community Outreach



**THE FOOD BASKETS** are given in memory of Reggie Anderson by Mary Anderson; in memory of David Bratz by Margaret J. Vann; and in honor of Mae, Mac, Merrill, & Duffy's birthdays by Lee Boles.