



# THE JOURNEY

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## CAMERON'S CORNER

Do you ever feel discouraged, weak, or think that you can't go on? Maybe that's like asking if you are really a human being or not. Of course, we all at times feel discouraged, weak, and unable to carry on. But DONT' GIVE UP! One of the greatest presidents our nation has ever known - Abraham Lincoln - failed a number of times to get elected to public office. He also failed in commercial life. He spent seventeen years paying off bad debts. He evidently failed in the military too. He went into the Black Hawk War as a captain and came out a private.

None of that stopped him. His perseverance and positive attitude led him into the pages of our history books. Don't give up. Don't let your failures stop you. There will always be weakness and obstacles and difficulties, but we should never cease trying.

What about church? Don't give up! Persevere and trust in God. I am fond of saying, "If God has brought you to it, God will see you through it." I invite you to come back to church. I have been missing you, and I know it's summer time, and I know it's vacation time, but that's no excuse. You need to be in church. Celebrate the living presence of God in our midst. Don't let anything stop you from praising and glorifying God. Don't you ever give up.

See you this Sunday (and every Sunday thereafter),

## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE AND PRAYER CHAIN

The Congregational Profile is complete and has been sent to the Regional Office. Rev. Kerry Kesey, our Regional Minister, will soon begin the task of matching our profile with the profiles of available ministers. Copies of our profile are available by email or you may come by the Church Office if you would like a copy.

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. To be part of the prayer chain, email

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Thank you,  
Search and Call Committee

The *Journey* is published on the first and third Monday of the month.  
The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 1**. Email to: [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 5:30 PM**

The Ice Cream Social is quickly approaching! Sign up below to bring your ice cream and have the chance to be the new ice cream social champion! If ice cream isn't your thing we also could use some snack food to fuel our bingo game! [FCC- HSV: Ice Cream Social \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

**JULY PANTRY NEEDS**

**HUNTSVILLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Jelly, Cereal, Crackers, Canned Soup, Canned Fruit, Chef Boyardee, Spaghetti Sauce, and Shelf Stable Milk.

**REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

Arbol de Vida, Pensacola, FL  
Big Union, Letohatchee, AL  
Little Union, Hayneville, AL  
First Christian, Huntsville, AL



**THE FOOD BASKETS** are given in memory of Rebecca Denise Ball from Matt & Karen Ball and in memory of Gina Anderson from Mary Anderson.

**ATTENDANCE**

July 7: Worship Service: 73  
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 64  
July 14: Worship Service: 88  
Small Groups (Sunday & VBS): 329



Please give a warm FCC welcome to new members Lorraine Lyter-Reed and Judy Butler.



**VBS Thank You!**

I want to take the time to thank every member of our church for your contribution to help make VBS 2024 such a roaring success! Thank you to our volunteers, those who donated money, those who bought items from the Amazon Wishlist, and those who prayed for our success. Your prayers and support help our ministries so much.

Much love, Rev. Alyssa Burton

**PLEASE HELP THOSE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES  
IN HUNTSVILLE**

The Community Outreach Committee is asking for financial donations for The Arc, an organization that provides multiple services to those with intellectual disabilities. Services are available to many age ranges and include vocational services, early intervention, autism clinic (for young children), and residential services. The residential services provide a comfortable and safe environment for adults with intellectual disabilities in five group homes in Huntsville. The Community Experience program provides educational, vocational, and adaptive skills training for adults. There is a great need for these services and Community Outreach hopes you will help by donating financially during July. Checks can be made to FCC with The Arc in the memo line. Thank you for caring about our intellectually challenged neighbors.