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Deadline for the Journey is Thursday, July 28 at Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO YOU

The following poem has been around for awhile, and I like it a lot. It makes a good point and something we all need to consider in our daily Christian walk with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

There's a sweet old story translated for all, But written in the long, long ago – The gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, Of Christ and his mission below.

People read and admire the Gospel of Christ With its love so unfailing and true; But what do they say, and what do they think Of the gospel "according to you?"

'Tis a wonderful story, that gospel of love, As it shines in the Christ life divine; But, oh, that its truth might be told again In the story of your life and mine!

Unselfish mirrors in every scene Love blossoms on every sod – And back from its vision, the heart comes to feel Of the wonderful goodness of God.

You are writing each day a letter to all; Take care that the writing is true. 'Tis the only gospel that someone will read – The gospel "according to you."

- Anonymous

ATTENDANCE		7/17	7/24
9:20 am	Unified Worship	111	126
10:40 am	Sunday School	30	32
	Children's Church	NA	NA
	Young Disciples	NA	NA
	Total Worship	111	126

After his resurrection Jesus met with his disciples. They asked Jesus if he would not assume the throne of David and conquer all of Israel's enemies. Jesus answered them this way, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Jesus has issued the same commission to each of us. It is quite a responsibility. It is especially important for us to realize ministerial leadership is something we all play a part in doing. Pastor Laura and I, and the rest of the staff, are not the only "ministers" at FCC. You are, too.

Every member is a minister of the church. The life, growth, and ministry of First Christian Huntsville and beyond rests on all of us. By word and deed, and by example we preach the gospel every day. Will the gospel "according to you" lead someone to salvation in Christ? Jesus has asked us to be his witnesses to the end of the earth.

My Dear Fellow Ministers of the church, I pray peace and blessings be with you,

Pastor Cameron

SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE

We will be returning to our regular 8:15 am and 10:30 am Sunday worship services on **Sunday**, **August 7**. Sunday school will also return to its usual 9:15 am time on August 7.

GREETERS are needed for both First and Second Worship Services beginning in August. Sign-up charts will be in the Narthex on Sunday. For more information contact Alma Kingsbury at hollyivy@bellsouth.net or 256-534-2812

3209 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802 Telephone: 256-881-0150 Office Hours: 9am - 5pm M-F July Sunday Worship Service: 9:20 a.m. Christian Education for all ages - 10:40 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 31 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 23
2 Corinthians 5:6-17
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Seeing the Heart
Rev. Laura West

SERVING AT THE TABLE

Lisa Fitzgerald & Jeff Seward

COMMUNION PREPARATION Nancy Waites

SERVING COMMUNION

Lynn Abernathy & Delores Edgeton Linda Hooker & Jackie Sameck

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Lynn Abernathy

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Sally Wilson's birthday by Jeanne Derington

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS are in honor of Ron Volinski's birthday by his family.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT Margaret J. Vann

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER On Break Until August 7

YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays) On Break Until August 14

The 2016 sign up charts for FLOWERS & FOOD BASKETS are located across the hall from McMains Hall. Remember a friend, anniversary, birthday, or other special occasion. Donations are \$25.00 with checks made out to First Christian Church and Flowers or Food Basket on the notation line.

NURSERY HELPERS SIGN UP

Please sign up to help our paid attendants once a month to help provide a safe and loving environment for our infants and toddlers. We need one adult volunteer for each room each Sunday. The new sign up sheets are in the Commons area for August and September when we go back to two services. Times have been modified to allow you to attend worship either early or late, and still help with the children (8-9:30 or 9:30-11:30). We also need volunteers for the last of July for the unified service. Call Linda Lykins or Sue Seward if you need more information.

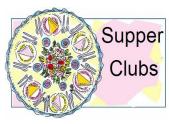
BUILDING COMMITTEE STATUS

We received 114 surveys. which our architects said was an astounding participation result. The full committee will review the results on August 7 with the architects. We hope to have some rough cost estimates for each part of the renovation program at that time. We will prepare a presentation for the entire Congregation on Sunday, September 11, after an all-church catered buffet luncheon in McMains Hall. Please mark this important date on your calendar.

Bob Senn, Chair 2016 Building Committee

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In August we will be collecting hygiene supplies for schools. Items needed include tissues, hand sanitizer, wipes, band aids, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, underwear, etc. There will be a basket in the Commons area, or you can write a check to FCC with *School Hygiene* on the memo line.



Join us for good food and fellowship during the 2016-17 supper club season! Adults of all ages are welcome! Sign up in the Commons Area and

mark your preferences: Restaurant or in-home dining? Breakfast, lunch, or dinner group? Want to coordinate a small group? Contact Mary Ann Anderson at maryannanderson@knology.net for more information



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



1	Brian Pung
3	Anna Pung
4	Sandra Wilson
6	Peggy Sington & David Wright
7	Mary Propes
9	Mike Lash
10	Rick Davis
12	Gary Gibbs & Mary Spencer
13	Mary Beth Wright
14	Geordie Kennedy & Margaret Shriver
15	Stephanie Beutjer & James Cannon
16	Betty Landrith, Jordan Ursery & Tom Vann
18	Roberta Shivers
20	Carolyn Brown, Leona Lipscomb, Margaret
	Schock & Nancy Woodall
21	Jasmine Blue & Wana Orr
22	Cindy Roberts
23	Terrie Pung & Ella Roberts
24	Katherine Mackenzie
25	Chris Chandler & Ruth Lackey
26	Beth Bailey & Chris Sanford
27	Henry Waites
28	Leonard Patterson & Kay Shrout
29	Jake Elsass
31	Cecelia Tumminello



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS



Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

Jan Brockway Christopher Coleman, nephew of John Robinson John & Mary Dorough Maranda Wood Holley Phyllis Leonard Carey Link, friend of Margaret Vann Tom Paul, son of Doris Paul Virginia Prozan Sara Stubblefield Russ & Louise Walls

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

FIFTH SUNDAY-GRATEFUL LIFE LUNCH DAY

Please help pack 70 lunches on Sunday, July 31, at 9:30 with the GIFT SS class in Family Services Room. Bring empty plastic grocery bags if possible. All ages welcome!

Paper products are still needed if you want to donate heavy paper or Styrofoam plates, paper or plastic 8 oz. cold cups, or large packages of napkins.

If you already signed up to bring specific items, please deliver them to the cold kitchen before unified worship that day. Thanks for remembering and helping your neighbors