



The Journey

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Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, August 4** at Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org

MISSION STATEMENT PROGRESS

This is truly a time of great energy and discernment with our church community! Pastor Cameron is delivering thought-provoking messages from the pulpit and providing great interim leadership. The Beutjers and others are bringing fresh music to our worship experience. And each of us have had the opportunity to be heard through property and music surveys.

More is going on that may not be directly visible to all. It has been my privilege to work with the Mission/Vision Task Group. These thoughtful individuals who love Huntsville First Christian Church have gathered over the past few months to pray and learn and listen. We have worked to articulate who we are as a congregation and how God wants us to participate with Him in this time and place. The result of this activity is a Mission Statement and Tag Line for our congregation to help us focus as we seek the Spirit's guidance and make decisions about the life of our church.

Mission Statement: **Through Jesus Christ, we come to know real connection with God, with each other and with the world.**

Tag Line: **Know Real Connection**

- Jesus is our ultimate teacher and example. It is through Christ's love and sacrifice that all things are possible.
- To **know** encompasses several concepts. Knowing is experiencing, as in knowing God through worship, knowing people and God's world by being intentionally present with your whole being. Knowing is learning, as in knowing more about the way of Jesus through study, discussion and prayer time spent listening.
- The idea of **real** is also broad. We come as our authentic selves with our individual perspectives, questions, quirks and flaws. We seek real depth, not superficial knowledge or existence or interactions. We reach out to the reality of the world around us through service and love.
- **Connection** is genuine relationship. This includes enjoying the joy, comfort and peace that true connection offers and staying engaged even when it's difficult and messy, sharing in community and supporting each other as we strive to live like and for Jesus.

I present this to you, the congregation, as a draft and seek your comment. Please contact me with any feedback you may have.

In Christian love, Karen Ball
 Elder, Chair of Mission/Vision Task Group, Member of Senior Minister Search Committee
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ATTENDANCE		7/24	7/31
9:20 am	Unified Worship	126	108
10:40 am	Sunday School	32	34
	Children's Church	NA	NA
	Young Disciples	NA	NA
	Total Worship	126	108

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 256-534-2812 or hollyivy@bellsouth.net

3209 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802 Telephone: 256-881-0150 Office Hours: 9am - 5pm M-F
Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages - 9:15 a.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Gospel Luke 12:32-40
Sermon Text Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Sermon "Walking by Faith, Not by Sight"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

Mack Vann & Jan Mackenzie
Bob Senn & Roger Sameck

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Edgeton

SERVING COMMUNION

Chuck & Penny Jackman
Kathi Luzar & Linda Lykins

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Chuck & Penny Jackman

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Mike & Stephanie Beutjer for sharing their time and musical talents with us.

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS are in honor of Gordon Trowbridge's birthday.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Mary Ann Anderson

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

No Worship & Wonder
Mission Trip Sunday

YOUNG DISCIPLES (Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

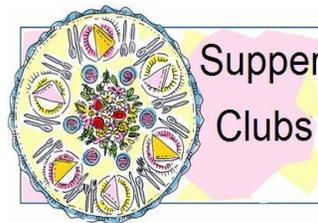
The 2016 sign up charts for FLOWERS & FOOD BASKETS are located across the hall from McMains Hall. Remember a friend, anniversary, birthday, or other special occasion. Donations are \$25.00 with checks made out to First Christian Church and Flowers or Food Basket on the notation line.

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.

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

Thanks to all who provided food and paper supplies for our Fifth Sunday service to Grateful Life Church members. We bagged 72 lunches and had LOTS of paper products to deliver for Sunday lunch. A special thanks to families and friends who came to Family Services after worship to assemble the lunches and load up for delivery. Many hands made light work!
Sue Seward

BACK TO TWO SERVICES

School starts this week and we resume our two worship services on August 7. First service will return with a song leader, different instrumentation, and, maybe, our requests for songs will be made for the following week.

As usual, first service begins at 8:15 with Sunday school following at 9:15, and second service at 10:30.

More information to come about services.

Margaret J. Vann, Worship Chair

SAFE CHURCH INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN NEWBORN TO 17 YEARS

Learn about FCC's Safe Church policy right after second worship on Aug. 14 in the Family Services Room. A light lunch will be served to parents and children at 11:30. Nursery and Toddler care will be provided as well entertainment for elementary age school children during the information session which will end by 1:00. Chi Rho and CYF age youth will participate in the session. Please sign up in the church office so we will have a count for lunch and childcare, but even if you decide to come at the last minute, we will be happy to have you join in. You can also attend if you are Safe Church certified as a parent or volunteer, but need a refresher. Call Sue Seward for more details.

NOTICE: Coffee and social time will be 8 through 9:15 a.m. in the Commons area beginning Sunday August 7 when we resume two services. Food and beverages are to remain in the Commons area as do exuberant conversations.

You are asked to, please, be respectful of those still in first service when you gather.

Margaret J. Vann

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, AND AGAIN THANK YOU

On July 25, 60+ members of the Aquarius Club enjoyed the Summer Blast pizza and Bingo party provided by FCC. Thank you for gifts, food, money, and prayers for this fun endeavor.

Community Outreach

VINTAGE VAGABONDS AUGUST 18

All who are available for lunch on Thursday, Aug. 18,, are invited to travel with the Vintage Vagabonds to Grandmother's House in Owens Cross Roads. We will gather at FCC at 10:30, depart at 10:45, and return about 1:30. Please sign up on the Volunteer Desk in the office by Aug. 15 so we will know who is riding the bus, driving from the church, or meeting us there. We will order from the menu which will be posted at the sign up. Call Sue Seward with any questions.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Velma Strong has moved to 8020 Benaroya Lane SW Apt. 2, Huntsville, 35802. Her new phone number is 256-520-3021.