



The Journey

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Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, August 25** at Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org

BEARING FRUIT OF THE KINGDOM

What qualifies a person to be a disciple of Christ? How does one assess, in advance, a person's readiness to enter discipleship? The following has been around for a while. I've always enjoyed it and hope you will too (maybe even once again).

MEMO TO: Jesus, Son of Joseph
Woodcrafter's Carpenter Shop
Nazareth

MEMO FROM: Jordan Management Consultants

Dear Sir,

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the 12 men you have picked for managerial positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests and we have not only run the results through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in manager ability and proven capacity.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been black-listed by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James, the son of Alphas, and Thaddeus definitely have radical leanings and they both register a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your comptroller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory.

We wish you every success in our new venture.

Sincerely yours *(copied source unknown)*

Yeah, well you know the rest of the story. It is not primarily our ability, but our availability that makes a man or woman a disciple of Christ. In the words of a teacher of mine: "Talent is cheap, dedication is expensive; it can cost you your life." Judas had all the talent, but not the attitude and lasting availability. The others did have the latter and thus learned to become disciples. I think we become disciples when our gifts and talents are freely and completely given to God.

I'll See you Sunday,

Pastor Cameron

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages - 9:15 a.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH
COMMITTEE UPDATE

Old Testament Jeremiah 2:4-13
Epistle Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Sermon Text Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sermon “It’s Hard To Be Humble”

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Tom Hodge & Joe Brockway
10:30 Dave Crockett & Jeff Seward

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Lynn Abernathy

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Mike & Becky Lash
 Rick & Kay Shrout
10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Ruth Lackey
 Charles & Pam Gilliland

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Sue Seward

SUNDAY’S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Kay
Shrout’s birthday by Rick Shrout.

SUNDAY’S FLOWERS are in honor Joe & Martha
Shelton’s 62nd anniversary, and Don &
Beverly Williamson’s 53rd anniversary.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

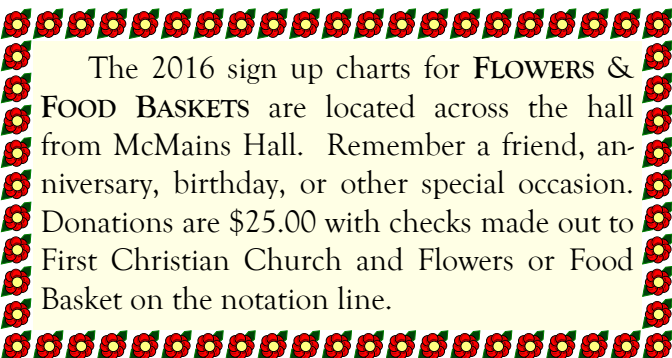
Lee McCombs

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Bible story and songs

YOUNG DISCIPLES (Meets 2nd & 3rd Sundays)

Will resume on October 9.

 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.

The Committee has been working on the Congregation Profile. As part of that effort, we are asking all congregation members to take a survey giving us the top 10 dimensions you want in a new Senior Minister. The survey is being conducted thru Survey Monkey and a link was emailed last Friday to all members who have provided an email address to the church office. Please contact the church office if you did not receive the emailed link and you wish to fill out the survey on line. Hard copy surveys are also be available in the Narthex and the church office for those who would rather use pen and paper. If using the survey online, you will be able to complete multiple surveys to account for those families who may share in one email address. Please submit only one survey per person to keep results as accurate as possible. **The deadline for submittal is Wednesday, August 31.**

It is vitally important to the Senior Minister search that we have your input. This is an opportunity for you to share with us what we should look for in a Senior Minister. Please participate in the survey and prayerfully consider your answers.

Yours in Christ,
Roger Sameck, Chairperson

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ANNUAL FISH FRY
Please remember to mark your calendars for the FCC Annual Fish Fry. The fish fry this year will be on September 25th and we will start serving at 5 PM. We are asking that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. The men will be frying the fish and hushpuppies for us. Any men that would like to help please let Monty Love know. It takes a lot of helpers to pull this off and the more the merrier. Monty’s info is 256-882-1543 or email at cmlove@knology.net.

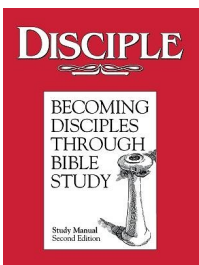
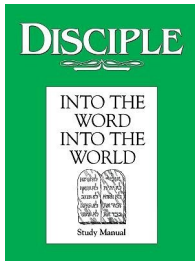
ATTENDANCE	8/7	8/15
First Service Worship	53	50
Sunday School	32	31
Second Service Worship	123	103
Children’s Church	NA	4
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	176	157

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, September 11, we will have a catered lunch following second service (love offering accepted to pay for lunch). After lunch, we will go to the sanctuary for a presentation on the results from the building survey and possible construction/renovation options of the church.

DISCIPLES BIBLE STUDY OFFERED FOR 2016-2017

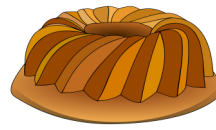
Through Bible study, we can better understand who God is and His will for our lives, thereby continuing to grow in faith. Anyone who is interested in participating in a 32 week Disciple Bible Study - *Into the Word, Into the World* (the green book)- is invited to sign up at the display posted in the commons area. This in-depth study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts is open to anyone who has completed the first Disciples Bible Study (the red book) - *Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*. The cost of the text is \$34 and classes will meet Thursday mornings from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. beginning September 8th. If you're unsure and have questions, please contact Lisa Fitzgerald at lisafitzgerald@hughes.net or 256-508-4837.



SUPPER CLUBS FORMING

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

BAKE SALE



To the Ladies of the church, I am going to offer to chair a bake sale this year to benefit our church. Instead of sending all the money to Indianapolis like we use to do, I would like to see the proceeds stay here. We would tithe 10% to the region and use the rest in an area at the church that needs revamping like the garden area or in the parlor kitchen redo. That could be decided later. I am willing to chair but I need several helpers to make it happen. We need a publicity person(s) for both church and community information (radio, tv, newspaper). I have considered having a silent auction running at the same time so we would need someone to coordinate it and find a few items for the auction. I have several items already that have been promised if we do this. We would also need someone to decorate the day before the sale and as always lots of bakers of cakes.

Before I can start this I need to know that I will have help, so if you are willing to take one of the above positions please let me know before August 31st.

Please call me at 256-882-1543 or email me at dmlove@knology.net.

Thanks, Dinah Love

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The August Community Outreach project is collection of needed hygiene supplies for schools. Needed supplies include: tissues, hand sanitizer, plastic zip lock bags of all sizes, Clorox sanitizing wipes, and various sizes of band aids. In addition, counselors need personal hygiene items for students (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, soap-small hotel items are ideal) as well as articles of clothing including underwear. Please deposit your donations in the basket under the poster in the Commons Area, or you may make a monetary donation to FCC with *School Hygiene* on the memo line.

Thanks for your generosity,
Community Outreach