



The Journey

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Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, September 1**, at Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org

A DYNAMIC CHURCH

I'm grateful for articles I read in other church newsletters and online. The following article caught my attention and challenged me. Maybe it will do the same for you.

A Dynamic Church

"A confused, chaotic, convulsive world, gasping for life and breath, will not be touched by a tame church, mouthing time-worn clichés and pious platitudes.

To affect a dirty world, it will take pure church; to infect a sad world, it will take a joyous church; to rapture an apathetic world, it will be a convicted church; to challenge a dying world, it will take a live church; to heal a sick world, it will take a well church.

It will take a church unafraid of cancer, unaffected by roadblocks, unflinching in the face of criticism, and unmoved by persecution. It will take a church that dares to dream big, to work long, to pray desperately, to plan carefully, to fight bravely, to storm the gates of evil and lethargy. It will take a church that is unwilling to compromise, more than willing to sacrifice, more than ready to be inconvenienced, and more than anxious to risk.

It will take a church whose strength is equal to her task, a church claiming all the gifts of the Spirit, all the power available, and all the authority given.

It will take a church with Godly gusto, prevailing prayer, demonstrative determination and victorious venture to win the battle.

It will take a church divinely sent, moving, planning, conquering with supernatural power."

– Twin Cities Christian Church, Oceanside, CA

That is quite a challenge for the church in general and for FCC Huntsville in particular. Are we willing and are we doing all we can to be "A Dynamic Church" as described above? In so many ways I think it does describe us.

Did you read those adjectives/adverbs: pure church, joyous church, convicted, live, a well church? YES, we are that church and there is room for improvement.

Did you read those descriptive words: unafraid, unaffected, unflinching, and unmoved by that which would want to destroy us and do us in? YES, we are that church and there is room for improvement.

We are to dream big, work long, pray desperately, plan carefully, fight bravely, storm the gates of (hell) evil. YES, I say, we are that church and there is room for improvement.

God has already overcome all that can stop us through his son Jesus. But now it's our turn to live holy, righteous, compassionate lives to become the church we are called to be!

I'll See you Sunday,

Pastor Cameron

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, SEPTEMBER 4

Old Testament Jeremiah 18: 1-11
Epistle Reading Philemon 1-21
Sermon Text Luke 14: 25-33
Sermon "What Was Jesus Thinking"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Roger Sameck & Mack Vann
10:30 Dale Thomas & Nancy Waites

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Donna Blair

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Lynn Abernathy & Linda Lykins
Penny Jackman & Alli Euper
10:30 Carolyn Brown & Bev Williamson
Beverly Cannon & Nancy Woodall

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Dian Douglas

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Claire Hampton's birthday by John Paul Hampton.

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS are in honor Grace Littles' birthday by Ken & Bobby Riggs.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Mary Ann Anderson

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Bible story and songs

YOUNG DISCIPLES (Meets 2nd & 3rd Sundays)

Will resume on October 9

ATTENDANCE	8/21	8/28
First Service Worship	50	60
Sunday School	31	27
Second Service Worship	103	84
Children's Church	4	8
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	157	152

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

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 for all members who have provided an email address to the church office. A reminder was emailed last Friday. Hard copy surveys are also available in the church office for those who would rather use pen and paper. Additionally, a copy was enclosed last week for those members who receive The Journey by mail. 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

BAKE SALE

Well, Ladies, please mark your calendars for November 19th, our bake sale is on. Thank you to Gail Herber, Lee Boles and Lynn Abernathy for volunteering to help me. We will still need helpers the day of the sale, but I will have a sign up list out later in October. Another change I have made is to just buy the cake containers that will fit only two layer cakes. This is to help keep down the cost for us. Please plan on baking for this event or donating a small item for the silent auction that will run at the same time.

Thanks again, Dinah Love

NEW GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Brookdale Place Jones Farm, First United Methodist Church, Hospice of North Alabama and Laughlin Service Funeral Home are pleased to announce a new six week grief support group "Life after Loss: A Journey to Healing." The group will meet on Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 pm, September 1 - October 6 in the Bamboo Room of Brookdale Place Jones Farm, 2815 Carl T. Jones Dr. SE. It is open to the entire Huntsville community at no charge. The facilitator will be The Rev. Carl Malm of The Center for Loss, Grief and Change. Reservations are requested but not required. Light refreshments will be served. For more information or to make a reservation, please phone Brookdale Place at 256 881-6111 or Rev. Malm at 256 883-6539.



September Birthdays



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS



Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

1	Robert Luzar
2	Arloe Mayne
3	Heather Spain & Nancy Waites
7	Raynor Boles
8	Jennifer Vann
11	John Williams
12	Carol Jones
13	Bob Cloyd & Chuck Jackman
14	Becky Lash & Greg Tumminello
17	Jacob Brockway & Jacob Gordon
19	Jessica Elsass
20	Allison Brown
21	Janis Moore
22	Lee Boles & Nancy Mincher
23	Trevor Hodge
24	Jackie Volinski
27	Amberly Euper & Josh Stiles
28	Brooke Dixon, Jeanne Derington, & Sara Stubblefield
29	Susan Thomas & Vince Tumminello
30	Jean Patterson & Nina Senn

Jan Brockway
 Steve Brown
 John & Mary Dorough
 Mickey & Paula Guthrie, friends of Lisa Fitzgerald
 Maranda Wood Holley
 Carey Link, friend of Margaret Vann
 Tom Paul, son of Doris Paul
 Virginal Payne, mother of Peggy Sington
 Bob Spencer
 Sara Stubblefield
 Mack Vann

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

WE JOIN FORCES WITH HEROES TO CELEBRATE CHILDREN

In September Community Outreach and CWM are working together to support Shop With a Hero, a project designed to give less fortunate children in our community a Merry Christmas. The children will be given \$100 gift cards and will shop with the aid of a Hero. These Heroes are either active or retired military, police, fire fighters, first responders, teachers, medical personnel, etc. You can give toward this project in September by writing a check to FCC with Shop With a Hero on the memo line. Any amount is appreciated.

As always, thanks for helping the less fortunate in our community.

Community Outreach and
 Christian Women's Ministries

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

The AL/NW FL Disciples Women will host a regional fall retreat at Camp Chandler YMCA, Wetumpka, AL, Sep 23-25, 2016. The program "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" will be led by Chesla Nickelson, Office of Disciples Women. The weekend will include a business meeting, workshops, Bible study, fellowship, worship, silent auction, lakeside activities, and more! If you are interested in attending, please find in the commons area registration packets that include info about fees, deadlines, refund policy, what to bring, special accommodations, etc.

Mary Ann Anderson

Can you help care for our babies or toddlers once this month? Please sign up for an 8-9:30 or 9:30-11:30 slot on the large board in the Commons.

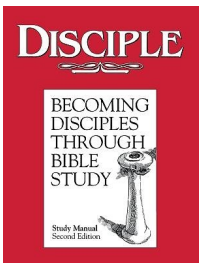
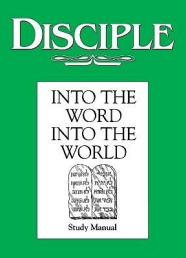
You will still have an opportunity to attend first or second worship and will be working along side our attendants in either room. We need your presence to follow our Safe Church Policy and provide the best environment for our little ones. Thanks!

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.



The Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP) just received word that it will be the recipient of a \$20,000 grant from The Jane K. Lowe Foundation, which means that even more of the needy in our community will get the basic help they need. FCC was the 7th church to join HAP over 10 years ago but the organization has now grown to 70+ churches in Huntsville and Madison County, all sharing assets to provide financial help to those in need. That such a generous donation was given to HAP shows that the work of the program is valued and appreciated. Thank you for your support of this and all the projects of Community Outreach.

ADDRESS CHANGE

John Paul Hampton has a new address:
8150 Oldfield Rd. #4
Huntsville, AL 35803.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
ANNUAL FISH FRY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH AT 5:00 PM

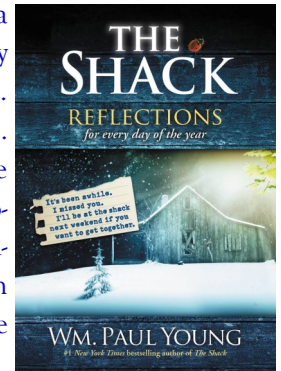
SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

The Senior Adult Retreat will take place Thursday, November 3, 10:00 a.m. through Friday, November 4, 2:00 p.m. at St. Bernard Retreat and Conference Center in Cullman. Our retreat leader is Rev. Mary Pat Spencer, and the theme is "Pay It Forward". There is a sign-up sheet and registration forms at the display in the Commons Area. The Early-bird deadline is October 13 which saves you \$10.00. Let's have a good-sized group this year from FCC Huntsville. It's always a great time to enjoy fun and fellowship with other Disciples from throughout the region

MEN'S STUDY GROUP

Well, it's almost time to restart our Men's Study Group. At our last meeting as our summer break began, we proposed a change in format and content of our study.

Instead of directly studying a Bible book, it was proposed by me that we study a book by Wm. Paul Young called "The Shack". It is a novel that tells a tragic tale with a powerful message for people of faith. This will be a challenge for some of us, but I am hopeful that we will accept the challenge and do it.



The book is about a man whose young daughter is kidnapped and murdered in a hunter's shack in the woods. Then, he gets an invitation from God (or is it?) to meet him at the shack. I won't tell you anymore than that because I don't want to take anything away from the author's telling of this powerful story. But, it tells the tale of the obvious and sometimes not so obvious struggles that presents for him.

The book has 18 chapters. I propose that we study one or two chapter(s) per week for up to 18 weeks. That might sound a little long, but we can discuss this when we start and adjust as we go, if you like. At the end of our journey, we will have a special guest, I promise.

We start the first Wednesday in September at 6:00 PM in the Church Library.

Pastor Cameron has bought copies of the books we will need to make this a great class.