



# The Journey

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Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, September 8**, at Noon [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

Here we go again. It's fall and football in Alabama is in the air. Thursday and Friday nights for high school games and Saturday for college games. It seems to me that Sunday thru Wednesday nights are for professional games! It's a week long sport. Some in church may be unfamiliar with many football terms, so as a public service, I'm providing you with the following "church" football glossary.

**BENCH WARMER:** One who wants credit for being on the team but won't take a job.

**SUDDEN DEATH OVERTIME:** Any sermon lasting over 30 minutes.

**SPECTATOR SPORT:** What some people think Christianity is.

**THROWN FOR A LOSS:** When the pastor has to explain why attendance and offering are down.

**THE "DRAW PLAY":** What too many kids do with hymnals and visitor cards.

**THE "HAND OFF":** What too many people try to do with their responsibilities.

**TWO POINT CONVERSION:** Salvation and Sanctification.

**"IN THE POCKET":** Where a lot of people keep the Lord's money.

**THE "FLY PATTERN":** What people who want to get ahead start to the restaurant do during the closing hymn.

**DRAFT CHOICE:** Picking a seat far enough from the front but not too close to the heating or air conditioning vents.

**FUMBLE:** What the preacher does after turning two pages of his sermon at once.

**TWO MINUTE WARNING:** When a youngster in the front row asks, "What time is it?"

**DOWN AND OUT:** The expression on many faces when the first hymn is announced.

**CROSSING PATTERN:** When a youngster walks to the bathroom from his pew in the back of the church by way of the front of the church.

**COIN TOSS:** Why you don't give a youngster change for the offering before the plate is passed.

**4th AND LONG:** Last verse of a slow hymn.

- by Charlie Julian, Pastor of River Avenue Baptist Church

Football season or not, I'll be looking for you this Sunday.

I'll See you Sunday,

*Pastor Cameron*

Please give a warm FCC welcome to Allison Jones who joined the church during second service on Sunday, September 4.

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 11

Epistle 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Gospel Luke 15:1-10  
Sermon Text Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28  
Sermon "Yet, I Will Not Make It..."

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Joe Brockway & Dale Thomas  
10:30 Nancy Waites & Dave Crockett

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rick Shrout

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Kathi Luzar & Ann Thompson  
Jackie Sameck & Margaret J. Vann  
10:30 Beth Bailey & Roberta Shivers  
Brad & Pam Clasgens

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Gayle Herber

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is Open.

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS are in honor of Felicia & J.R. Cook's birthdays.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Margaret J. Vann

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

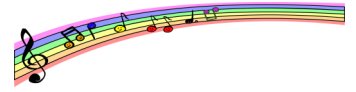
Bible story and songs

YOUNG DISCIPLES (Meets 2nd & 3rd Sundays)

Will resume on October 9.

ATTENDANCE	8/28	9/4
First Service Worship	60	45
Sunday School	27	34
Second Service Worship	84	75
Children's Church	8	6
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	152	126

MUSICAL NOTES



Greetings Congregation,

Thank you for all the wonderful support of the choir and music program. We are busy working weekly on bringing you exciting music that hopefully moves you closer to God during the services. Michael is working on finding great music for the fall and also a new take on our Christmas Cantata. Stay tuned for more info on rehearsals for that special performance.

Some of our upcoming songs will include: *Canticle of Hope*, an inspiring piece of music that will take you to the depths of your soul about love, loss and our wonderful God that sees us through all types of trials and tribulations. *Order my Steps* with a special performance by Stephanie Braly-Beutjer and Keith Cross will be on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Michael and I are honored weekly to be serving our church in this wonderful way. Our entire family is involved and it is a great time for us to remember how much God is working in our lives. We feel grateful to the congregation for putting their faith in us to lead us to the next chapter through music.

Keep watching for more info on upcoming songs, performances and events. Choir practice is every Wednesday in the choir room beginning at 7 and concluding around 8. It is a great time for music, fellowship and feeling the Holy Spirit. Come be involved in this great ministry.

Until next week, Keep Calm and Sing On,  
Michael and Stephanie Beutjer

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

### 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.

### TODDLER PLAYGROUND UPDATE

An ad hoc committee has been formed to oversee improvements to the FCC playground to include correcting drainage issues in the existing area, potential tree removal, addressing condition of the existing fences and the development of an area safe and age appropriate for the youngest of our children who are old enough to play outside. Serving on this committee are representatives from church and ECM administration, a construction professional, those familiar with early childhood standards and church members.

Proposals have been received from several companies whose area of expertise is playground development. There will be further updates as more information is available. In the meantime, CWM greatly appreciates donations to date in the amount of \$3,205 to be donated to the playground improvement efforts.



### 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

### 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.

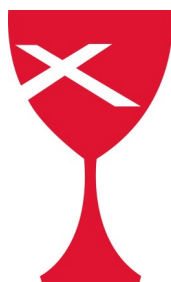
Community Outreach and  
Christian Women's Ministries

### SAVE THE DATE

September 18

LifeSouth Blood Drive at FCC

8:00 am-12:30 pm.



Charlie and I are deeply grateful for all the love, prayers and support that our First Christian Church family provided us during Charlie's recent illness and my emergency surgery. We are extremely appreciative of the gracious kindness shown to us by so many. We feel blessed to be a member of this thoughtful loving caring church.

Many thanks, Charlie and Brenda Stroud