



# The Journey

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Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, September 22**, at Noon [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

## IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER

That is an interesting question to ponder: If you could live your life over would you do anything differently? I like what an 85 year old lady, Nadine Stair, had to say in response to that question. The following is a copy of page 287 from *Chicken Soup For the Soul*.

Interviews with the elderly and the terminally ill do not report that people have regret for the things they have done but rather people talk about the things they regret not having done.

*I'd dare to make more mistakes next time.*

*I'd relax. I would limber up.*

*I would be sillier than I have been this trip.*

*I would take fewer things seriously.*

*I would take more chances.*

*I would take more trips.*

*I would climb more mountains and swim more rivers.*

*I would eat more ice-cream and less beans.*

*I would perhaps have more actual troubles, but I'd have fewer imaginary ones.*

*You see, I'm one of those people who live sensibly and sanely hour after hour, day after day.*

*Oh, I've had my moments and if I had it to do over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd try to have nothing else. Just moments. One after another, instead of living so many years ahead of each day.*

*I've been one of those people who never go anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a raincoat and a parachute.*

*If I had it to do again, I would travel lighter next time.*

*If I had my life to live over, I would start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall.*

*I would go to more dances.*

*I would ride more merry-go-rounds*

*I would pick more daisies.*

There is a lot of wisdom in not regretting the things you did, but rather regretting the things you didn't do in life. I believe that God wants us to live our lives abundantly, fully and completely without any regrets. I want to live so God who lives in me, can live through me and enjoy all that life has to offer with me. So, I think I'll follow the advice of the wisdom expressed above. How about you?

See you Sunday,

*Pastor Cameron*

Please give a warm FCC welcome to our newest member, Marie Bittle, who joined by transfer of membership during second service on Sunday, September 18.

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 25

Old Testament Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
Epistle 1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Sermon Text Luke 16:19-31  
Sermon "The Beggar at Our Gate"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Dale Thomas & Tom Hodge  
10:30 Lisa Fitzgerald & Tom Hodge

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nancy Waites

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Mike & Becky Lash  
Eddie & Valerie Parks  
10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Ruth Lackey  
Charles & Pam Gilliland

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Dina Love

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in memory of Jean Rowell's birthday.

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS are in honor Jackie Volinski's birthday by Ron Volinski.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Lee McCombs

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Bible story and songs

YOUNG DISCIPLES (Meets 2nd & 3rd Sundays)

Will resume on October 9.

ATTENDANCE	9/11	9/18
First Service Worship	39	46
Sunday School	34	36
Second Service Worship	107	111
Children's Church	8	11
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	154	168

ANNUAL FISH FRY

The All Church Fish Fry will be here on September 25<sup>th</sup> and we will start serving at 5 PM. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share by 4:30 PM so it can be set up in time for us to eat at 5 PM.

Thank you and hope to see you there!  
Monty Love

SMALL MEETINGS ON THE BUILDING PROGRAM

There will be five small meetings to discuss more details on the building program and the cost options available. These meeting dates are listed below. You can come and ask your questions and go home unless you want to see what others are thinking. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Wednesday, Oct 5, at 7 PM in the FSA  
Tuesday, Oct 11, at 7 PM in the FSA.  
Monday, Oct 17, at 7 PM in the FSA.

RECONCILIATION OFFERING SEPT 25 & OCT 2

Your gift to the Reconciliation Offering is one way to help move us toward wholeness. Through grants in regions and across the general Church, faith based organizing, and programming that promotes understanding, Our Reconciliation Ministry is key to the Disciples' emphasis on being a pro-reconciling/anti-racist church and a MOVEMENT for wholeness.

We as a church must live and act to demonstrate the love of God to a world so desperately in need of a Beloved Community. Let us take action and MOVE, in ways small and large, to show that love is stronger than hate. Love wins.

To give, write Reconciliation in the note/memo line of your check and turn in to the office or place in the offering bowl. To give using PayPal, go to our website [www.fcc-hsv.org](http://www.fcc-hsv.org) and scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "How to Give" under Learn More About First Christian Church Huntsville. Scroll down and click on Donate. Type in "Reconciliation" in the purpose box and follow the directions.

**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

**THANK YOU**

I wish to thank my First Christian Church family for all the calls, cards, visits, and prayers extended for me since my recent injury and required move. Those who brought and shared communion with me were special moments and made me feel connected to my church. The thoughtful and kind offers of help were greatly appreciated. I'm blessed to be part of such a loving, caring church.

With a grateful heart, Velma Strong



**SHOWER FOR TWINS!**

Please join Mission Family 3 as we honor Glen and Laura Hiller, expectant parents of twin girls! We will gather with the couple on October 9 after Second Service in the Commons area. If you would like to bring a gift or gift card they are registered at:

<http://babyli.st/laura-glen> and at Babies R Us

**INVITATION TO ROMANS**, a short-term DISCIPLE Bible Study, will begin October 11, 2016. Classes will be held at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM every Tuesday at FCC. The am classes will meet in the library and the pm classes in the Garden Room. The class will run for eight consecutive sessions with one break during Thanksgiving week. Completion date will be December 6, 2016. Both AM and PM classes will cover the same lesson each week, so it is possible to attend either class should conflicts arise.

Quoting the leader's guide of this study series, "Disciple is a family of Bible study resources based on the general assumption that people are hungry for God's Word, for fellowship in prayer and study, and for Biblically informed guidance in ministry." Please give prayerful consideration to joining this study during this fall season. No prerequisite study is required and all are welcome. If interested, please contact Nancy Waites at 256.683.6192 or [nancykwaites@gmail.com](mailto:nancykwaites@gmail.com). There is also a signup sheet outside the narthex with the Disciple display. The student participant books are available now along with a schedule of the classes. There will be no orientation session, rather the first class discussion will be October 11. Please make arrangements to get your student book by no later than October 9. The books will be available every Sunday at the sign up location in the narthex. If possible, the cost of the participant's book is \$8.00.