



# The Journey

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Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, September 29**, at Noon [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

## FOUND FAITHFUL

I came across this illustration from an article written by Beryl Jantzi from the Mennonite Church U.S.A.

*King Henry III lived in Germany long ago. The king grew tired of his royal duties, so he applied to a monastery to become a monk. The religious superior of the monastery said to Henry, "Your Majesty, do you understand that to join this monastery you must become obedient to me as your religious superior? That will be hard because you have been king."*

*Henry replied, "I understand. The rest of my life I will be obedient to you, as Christ leads you."*

*"Then I will tell you what to do," said the leader of the monastery. "Go back to your throne and serve faithfully in the place where God has placed you."*

*This is exactly what King Henry did. When King Henry died, this statement was written about him: "The king learned to rule by being obedient."*

*We too can tire of our responsibilities. Like King Henry we need to be reminded that God has called us and equipped us to be faithful in our unique roles – be it as a plumber, accountant, mother, father, pastor, or teacher. **God expects us to be faithful in our relationships with each other as well as with our resources.***

*The story about King Henry and what he learned about being faithful to his call has implications for each of us today. Jesus taught us that faithfulness starts with the simple and everyday things of life. If each day's activities are a letter written to God, it should be our goal to sign off each night with the words, "Faithfully Yours."*

We are called to live right where we are, but to live in a way being faithful stewards of what resources God has provided to us. A Sunday ago the Gospel lectionary scripture has Jesus telling us, (Luke 16:10–13 NRSV) 10 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 13 No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Wow, that says a lot that may be hard for us to hear. I believe it means we should not allow the love, or perhaps lust, for wealth and money to drive our life. Who is a slave to whom? Are you a faithful steward of what God has provided for your life or are you a slave to your money and wealth? Serving God faithfully means leading a life of obedience to God. It's pretty clear to me the Biblical faithful standard to be obedient to God with our wealth is 10% giving, a tithe and that is only a beginning.

Right now we are setting our church budget for the new year. The various committee chairs are being asked to send in their budget requests. This will take awhile, but it is very important. My hope is that living as disciples of Christ we are willing to be obedient to God with whatever we are entrusted with and be transformed into the image of Christ as good stewards of how God has greatly blessed us. Can I hear an Amen?

Faithfully Yours,

*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, OCTOBER 2

Old Testament Lamentations 1:1-6  
Epistle 2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Sermon Text Luke 17:5-10  
Sermon "The Question Of Faith"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Bob Senn & Roger Sameck  
10:30 Jan Mackenzie & Joe Brockway

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Donna Blair

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Linda Hooker & Linda Lykins  
Kathi Luzar & Ann Thompson  
10:30 Carolyn Brown & Bev Williamson  
Roberta Shivers & Matt Ball

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Carolyn Brown

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET several openings in October.

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS are in honor Bobbye Riggs' birthday by Ken Riggs.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Nancy Woodall

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Bible story and songs

YOUNG DISCIPLES (Meets 2nd & 3rd Sundays)

Will resume on October 9.

ATTENDANCE	9/18	9/25
First Service Worship	46	NR
Sunday School	36	43
Second Service Worship	111	97
Children's Church	11	5
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	168	102*

\* Does not include First Service

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 signup 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 OCTOBER 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.

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



## October Birthdays



## CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS



Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

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  
 Virginia Payne, mother of Peggy Sington  
 Bob Spencer  
 Sara Stubblefield  
 Mack Vann  
 Ron Volinski

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

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

**MISSION FAMILY 1** will have a Potluck Luncheon Sunday, October 2, at 11:30 in Family Services room following second service. There will be an opportunity to ask questions about the Senior Minister search and the proposed building plans.

1	Bobbye Riggs
2	Annelle Craig & Jo Thomason
3	Mary Ann Anderson
4	Monty Love & Mary Ann Williams
5	Vickie Wright
6	Cara Sexton
8	Gene Cowart & Richard Leonard
9	Sheryl Stiles
11	Diane Campbell & Wendy Qualls
13	Frank Fitzgerald & Don Williamson
14	Pat Blackman
15	Kyle Pung
16	Noah Wright
19	Lynn Abernathy, David Beutjer, Gray Killough & Christi Sexton
21	Robin Pinson
23	Mike Beutjer, Marilee Keim, Flora Salisbury, & Nancy Stayman
24	Adam Fitzgerald
27	Leland Blackman
28	Alma Kingsbury & Michael Patrick
30	Chase Volinski
31	John Allen, Theodore Elston & Trey Leonard

### WELCOME BACK OUR VIETNAMESE FRIENDS

On October 2 we are celebrating a visit from Caroline and Philip Pham of California, two of the eleven Vietnamese refugees who were sponsored by the Neighbors and FCC when Vietnam fell in 1975. They are now active Christians having been helped so much by FCC to adjust to their new culture. They all settled in California and each became successful in their own right. If you know of friends or former members that might want to welcome this couple with us please invite them to our second service on October 2.

They are -

# Out of the DARKNESS<sup>SM</sup>

C O M M U N I T Y W A L K S

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

WHEN? Sunday, November 6, 2016

WHERE? Ditto Landing

2:30 pm Registration

3:30 pm-4:30 pm Walk

Register Online: AFSP.org

No registration fee

Teams asked to raise \$150

Individual walkers and teams welcome

## REPORT OF FIRST SMALL MEETINGS WITH THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Two meetings have been held. We discussed the congregational meeting, the bidding process to get actual costs, and reviewed all of the presentation charts used at the Congregational Meeting. Next, six renovation options were identified, possible funding programs were described, and information on the line of credit which might be needed if the congregation in November selects a renovation option which exceeds the current funding available in the bank account in November. On August 31 the account was at \$501,793.

There are three more small meetings scheduled in the evening at 7 PM. If you want another daytime meeting please contact the office and give a date and time. The committee will set that up.

Bob Senn, Chair 2016 Building Committee

## THANK YOU AGAIN!

FCC, you are so generous! You gave over 250 hygiene items for Morris School. You also provided \$175 to purchase gift cards to be used as they need to replenish items. These gifts are so very appreciated.

Community Outreach

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

WHO: All are invited

WHAT: 8 session Short Term Disciple Bible Study  
*Invitation to Romans*

WHEN: Beginning 10/11/16

Ending 12/6/16

9:00 AM or 6:00 PM

WHY: Opportunity to study God's word with the support of fellow Christians

HOW: Books available just outside the Narthex. Simply add your name to sign up sheet available there

Please contact Nancy Waites, 256-683-6192 or nancykwaites@gmail.com, for further information or with any questions. If schedule conflicts arise, both classes will be studying same session in any given week.

## CWM, THE NEAVES-DAVIS CENTER, AND YOU

The October CWM project is financial support for the Neaves-Davis Center (also known as the D-Home). The Center opened many years ago when a group of citizens (including former FCC member, Nancy Erskine) were concerned that youth in legal trouble were housed in the adult jail; a juvenile center was then built. Funds are used to purchase items such as books for the Center's library, educational games, equipment for the gymnasium, and computer programs. The average age of the 20 children typically in the Center is 15 ½ with an average stay of 17 days. Our monetary donations can help provide positive activities for the teens and expose them to alternate ways to spend their time. This is a program that is often neglected in our community and where we can make a difference.

To give, write "Neaves Center" 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 "Neaves Center" in the "Purpose" box and follow the directions.

## HOMETOWN INTERFAITH PILGRIMAGE

Interfaith Mission Service invites you to attend a tour and prayers at the Huntsville Islamic Center on Friday, September 30. 11:30 am, tour and questions and answers. 12:30 pm, prayers. (Ladies, please bring a scarf).