



# The Journey

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Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, October 20**, at Noon [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

## “I HAVE COME ...”

In John’ gospel chapter 10 Jesus says, “I have come that you might have life and have it abundantly. I have come that you might have life that overflows.” Wow, that is a powerful and great promise to fulfill. Jesus came to give life abundant and overflowing. Jesus gave his life that we might live our life now and forever more.

I greatly respect Tony Campolo, a Christian theologian, writer, speaker, and Eastern College in Pennsylvania sociology professor. One time he asked his class, “How long have you lived?” Of course the response was mostly in years and then Campolo said, “No! I didn’t ask you how long you existed breathing, functioning as a member of the human race. I want to know how long you have really been alive with life!” He was asking, how long have you lived with any degree of seriousness for the meaning and purpose of life?

*Carpe Diem* is the title of a book Campolo wrote and a Latin phrase that means, “seize the day.” It seems to me that Jesus is saying for us to *seize the day*, and to live life to its fullest through him. There are those who never scratch the surface of life and never reflect on its meaning and purpose. They just sort of exist and go through the motions of living. But Jesus calls us to live better than that, to find our purpose and live more meaningfully by loving God, others, and life itself.

In the *Dead Poets Society*, the teacher John Keating gathers his class in the center of the room and quotes a line from Walt Whitman. It is a line about life that reads, “The powerful play goes on and you may contribute a verse.” Have you ever thought about what your verse will be? When I think of people who have contributed a significant verse to the powerful play (life), I think of people like Jimmy Carter. Whatever you may think of his presidency or his politics, his humanitarian impact on our world as peacemaker and advocate for the poor is unmatched.

There are law students who defend the poor and their rights pro bono. And social workers improving the lives of the disadvantaged. And teachers making a difference in the lives of children, even when they can’t always see it. And parents investing their lives in their children.

Jesus said, I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly. I have come that you might not live a life of quiet desperation. I have come that you might live deeply and find meaning. I have come so that you may not arrive at the end of your life and discover that you have not really lived. I have come to empower you to *Carpe Diem*, every day, to risk something big for something good, to make the most of the only life you have to live!

So I ask you what powerful verse will be yours? *Carpe Diem!*

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, OCTOBER 23

Old Testament	Joel 2:23-32
Epistle	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Sermon Text	Luke 18:9-14
First Service	“God Have Mercy On Us”
Second Service	Children’s Sabbath

### SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15	Jeff Seward & Dale Thomas
10:30	Mack Vann & Jan Mackenzie

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Edgeton

### SERVING COMMUNION

8:15	Lisa Fitzgerald & Jackie Sameck Mike & Becky Lash
10:30	Nancy Adams & Matt Ball Sabrina Beckman & Ruth Lackey

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Chuck & Penny Jackman

SUNDAY’S FOOD BASKET is Open

SUNDAY’S FLOWERS are in honor of Michael Beutjer’s birthday.

### FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Margaret J. Vann

### CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Not Meeting - Children’s Sabbath

### YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

ATTENDANCE	10/9	10/16
First Service Worship	42	50
Sunday School	42	43
Second Service Worship	78	106
Children’s Church	5	6
Young Disciples	8	NA
Total Worship	133	162

## CHILDREN’S SABBATH "SEUSS & SCRIPTURE"



On Sunday, October 23 we will have the annual Children's Sabbath at the 10:30 worship service.

At our Weekend Bible School this year our children learned about some of the stories of one of the world's most beloved children's authors, Dr. Seuss. But a closer look at Seuss's stories reveals that many are inspirational as well as instructive. This year's Children's Sabbath, "Seuss & Scripture" will be focused on the stories *Horton Hatches the Egg*; *Horton Hears a Who!*; *The Sneetches*; *What Was I Afraid Of?* and *Yertle the Turtle* and how they relate to scripture and to our own Christian walk.

The children will just be leading worship at the 10:30 service. At this worship service we will be focused on faithfulness, compassion, being one in Christ Jesus, giving our fears to God, and building a foundation on Jesus.

The scriptures for that Sunday will be: Matthew 25:31-40; 2 Corinthians 5:15-17; Galatians 3:23-28; Matthew 7:24-27; & Matthew 8:23-27.

The children have been increasing their enjoyment of Dr. Seuss, and more importantly they have been encouraged to think about God’s Word and themselves in new ways. My hope is that the entire church family, will be encouraged to do the same.

Thanks be to God!  
Pastor Laura West

### 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.

### GRATEFUL LIFE NEEDS

Community Outreach service project for October is in support of Grateful Life Community Church. The collection is for hygiene products, socks, and Depends (size L and XL). Small sizes of toiletry items, such as those from hotels, are perfect since individuals may not have access to storage. Some suggested items are: razors, soap, shampoo, deodorant, foot powder or cream, tooth paste, floss, tooth brush, combs, and lotion or cream. If you prefer to donate money, please make check to FCC and note for Grateful Life. Needed purchases will be made for you.

Grateful Life provides ministry, over-the-counter medicines, food, clothing, and toiletries to those in need. They serve over 100 people each week that live on the streets or in local shelters. Thank you for your supporting this community in need.

Our **Bring-A-Friend Sunday**, November 13, 2016, has been **postponed** until a later time. Scheduling conflicts and timing make it necessary for us to wait until sometime in 2017. Thank you for your understanding and continued support and may God's blessing be with us.

### SMALL MEETINGS ON THE BUILDING PROGRAM

There will be a total of five small meetings to discuss more details on the building program and the cost options available. The final meeting is Saturday, October 22, at 9:00 AM in Garden Room. You can come and ask your questions and go home unless you want to see what others are thinking.

### YEAR TO DATE GIVING STATEMENTS

Year to date Giving Statements are available in the Narthex on Sunday, and in the church office during the week, for the next two weeks. Please contact the office at 256-881-0150 if you would like your statement mailed to you.

### CASA TEMP\$ 2016 TAKING ENERGY MEASURES PERSONALLY=\$SAVINGS

The CASA TEMP\$ weatherization program has been helping the elderly and homebound of Madison County stay warmer and safer in their homes for over thirty years. Every September TEMP\$ Assessors visit clients' homes to assess their weatherization needs and how CASA volunteers can help through the TEMP\$ program.

**Workday will be Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Volunteers go to client homes to weatherize.

#### **TEAM LEADER MEETING**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 6pm**

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

The team leader is responsible for picking the materials up on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. TEMP\$ work includes some or all of the following: plastic over windows, cover window air conditioners, make homes less drafty by caulking or installing weather stripping and door sweeps, install storms door, install dead bolts, install smoke alarms.

There are many aspects to this annual event and many opportunities for individual or group participation. Every year hundreds of volunteers work to make the lives of CASA clients better by working on about 160 homes. For more information call Lauren at 256.533.7775 or email at [lauren@casamadisoncty.org](mailto:lauren@casamadisoncty.org).