



# The Journey

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Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, November 10**, at Noon [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

## DEMONSTRATING OUR LOVE

There is an old but lovely story about how we go about demonstrating our love for others. Like many stories, it is a parable.

A man and wife were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary - fifty years of married life. Having spent most of the day with relatives and friends at a big party given in their honor, they were back home again. They decided, before retiring, to have a little snack of tea with bread and butter. They went into the kitchen, where the husband opened up a new loaf of bread and handed the end piece (the heel) to his wife. Whereupon she exploded!

She said, "For fifty years you have been dumping the heel of the bread on me, I will not take anymore, this lack of concern for me and what I like." On and on she went in the bitterest of terms, for offering her the heel of the bread. The husband was absolutely astonished at her tirade. When she had finished he said to her quietly, "But it's my favorite piece."

It is fitting and proper that we show love and compassionate concern for one another. Love is a definite mark of discipleship. We need to be certain that our love is understood and accepted.

Part of the problem we have in demonstrating our love is that we do it without a lot of fanfare and public announcement. Sometimes we show love secretly and quietly. Like the husband in the story we do not brag or boast about what we do as tender acts of love.

Jesus told us something very similar in his Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 6:3-4:3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

There is another story similar to this one. A young couple were married. She was somewhat less than the best cook. Her husband, anxious to please his young wife, bragged about her cooking.

One evening she told him she was preparing a green bean casserole for dinner. The recipe was her mothers and she was sure he would like it. The truth was he didn't like green bean casserole for dinner. In fact he didn't like it even a little bit. When dinner was served, rather than offending his wife or his mother-in-law, he not only ate some of the casserole, but asked for a second serving. The months and years passed and the green bean casserole was served often, since she had every reason to believe it was his favorite dish.

Then one day they had a quarrel. They both said things to one another they were sorry for saying. He blurted out in anger, "I never did like that dumb old green bean casserole."

Some time passed and the couple went to see a marriage counselor who listened patiently to their story. His advice was for them to go home and eat the green bean casserole, not because he loved it, but because he loved her.

That is the way to true and lasting love.

Lovingly 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, NOVEMBER 13

Old Testament Isaiah 65:17-25  
Epistle 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Sermon Text Luke 21:5-19  
Sermon "Our Way and God's Way"

### SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Bob Senn & Dave Crockett  
10:30 Tom Hodge & Joe Brockway

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nancy Waites

### SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Carl & Carol Jones  
Jackie Sameck & Margaret J. Vann  
10:30 Marie Bittle & Nancy Woodall  
Brad & Pam Clasgens

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Gray & Theresa Killough

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in memory of Tim Stayman by Nancy Stayman.

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS are in honor of Patrick Love's birthday by Monty & Dinah Love and in honor of John & Nancy Robinson's anniversary by John Robinson.

### FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Mary Ann Anderson

### CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Bible story and songs

### YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

ATTENDANCE	10/30	11/6
First Service Worship	52	53
Sunday School	45	53
Second Service Worship	94	113
Children's Church	2	10
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	148	176

## 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 "at risk" children in the Huntsville/Madison County School Systems a Merry Christmas. On December 10, 2016, each "Hero" will be paired with a child and given a \$100 gift card. The "Hero" will help the child purchase presents for their family and themselves. You can sponsor a child /children anytime until the event on Dec. 10 by writing a check to FCC with Shop With a Hero (SWAH) on the memo line. Any amount is appreciated. We are signing up heroes and volunteers to help with this project, so please consider volunteering on Dec. 10 to help the children shop and to help wrap their gifts. For more information visit [www.shopwithahero.info](http://www.shopwithahero.info). or contact Jeff Seward.



Community Outreach and  
Christian Women's Ministries

### STOCKINGS FOR CHRISTMAS CHARITIES



It's the most wonderful time of the year! The time has come to fill stockings for Christmas Charities! The stockings will be available every Sunday in November and need to be returned to church by Sunday, November 27.

Every year First Christian fills 100 stockings that Christmas Charities then gives to needy children in the Huntsville and Madison County area. There will be a wide range of ages of children to assist, so pick up a stocking and have fun shopping to make a child's Christmas merry and bright.

SAVE THE DATE  
NOVEMBER 20TH  
IS SACK SUNDAY

### CALLING ALL BAKERS!



The Bake Sale is back! All proceeds will benefit FCC, with 10% going to the Region. Please bake and have your items here on November 18. Deliveries will be accepted from 4:00 until 8:00 pm in Family Services. The sale is November 19 from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. A Silent Auction will be running at the same time.

Cake, pie, and cupcake holders will be available starting November 6 in the office. You can sign up to volunteer and/or pick up flyers to advertise in the Commons Area. Yard signs will be available starting November 13.

#### SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

Our Bake Sale and Silent Auction is November 19. We would love for all to bring baked goods or an auction item. These can range from quilts, antique glassware, or gas cards to offering to cook, babysit or do home repairs! Each of us has a special gift we can share!

Please bring any auction items or ideas by Sunday, November 13. Please have an approximate value and description on each item. Thank you for all you do for FCC!

Any questions, email [leeboles@aol.com](mailto:leeboles@aol.com).

In November, CWM is again supporting the AL/NWFL regional CWM project, The Well-House in Leeds, AL. From its website: "The Well-House seeks to rescue and provide opportunities for restoration to victims of human trafficking who have been sexually exploited while also educating the public on the exploitation of the vulnerable, all through the power and principles of the Christian faith." If you would like to support this project, please drop a check in the offering bowl or church office marked for "CWM WellHouse."

#### Ladies of the Church

Please Join Us for a Bridal Shower

Honoring Courtney Volinski

Sunday, November 13th

From 1:00 - 3:00 PM

First Christian Church Parlor

Hosted by Mary Propes, Karen Ziegler, and Donna Zeephat. Courtney is registered at Belk, Lawren's, and Williams-Sonoma.

#### VINTAGE VAGABONDS

The Vintage Vagabonds will tour the U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum (\$4) on Airport Rd. on Thursday, Nov. 10, with lunch following at Gibson's on the South Parkway. Please sign up at the FCC Volunteer Desk asap. Call Sue Seward with questions.

#### RENOVATION (BUILDING) PROGRAM

##### INFORMATION

The six small meetings on the renovation program have concluded. However, if you were not able to attend one of them and have unanswered questions, I am very happy to answer them by phone (256) 881-6327, on-line ([bnsenn@aol.com](mailto:bnsenn@aol.com)), or meet you in your home. The presentation lasts about an hour. Please feel free to contact me. I want to be sure that all questions are answered before the congregation meets to make a decision on how we will proceed.

Bob Senn, Renovation Committee Chair

#### CWM AND THE NEAVES-DAVIS CENTER

##### THANK YOU!

A check for \$700 was recently sent to the Neaves-Davis Center, the facility that houses children in trouble for a short time. This population is often overlooked but not by FCC. You have generously given to the Center so that much needed items can be purchased that are not covered by their budget. Thank you for caring so much about the troubled youth in our community.