



# The Journey

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Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, November 17**, at Noon [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

## UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

A minister tells of how there was no gymnasium in the seminary building so they played basketball in a nearby public school. The janitor was an older man with lines of age. He waited patiently for the students to finish their game and while he was waiting he read his Bible.

One day the minister went to the man and asked him, "What are you reading?" The man answered, "The book of Revelation."

With some surprise in his voice the minister asked, "The book of Revelation? Do you understand it?" "Oh yes," the janitor said, "I understand it."

"Tell me what it means?"

The man answered, "It means that Jesus is gonna win."

That man may not have had a scholarly knowledge of the words and phrases in the book of Revelation, but he knew the message and the meaning of the book. Jesus wins! Love wins!

Yes, thank God, Jesus is gonna win! Hallelujah!

Most of us know little about the Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic languages in which the scriptures were written. To add to the confusion even if we have some knowledge of the ancient languages, originally the Greek was written in all capitals without any punctuations or divisions between words and paragraphs. The Hebrew words were constructed of only consonants and no vowels. Vowels were added through the years, but with just consonants you can have different words with different meanings by adding different vowels.

One large religious group in this country places a great deal of importance to the location of a comma that Luke records in his gospel in the conversation Jesus had with the men when they were crucified with

him.

Jesus said to one of the men, "Today, you will be with me in paradise." The implication of the place of the comma after the word "today" is that Jesus was saying, "I am speaking to you today. Sometime in the future you will be with me in paradise." If the comma is not there then Jesus is saying, "Today here and now you will be with me in paradise."

We will probably never know until the last days of our lives where the comma ought to be. We must rather understand that it doesn't make a lot of difference where the comma is place. We must know what it means and that is, if we are repentant and willing to yield to him as Savior and Lord, he will take us into heaven.

If we are going to understand the Bible we must not worry about words and punctuation, but about the heart of the truth. We must look closely at what we feel Jesus is trying to teach us and believe that with all our hearts.

See you Sunday,

*Pastor Cameron*

ATTENDANCE	11/6	11/13
First Service Worship	53	50
Sunday School	53	36
Second Service Worship	113	85
Children's Church	10	4
Young Disciples	NA	5
Total Worship	176	144

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 Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages - 9:15 a.m.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Old Testament                      Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Epistle                                 Colossians 1:11-20  
Sermon Text                         Luke 17:11-19  
Sermon                                 "Thanksgiving"

### SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15     Karen Ball & Nancy Waites  
10:30    Roger Sameck & Tom Hodge

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rick Shrout

### SERVING COMMUNION

8:15     Delores Edgeton & Linda Hooker  
           Frank & Lisa Fitzgerald  
10:30    Mancy Adams & Matt Ball  
           Mary Ann Anderson & Sabrina Beckman

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Dinah Love

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of John & Jill Hall's anniversary.

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS are in honor of the birthdays of our great-granddaughters Elliott & Charlie Phillips by Brenda & Charlie Stroud.

### FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Margaret J. Vann

### CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

How the Church Tells Time  
Pastor Laura, John Hall, & Pae Payne

### YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)



## ADVENT SCHEDULE

### November 27, 5:00 pm

Hanging of the Greens with reception following



### December 24, 5:00 pm and 11:00 pm

Christmas Eve Services with Communion

### December 25, 10:30 am

Single Christmas Day Service  
(Sunday School at 9:30 am)

## 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.

## SACK SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 20TH

Please join us in filling grocery sacks with canned goods and non-perishable food items to be distributed to several local agencies. Please put your donations on the tables in the hall outside Family Services. So, grab a bag and fill it full so some deserving family can have



a Happy Thanksgiving.

Thank-you, Community Outreach

THERE WILL BE NO PICKELBALL ON SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 21 OR 27..

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 20, at 6:00 pm  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
5003 Whitesburg Drive  
Sponsored by Southeast Huntsville  
Clergy Association

### 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 in the Garden Room.**

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.

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"GIVE ME WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE  
THAT I MAY LEAD"

The **Thanksgiving Offering**, collected this Sunday, benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve.

From the very beginnings of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps underwrite the education of students attending one of our fourteen undergraduate institutions and our seven seminaries or divinity houses.

Thousands of students have attended the Colleges and Universities of the Christian Church receiving both a quality education and the opportunity to remain within our Disciple's heritage. Your financial gift provides scholarships and support for spiritual life offices. By giving to the Thanksgiving Offering you are investing in our students and helping keep education costs down.

Attending a Disciples College or Theological School is possible through the scholarships and grants that are made available by generous individuals, the Disciples Mission Fund and your gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering. Please write Thanksgiving Offering in the memo/note line of your check. You may also give online through Paypal at our website <http://www.fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give/> and specify Thanksgiving Offering.

In November, CWM is again supporting the AL/NWFL regional CWM project, The WellHouse in Leeds, AL. From its website: "The WellHouse 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."