



The Journey

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Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, February 23**, at Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org

There will be a Congregational Information Meeting on Sunday, February 26, following the 10:30 service.

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

Recently I have been going through some clippings and things I have gathered in ministry over the years. I came across this Ann Lander's article published long ago in 1984! Yes, I know she has been gone from the advice column syndication for a long time, but her advice still has merit. Anyway, her article is really cute and I have NOT passed this on to the Senior Minister Search and Call Committee. Sometimes, as they say, it is better to beg forgiveness than to ask permission. So, I beg your pardon ...

'The Perfect Pastor'

"Results of a computerized survey indicate that the perfect pastor preaches exactly 15 minutes. He condemns sin, but never embarrasses anyone. He works from 8 a.m. until midnight and is also the janitor.

He makes \$60 a week (remember this is 1984 so triple it), wears good cloths, drives a new car, and gives \$50 a week to the poor. He is 28 years old, has been preaching for 25 years, is wonderfully gentle and handsome, loves to work with teenagers and spends countless hours with senior citizens. He makes 15 calls daily on parish families, shut-ins and hospital patients, and is always in the office when needed.

If your Pastor does not measure up, simply send this letter to six other parishes that are tired of their pastor too. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of the list. In one week you will receive 1,643 pastors. One of them should be perfect."

Then you might consider these five suggestions on how to get rid of an undesirable Preacher (or interim Minister ;-).

1. "Look him straight in the eye while he is preaching and say, 'Amen,' once in a while. He will preach himself to death in a few weeks.
2. Pat him on the back and brag on his good points. He will soon work himself to death.
3. Start paying him a living wage. Perhaps he is one of those many preachers who have gone on starvation wages for so long he would eat enough to kill himself if he ever got the chance.
4. Rededicate your own life to Christ and ask the preacher for a job to do. He will die of heart failure.
5. Get the church to unite in prayer for the preacher, and he will soon become so effective, some larger church will take him off your hands."

- Dave C. Boaz

I like to laugh too. Hope this has some comic relief for you as it has for me.

See You Sunday,

Pastor Cameron

TRANSFIGURATION

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 26

Old Testament	Exodus 24:12-18
Epistle	2 Peter 1:16-21
Sermon Text	Matthew 17:1-9
Sermon	“Welcome to the Mountain, Now Go Home”

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Joe Brockway & Bob Senn

10:30 Karen Ball & Mack Vann

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Edgeton

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Lynn Abernathy & Margaret J. Vann

Delores Edgeton & Linda Hooker

10:30 Beverly Cannon & Nancy Waites

Charles & Pam Gilliland

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Rick & Kay Shrout

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in memory of Larry Thompson by Ann Thompson.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

The Great Banquet

Linda Lykins

Brady Johnson

Matthew Beutjer

YOUNG DISCIPLES (Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

Jesus and the Paralytic

Karen Ball

Pastor Laura

HELP IS NEEDED in the Nursery and Toddler rooms on Sunday mornings. Please see the sign up poster in the Commons and sign up now for first or second shift on one Sunday in February and March. We need loving hands to assist our attendants.

RUMMAGE SALE!

This year's Rummage Sale to benefit youth missions will be February 24 and 25. Please consider how you can contribute to this church-wide event. Donation receipt, sorting, and pricing have begun and we can use your help. Just stop by and we will find something you can do to help.

We need more stuff! Do you have stuff taking up space at your house that needs a new home? **You may drop off sale items through Noon on Thursday, February 23** (call the office and leave your name and number for home pick-up of large items). **We will NOT accept any tube style TVs or computer monitors.** We also will not accept any electronics or household appliances that do not work (unless the non-working part is identified), or that are extremely damaged. Items that belong together (remotes, lamp shades, etc.) should be boxed or taped together. Not only will this sale send our youth out to serve, it will also help our neighbors in need purchase quality items at very reasonable prices.

SMALL GROUP STUDY

DURING THE LENTEN SEASON

The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus explores the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Author Adam Hamilton leads readers through the places Jesus' ministry happened, explores the culture of Bible times, and considers what it means to be followers of Jesus. This is not just a study of history and geography, but a call to discipleship.

UPDATE: The study will be available at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM beginning February 28 for six weeks. Contact Ann Thompson at 256-881-8168 or abt4848@gmail.com to register or for more information. The book is available from Amazon or help is available to order if needed. Each participant will need a book to gain the full value of the study.

2017 FOOD BASKETS

The 2017 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is up and located across the hall from McMains Hall. Remember a friend, anniversary, birthday, or other special occasion. Donations are \$25.00 with checks made out to First Christian Church and "Food Basket" on the notation line.



March Birthdays



2	Jan Mackenzie, Melissa Turner
3	Rebecca Blackman
4	A.J. Barr
6	Penny Jackman
7	Kelsey Christian
9	Dorothy J. Montgomery
11	Sandra Austin, James Hutson, Jackie Sameck, Jonathan Shrout
12	Chris Barr
13	Bud Hooker, Chase Jones, Lauren Killough
14	Paige Brown
17	Phil Williams
24	Michele Ammons
26	Jania Johnson
27	Josie Craig
30	Darrell Dixon, Mary Dorough
31	Glenda Luft

HEALS DENTAL CLINIC DUEL SERVICE PROJECT

CWM will join Community Outreach as sponsors of the dental clinic in February. HEALS

(Health Establishments at Local Schools) provides on-site dental care and makes an immediate difference in the lives of children, many of whom have never visited a dentist. After each dental visit, the children select a small toy as a reward for their visit. The rewards encourages a positive attitude for any return visits.



We can help by providing monetary donations for HEALS and/or small toys to be used for rewards. Please remember these items will go with the student back into the classroom and must be appropriate for this setting. Anything that goes in the mouth such as a harmonica, whistle, bubbles, or crazy straws is not encouraged since the children tend to try out the items before making a final selection. Unopened prizes available in fast food meals are perfect for this project. If you make a monetary donation, please list "HEALS/dental" on the item line.



ATTENDANCE	2/12	2/19
First Service Worship	46	54
Sunday School	31	33
Second Service Worship	95	104
Children's Church	5	12
Young Disciples	5	NA
Total Worship	151	170