



# *The Journey*

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Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, March 23**, at Noon [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

## **The Gospel According to You: RESILIENCE**

I am preaching a Lenten Sermon Series entitled, “The Gospel According to YOU.” This Sunday I will be preaching on our witness of Christ in our RESILIENCE. The sermon text is Romans 8:28-35, 37-39. The dictionary defines resilience as the ability to spring back; the strength to bounce back, to return to the original form or position after being bent or compressed.

Throughout his ministry, Jesus taught that as we face the trials and storms of life, we need a resiliency of spirit that will bend, as a reed bends with the wind, but not break; the strength to take the hard knocks of life and then bounce back.

Dale Carnegie once pointed out that the manufacturers of automobile tires tried at first to make a tire that would resist the shocks of road. It was a tire that was soon cut to pieces and torn to shreds. Then they started making tires that would give a little and absorb the shocks. Those tires are still with us. They are enduring because they are resilient. They give a little, they absorb, and then they bounce back.

As Christians, we need to learn how to take the storms of life with resilience, rather than with resentment, bitterness or self-pity. The storms do come, the winds do blow, the rains do fall, and the quality of Christian resilience can serve us well in such stressful times.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul gave us a reason for resilience. He wrote: “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” Paul’s words summon us to remember always the big picture of life, and then to move forward in faith.

We all experience disappointments. Milton went blind. Beethoven lost his hearing. Helen Keller was deaf, blind and unable to speak. But they were not defeated by these trials. They all dug in with faith and turned what could have been tragedy into victory. With the help of God, each of us can do that too.

We all know that the key to real life is not in what happens to us outwardly, it’s what happens within us where the real battles are won or lost. Everything depends on the spirit with which we face them and we can know that God is with us and will see us through.

Resilience is not weakness. We must be resilient in spirit when it comes to overcoming trials or dealing with our relationships with others. We need to be understanding, kind and forgiving. We need to live in the strong but gracious spirit of Christ. We must believe with Paul that no matter what happens in our lives, whether good or bad, that “all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”

See You Sunday,

*Pastor Cameron*

3209 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802 Telephone: 256-881-0150 Office Hours: 9am - 5pm M-F  
Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages - 9:15 a.m.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Scripture Romans 8: 28-35, 37-39  
Sermon "The Gospel According to YOU!"  
Your "RESILIENCE"

### SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Joe Brockway & Bob Senn  
10:30 Karen Ball & Mack Vann

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nancy Waites

### SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Delores Edgeton & Linda Hooker  
Jackie Sameck & Margaret J. Vann  
10:30 Beverly Cannon & Nancy Waites  
Charles & Pam Gilliland

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Rick & Kay Shrout

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is in honor of Jeff & Sue Seward by Community Outreach

### CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

*Jesus and Zacchaeus*  
Linda Lykins  
Matthew Beutjer & Jacob Brockway

### YOUNG DISCIPLES (Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

*Jesus Calls the Twelve Disciples*  
Pastor Laura  
Tara Thorne  
Ty Davis & Anna Roberts

### 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.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, April 2

Presentation and Vote on a Capital Improvement Program.

### BLESSING BOXES DUE

For 64 years Disciples women have been collecting spare change in small cardboard Blessing Boxes. This daily discipline has generated millions of dollars in mission support. Since 2007, one-half of the money collected goes to the mission of the church and one-half to ministries carried out by women of the church here and abroad through the International Disciples Women.



Your Blessing Box money is due this month to your group treasurer or in the church offering. Please write a check to First Christian Church with Blessing Box in the memo line. Then start collecting again for next year!

Ruth Lackey,  
Blessing Box Coordinator for CWM

### Family Camp April 28 - 30

Oak Mountain State Park

Please see Pastor Linda for more information.

**Registration Deadline is April 1**

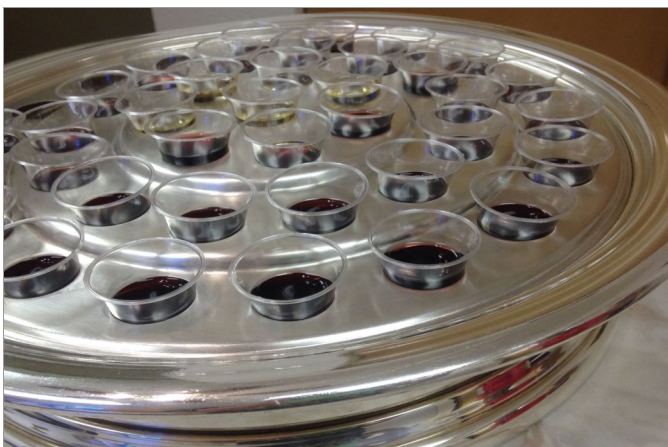
**HELP IS NEEDED** in the Nursery and Toddler rooms on Sunday mornings. Please see the sign up poster in the Commons Area and sign up now for first or second shift on one Sunday in March - May. We need loving hands to assist our attendants.

ATTENDANCE	3/12	3/19
First Service Worship	32	39
Sunday School	50	45
Second Service Worship	93	95
Children's Church	8	8
Young Disciples	9	NA
Total Worship	146	148

## CWM NEEDS YOUR HELP TO

### WELCOME BABIES

The March CWM project is to make gift baskets for the Healthy Families Program with the National Children's Advocacy Center. The program works with low income first-time mothers who do not have the support needed to help them through this experience. As well as providing basic baby needs, the gift basket shows someone cares. A list of needed items is posted in the Commons Area or financial donations may be made to CWM with "Baby Baskets" in the memo line. Thank you for caring about those in need.



### COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to help serve communion at both services. Please consider volunteering, it would help to lighten the load for the existing volunteers.

There are preparation serving procedures for guidance; if you are interested in serving communion please contact Gayle Herber, Communion Coordinator, herbersg@yahoo.com 256-653-3914.

Thank you, Gayle Herber

## HABITAT HOME # 24



We are building a 5-bedroom home on Maywick Road in north Huntsville. Maps to the home site are on the bulletin board outside the Parlor. Come on out and help us do this! If you cannot come out, please consider writing a check to FCC with Habitat in the memo/note line.



Our homeowner is Brittany Ford. She is 26 years old and is a single mother of her daughter Harmonie. She is also raising three of her brothers and two sisters. What a responsibility! She writes that having a Habitat home is a blessing and a wonderful experience. Given the opportunity to raise her family in a safe environment and a home she can call her own is a wonderful gift she is receiving and is most grateful to all who are helping this come true.

Bob Senn, Mr. Habitat for FCC

### LILIES FOR THE EASTER SEASON

If you would you like to honor a friend or remember a loved one with an Easter Lily for our sanctuary, please make a \$15 donation to cover the cost of a lily, and list your donor information on the signup sheet posted on the flower sheet across from McMains Hall. Make your check payable to FCC, write "Easter Lily" in the memo line, and drop it in the offering plate or church office. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret J. Vann at 256.533.4213 or trilliumjv@knology.net.

