



The Journey

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Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, May 4**, at Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org

GREEN CHALICE:

A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST CREATION CARE MINISTRY



At our last Alabama Northwest-Florida Regional Board meeting, a resolution presented by the Young Adults asking the Region to become a “Green Chalice” Regional Church was approved. Now the ALNWFL Regional Church is asking each congregation to consider becoming a Green Chalice congregation. Essentially Green Chalice is a partnership ministry of the Disciples Home Missions seeking better eco-friendly stewardship ways and means of caring for all of God’s creation.



Becoming a Green Chalice congregation means that the local congregation takes seriously God’s call for stewardship of the earth, caring for its resources, and reducing our congregation’s carbon footprint. Every little bit helps our environment and can impact the congregation’s budget. FCC Huntsville already does many environmentally conscious things, such as recycling our used Sunday bulletins, office paper waste, and ECM kitchen boxes, aluminum cans, etc. We are also looking into new high efficiency lighting possibilities in the sanctuary, installing new energy efficient HVAC units, and other building and grounds updating efforts. But we can do more!

In fact, I would like to form a Green Chalice task force to explore what else we can do for the environment. This “Green Team” would read and sign a *Green Chalice Covenant* provided by our denomination as a guide to our commitment. The next step is to put our commitment into action and make three changes that will move our congregation toward better caring for God’s creation.

I want to begin a dialogue with anyone interested in taking part in the Green Chalice Team. Please contact me at cameron@fcc-hsv.org or call the church office at 256-881-0150. There is more information available online at www.greenchalice.org.

I’ll See You Sunday,

Pastor Cameron

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

Share an hour or more of your time with our babies or toddlers once a month. Sign up poster is in the Commons for first service, Sunday School, or second service. If you are not on the Safe Church volunteer list, we can easily provide training.

CPR COURSE

May 20th 10AM till Noon
First Christian Church Garden Room
Open to all Volunteers and Sunday School Workers. The sign up board is in the Commons area. Contact Pastor Linda Davis for details.

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, MAY 7

Scripture John 10: 1-10
Sermon "I Am His Sheep"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Dale Thomas & Mack Vann
10:30 Jeff Seward & Bob Senn

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bev Williamson

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Delores Edgeton & Kathi Luzar
Nancy Waites & Mike Lash
10:30 Marie Bittle & Gayle Herber
Beverly Cannon & Nancy Woodall

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Lynn Abernathy

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of
Hunter Mabry's birthday by John Paul
Hampton, and in honor of Mack Vann.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

The Good Shepherd and the Wolf
Nancy Woodall
Pastor Laura
Braly Beutjer & Evan Sexton

YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

The 2017 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is 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.



SAFE CHURCH TRAINING EVENT

9:15 AM, Sunday, May 7, Family Services Room

This event is open to parents, grandparents, prospective Sunday School teachers, volunteers, youth, and anyone who might like to work with the children of our church and who have not previously attended Safe Church training. After six months membership, adults who take this training and pass the background check are eligible to volunteer. Looking forward to discussing how Safe Church for our children is a priority at FCC.

Sue Seward, Safe Church co-chair

GRATEFUL LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Christian's Women's Ministries and Community Outreach have chosen financial support for Grateful Life Community Church as their Service Project for the month of May. Grateful Life is a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation located at 207 Oakwood Avenue. As stated on their website (www.gratefullife.org) this community church provides ministry, food, clothing, bikes, over the counter medications and toiletries for the poorest citizens of Huntsville. Many of those helped are veterans, addicts, or the mentally ill with little in the way of material goods. Donations will help improve the quality of life for those in need. Grateful Life is also the only church in Huntsville that opens its doors as an emergency shelter to all of those needing a warm place during extremely cold weather. Please make your check out to FCC, write Grateful Life in the note or memo line, place it in the offering bowl, give it to your Circle leader or drop it by the church office. Your contribution is greatly appreciated!

| ATTENDANCE | 4/23 | 4/30 |
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| First Service Worship | 35 | 42 |
| Sunday School | 52 | 39 |
| Second Service Worship | 80 | 91 |
| Children's Church | 10 | 8 |
| Young Disciples | 6 | NA |
| Total Worship | 131 | 141 |

VINTAGE VAGABONDS will travel to historic Mooresville on Thursday, May 18, to visit 1818 Farms and afterwards to have lunch at 306 BBQ (formerly new Greenbrier) on I-565.

Cost for the farm visit is \$7 to be paid the day of the trip. Lunch will be ordered from the menu (posted at sign up). Gather at FCC at 9:15 with your farm shoes on to visit the lambs. Farm-grown lavender and herb bath and beauty products will be for sale. Check out the farm's website at www.1818farms.com. Sign up sheet is on the volunteer desk. Please sign up by Tuesday, May 16.

THANK YOU!

Since last September CWM women have been collecting small change as they counted their daily blessings. This year we collected a total of \$638.41 - an increase of over \$100 from last year! This money goes toward the mission of the church and women's ministries.

Anyone can join us in this mission as we have already started counting our blessings for the next year. Contact Ruth Lackey for a Blessing Box calendar and collection box.



SOME ONLINE GIVING FAQ

You may give to FCC through PayPal at :
<http://fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give/>



- Q. What is PayPal?
- A. PayPal is an online service for businesses and non-profits to accept payments/donations online. It's a widely used and safe way for people to send money on the Internet.
- Q. Do I need a PayPal account to donate?
- A. No — You can simply enter your payment information on PayPal's secure website and the donation will be sent as a one-time gift to the church. However, if you have a PayPal account, you can simply transfer money to the church through PayPal to giving@fcc-hsv.org
- Q. How does the church get the money I send?
- A. After you complete the payment information steps at PayPal, the funds are immediately deposited in the church's online PayPal account. The bookkeeper will then transfer your donation to the church's bank account.
- Q. Are there any fees or costs to give online?
- A. Not to you. The full amount that you choose to donate goes to First Christian Church and is considered a tax-deductible gift. There is a small fee to the church for the processing of credit and debit cards.
- Q. Is my information safe and confidential?
- A. Yes — Online giving is actually less risky than handwritten checks. An online transaction cannot be lost, stolen, or destroyed. PayPal automatically encrypts your confidential information using the Secure Sockets Layer protocol (SSL) with an encryption key length of 128-bits (the highest level commercially available). When you give through PayPal, the church does NOT see private information like your debit card or bank account number.