



Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, May 17**, at Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org

ALABAMA NORTHWEST FLORIDA REGION "TOP TEN" LIST FOR 2016

Statistics never tell the whole story. The vitality of a congregation is most accurately measured by seeing persons drawn closer to God and by seeing lives changed through the worship, fellowship, and service of that congregation. Statistics, however, can offer us signs of hope that such vitality is being experienced in our Region. We celebrate these signs of hope and affirm those congregations on our "Top Ten" lists for 2016.

TEN LARGEST CONGREGATIONS

(in participating members)

1. Birmingham, First (328)
3. **Huntsville, First (252)**

HIGHEST AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

1. Birmingham, First (154)
2. **Huntsville, First (152)**

MOST BAPTISMS

1. Ft. Deposit, Snow Hill (12)
5. **Huntsville, First (4)**

MOST TOTAL ADDITIONS

1. Montgomery, First (20)
9. **Huntsville, First (10)**

HIGHEST DISCIPLES MISSION FUND SUPPORT

1. Birmingham, First (\$28,140)
6. **Huntsville, First (\$9,250)**

DISCIPLES OUTREACH

1. Birmingham, First (\$38,383)
2. **Huntsville, First (\$34,565)**

HIGHEST PER CAPITA DISCIPLES OUTREACH GIVING

1. Birmingham, First (\$273.20)
9. **Huntsville, First (\$137.16)**

HIGHEST WEEK OF COMPASSION GIVING

1. Meridian, First (\$16,372)
2. **Huntsville, First (\$7,652)**

HIGHEST RECONCILIATION GIVING

1. **Huntsville, First (\$2,841)**
2. Birmingham, First (\$1,711)

HIGHEST EASTER OFFERING

1. Birmingham, First (\$3,976)
2. **Huntsville, First (\$3,612)**

HIGHEST PENTECOST OFFERING

1. **Huntsville, First (\$2,610)**
2. Florence, First (\$2,457)

HIGHEST THANKSGIVING OFFERING

1. **Huntsville, First (\$3,150)**
2. Florence, First (\$2,200)

HIGHEST CHRISTMAS OFFERING

1. **Huntsville, First (\$4,720)**
2. Montgomery, First (\$3,235)

See you in Church!

Pastor Cameron

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Scripture 1 Peter 3: 13-22
Sermon "A Ready Defense"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Joe Brockway & Nancy Waites
10:30 Karen Ball & Jan Mackenzie

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Donna Blair

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Linda Lykins & Jackie Sameck
Rick & Kay Shrout
10:30 Nancy Adams & Bev Williamson
Roberta Shivers & Matt Ball

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Gayle Herber

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Reynolds Wilson's 16th birthday by Jeanne Derington, and in memory of Margaret Cowart by Gene Cowart.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

(No Worship and Wonder on May 21 due to High School Senior Day)

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.



Please join us on **May 21st at 4:00** for the annual **All-Church Potluck Picnic**. Beverages and paper products are provided; bring your favorite dish to share. We have a fun evening planned with good food, fellowship, music, and an inflatable water slide for the children. Tables will be set up inside for those preferring air conditioning; bring blankets and portable chairs for outside picnicking. **See you at 4:00, May 21st.**

GRATEFUL LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Christian 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	5/7	5/14
First Service Worship	40	47
Sunday School	37	42
Second Service Worship	108	81
Children's Church	6	8
Young Disciples	NA	NR
Total Worship	154	136

THANK YOU

As a recipient of your generosity, I'd like to "Thank" the person who bought the table for eight at the IMS Awards dinner. Everyone there really enjoyed the evening which included a wonderful dinner and a very interesting speaker. Your contribution to IMS will help facilitate their many worthwhile projects, so "Thanks" again for providing this experience.



FEED THE HUNGRY on the Salvation Army soup kitchen. One or two servers and a driver are needed each month to deliver meals to three locations in Huntsville on the third Tuesday of each month. The time commitment is 5:15 departing the Salvation Army mission on Seminole Drive until approximately 6:45. A sign up sheet is on the Community Outreach bulletin board across from McMains Hall. Please consider helping.

Talk with Jeff Seward for more information.



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BLOOD DRIVE
SUNDAY, JUNE 11
8:00 AM - NOON**

CHURCH VAN REPAIRS

The Church van is in desperate need of repairs & paint. Leaks in the roof have caused mold and electrical damage. The van has also met with various immovable objects that have caused body & bumper damage. A rough estimate for repairs is \$5,000 and that is well beyond what the property budget can absorb. If you would like to make a donation toward the repairs, please write a check to the church with Van Repairs in the memo/notation line of the check.

Thank you.

CPR COURSE

May 20th 10AM till Noon

First Christian Church Garden Room

Open to all Volunteers and Sunday School Workers. Call the church office by Wednesday, May 17, to sign up. Contact Pastor Linda Davis for details.

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.