



# The Journey

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Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, May 22**, at Noon [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

## WHERE THE SCRIPTURES SPEAK

A certain man was filling out a credit application. When he came to the line where he was to list dependents he wrote "none." The loan officer asked him, "You're married, aren't you?"

The man replied, "Yes, but she ain't dependable."

He continued to fill out the application. When he came to the question "length of residence" he wrote "about 75 feet."

Words do not always mean the same thing to us as they do to someone else. Regardless of how clearly we think we are stating something, there will be someone who will not understand.

The religious leaders who began the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) deplored the divisions that separated Christians from one another. They sincerely believed that if everyone took the Bible as their guide there would be no divisions into denominations. They considered denominationalism as sinful and contrary to the will of God.

They coined (and borrowed) some principals, or axioms, to help explain their belief. One was: "No creed but Christ; no book but the Bible." Another was: "Where the scriptures speak we speak; where the scriptures are silent, we are silent." Yet another was: "In essentials unity; in opinions liberty, in all things charity."

Those early leaders discovered that while the principals were valid (and still are) persons could not always agree on what the scripture was saying. Words whose meaning seemed to be perfectly obvious to our early leaders were not so obvious to others.

Persons could not always agree on what was an essential of the Christian faith and practice and what was a matter of opinion. For example, our leaders were very sure that celebrating the Lord's Supper weekly was essential. Others said the frequency of the celebration of the Lord's Supper was a matter of personal opinion. Everyone was using the same Bible and searching for the truth of God.

In our church we have Sunday school classes for all ages that are Bible centered. We have excellent teachers committed to the teaching of Christ. We are searching for the word of God for us, but we know that we are not God and cannot ever fully know God's mind. In fact we should question the integrity of those who think they know all the truth of God.

We call ourselves "Disciples" because by definition we see ourselves as learners or pupils of Christ. Let's keep learning, growing, and discipling ourselves, in Christ.

See You in Church,

*Pastor Cameron*

### SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING

There will be a special meeting of the board on Wednesday, May 24, at 6:00 PM. All board representatives are encouraged to attend. Please let Anita know ASAP if you will or will not be able to make it.

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 28**

Scripture Ecclesiastes 2: 1-11  
Sermon "The Conclusion of the Matter"

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Roger Sameck & Lisa Fitzgerald  
10:30 Bob Senn & Dave Crockett

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Lynn Abernathy

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Chuck & Penny Jackman  
Eddie & Valerie Parks  
10:30 Elaine French & Marilee Keim  
Charles & Pam Gilliland

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Diane Douglas

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is in honor of Becky  
Howard's birthday by Don & Bev Williamson

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*Ascension*  
Janie Clasgens  
Cara Sexton  
Braly Beutjer

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

*Jesus Feeds Five Thousand People*  
Karen Ball  
David Sexton  
Ty Davis, &  
Anna Roberts

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.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 11, following second service.



*Grateful Life Community Church*

A Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Huntsville, Alabama

**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](http://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!

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 10-14.**  
Please contact Pastor Linda Davis at 256-881-0150 or [linda@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:linda@fcc-hsv.org)

ATTENDANCE	5/14	5/21
First Service Worship	47	40
Sunday School	42	38
Second Service Worship	81	110
Children's Church	8	NA
Young Disciples	NR	NA
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>150</b>

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Class of 2017 High School graduates!!

Matthew Brown

Jane Clasgens

Brady Johnson

McKenzie Williams

Also, congratulations to Cara Sexton and Sara Brockway for receiving top scores on their SAT relative to other high school students.



**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.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.

**CONDOLENCES** to the family of Ken Riggs who died on May 18.

**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.

**NEW BOILER IN PLACE**

In 1959, the original members of our church had a boiler installed in the education wing of the new building on Whitesburg Drive. Fifty-eight years later, we are replacing that boiler with "Rick's Super Efficient Boiler." It will provide heat for the education wing, Garden Room, McMains, and the offices and Youth Rooms in the decades to come. Boilers weigh 800 pounds, so a crane was brought in to remove the old boiler and install the new one. This is the initial activity in our recently approved Phase One Capital Improvement Program. Following in the footsteps of our founders: Something to celebrate!

Property Committee and 2017 Renovation Committee

**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.

