



The Journey

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 11, following second service. The Board met on Wednesday, May 24, regarding the recommendation of the Search and Call Committee for a new Senior Minister. The Board accepted the recommendation and the Congregational Meeting will be for a presentation of the recommendation and vote on calling a new Senior Minister. A letter was mailed to the congregation on Thursday with information on the candidate.

THE BALLAST OF FAITH

In the old town of San Juan, Puerto Rico, several streets are paved with blue-gray bricks made from the residue of iron furnaces in Spain in the nineteenth century. These were placed in ships as ballast for a stormy trip. When the voyagers arrived in the new land, they no longer needed ballast, but a new need arose. In the rainy season they discovered that it was easy to get mired down in the mud, so the blue-gray stones were used to pave a solid path beneath their feet.

I know in Savannah, Georgia, the cobble stone streets at the waterfront city wharf were rounded river stones originating from England. They were not blue-gray bricks from iron furnaces, but they were ballast stones none-the-less used to balance the ships on the treacherous Atlantic crossing. Once here in America the ships no longer need the ballast stones and they were abandoned in Savannah making room for trade items going back to Europe.

So it is with faith. When our lives slip their moorings and we are tossed about in the stormy sea of hardship and trouble, faith deep within us can keep us steady and help us ride out the storm. The ballast of faith gives us balance.

Our faith can also do more than that for us. It may pave the way so we can make better progress and not get bogged down in the things that impede the progress of those who have no faith by which to live. To put Christ at the center is to pave the way of life with faith and to smooth the way with peace and service.

Let us look to God in all things and God will give us the faith by which we can live in today's world.

See You in Church,

Pastor Cameron

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, June 1**, at Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org

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, JUNE 4

Scripture Acts 2:1-21
Sermon "A New Wind Blowing"
Rev. Laura West in the Pulpit.

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Lisa Fitzgerald & Karen Ball
10:30 Dale Thomas & Roger Sameck

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Gayle Herber

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Linda Hooker & Jackie Sameck
Carl & Carol Jones
10:30 Nancy Adams & Bat Ball
Brad & Pam Clasgens

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Rick & Kay Shrout

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Matt & Karen Ball's anniversary by Stan Ball.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Pentecost
Karen Ball
Jan Mackenzie,
Braly Beutjer
Evan Sexton

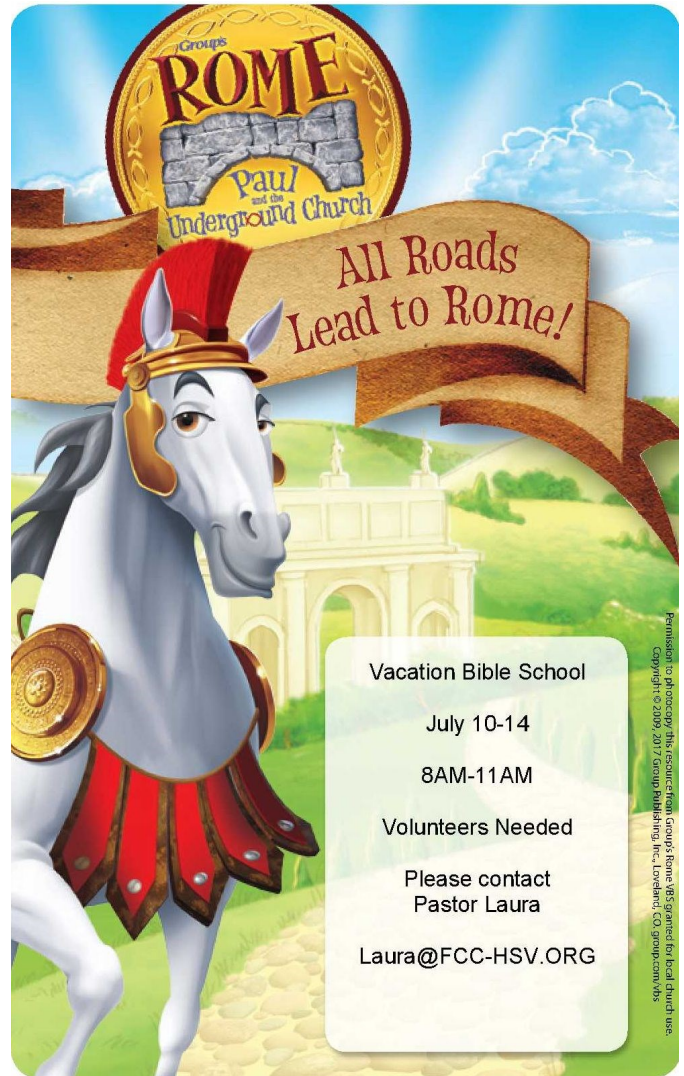
YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

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.

SAVE THE DATE! 2017-19 Mission Families will be announced at the **All Church Potluck on Sunday, June 25.** Gather at 4, eat at 4:30.



Vacation Bible School
July 10-14
8AM-11AM
Volunteers Needed
Please contact
Pastor Laura
Laura@FCC-HSV.ORG

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VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 10-14.

Please contact Pastor Linda Davis at 256-881-0150 or linda@fcc-hsv.org



My words cannot express how much I appreciate your thoughts, phone calls and prayers. I have been blessed to be a member of First Christian Church and I cherish my church family.

Donna Blair



**JUNE
BIRTHDAYS**



**CONTINUING PRAYER
CONCERNS**



1	C.W. Holland III & Ken Jordan
2	Dave McMahon
3	Imgard Elston & Petra Sue Richey
4	Debbie Davis
5	Betty Earnest, Melissa McMahon, & Art Sanford
10	Elaine Jordan
11	Ryan Blackman & Jim Patterson
12	Shelby Lynn Brown, Serenity Holland, Evelyn Cecilia Quails, & Martha Shelton
13	Christine Gordon
14	Laura Hiller
15	Tina Hughes
17	Patsy Ammons
20	Gail Killough
22	Troy Davis Sr., Kathy Lawyer & Bobby Moore
23	Pat Volinski
24	Dave Sexton
26	Nathan Gordon, Jill Hall, & Dale Thomas
27	Billie Jordan
28	Duffy Boles
29	Lucas Turner
30	Merrill Boles

Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

Christopher Brewer, grandson of Jan Mackenzie
 Steve Brown
 Jeanne Derington
 John & Mary Dorough
 Mickey Guthrie, friend of Lisa Fitzgerald
 Carey Link, friend of Margaret Vann
 Joyce Neighbors
 Jean Patterson
 Tom Paul, son of Doris Paul
 Mona Qualls
 Martha Shelton
 Mack Vann

Long term prayer concerns are published once a month in the *Journey*.
 Please keep the church office informed of the status of individuals you put on the lists.



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

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.

ATTENDANCE	5/21	5/28
First Service Worship	40	40
Sunday School	38	40
Second Service Worship	110	88
Children's Church	NA	7
Young Disciples	NA	4
Total Worship	150	139

2017-2019 CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator

Beverly Cannon

Vice Moderator/Moderator Elect

Jon Ahlbin

Trustees

Lee Boles - Elected for six years

Carl Jones - 4 years remaining

John Paul Hampton - 2 years remaining

Financial Secretary

Don Coburn

Assistant Financial Secretaries

Dick Christiansen

Chuck Jackman

Church Treasurer

Jim Patterson

Assistant Church Treasurer

Joe Brockway

PENTECOST OFFERING JUNE 4 & 11

“Planting a church can make a huge and lasting impression in the community it serves,” says Terrell McTyer, minister of New Church Strategies and former new church planter. “By empowering the oppressed, praying for the disenfranchised, caring for the poor and promoting hope in a fragmented world, the church can literally help change the world,” he adds.

Churches Change the World...Start More! is the theme for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 2017 Pentecost Offering, which will be celebrated Sundays, June 4 and June 11. To date, the Christian Church has started 980 churches in the United States and Canada, sharing the gospel with more than 61,500 individuals since initiating the 2020 Vision in 2000. According to McTyer, the original goal was to start 1,000 new congregations by 2020, and we can't stop there. “We must continue our journey by setting our sights higher, planting even more churches and equipping more courageous leaders,” he says.

Each year, half of the Pentecost Offering is designated to your local Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Region/Area in an effort to start and sustain new churches such as the Hispanic Church that is meeting at FCC Huntsville Sunday evenings. The other half is used by Hope Partnership to support the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

2017-2019 MISSION FAMILY LEADERSHIP

Conveners

Lynn Abernathy

Lisa Fitzgerald

Jackie Sameck

Nancy Woodall

Elders

Karen Ball

Dave Crockett

Frank Fitzgerald

Justin Givens

Gayle Herber

Mike Lash

Jan Mackenzie

Roger Sameck

Bob Senn

Jeff Seward

Mark Stiles

Dale Thomas

Deacons

Mary Ann Anderson

Michael Beutjer

Jim Daniel

Delores Edgeton

Penny Jackman

Allison Jones

Ruth Lackey

Glenda Luft

Kathy Luzar

Valerie Parks

Ann Thompson

Nancy Waites

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND DHR SNACKS

For the past eight years in June, Community Outreach has asked the congregation for individual snacks and drinks for DHR to have on hand for children coming through DHR hungry and thirsty. These children are at the DHR office for any of a number of reasons, including: foster children visiting their parents, children removed from a dangerous situation, children waiting for a court hearing. Sometimes the children are in the office for a long time and get hungry and thirsty. The social workers have only the vending machine for this (and out of their own pocket) so, by donating individually wrapped snacks (cheese and crackers, goldfish, etc.) and drinks (Capri sun, etc.) we can help them both. Please donate something other than candy bars. If you prefer, donate a check and CO will shop for you. The check should be made to FCC with CO June project in the memo line. You will make a difference!