



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.

GOD IS AN OPTIMIST

I heard the other day a funny joke on the radio (WLRH) about an optimist and a pessimist who were carrying on a conversation. The pessimist said, "It just can't get any worse!" To which the optimist countered, "Oh, yes it can!" - Hum.

I am thinking back to the death and burial of Jesus on the evening of Good Friday and how it seemed that all was lost and doomed. But then there was Sunday, Easter Sunday, Resurrection Sunday. What was doom and gloom on Friday became the courageous optimistic act of God's love for humankind on Sunday in the resurrection of Jesus. Life is stronger than death and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

It seems there were two men, an optimist and a pessimist at the zoo watching a crane standing on one leg. The pessimist said, "You see? He's standing on his last leg." The optimist countered with, "No, he's simply getting ready to put his best foot forward."

If Easter means nothing else to us, it should put us on the side of the optimist. For it is in the resurrection that we celebrate the most positive act that ever came into our orbit of knowledge and wisdom. The resurrection was the act that confirmed positive victory over the forces of evil in the world, enabling us always to put our best foot forward with the assurance of faith that all negatives can be turned into positives.

Too sweeping a generality? Not at all. The Christian faith is the main vehicle of God's love for us. Paul writes that, "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." If the Christian faith can do that, the worst that can befall us can be endured, the greatest burdens of life can be borne, and we can thank God for that.

For me that is pure optimism. I live by this. I celebrate this. God sees us through. God is always with us and always good to protect and provide for us no matter what. Just ask.

The disciples were confident in God's love after the resurrection appearances and there was no doubt that they could put their best foot forward in any circumstance. The very same is true for you and me. Let us always put our best foot forward in every circumstance that God may be glorified and God's love made complete.

See You in Church,

Pastor Cameron

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, June 8**, 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 11

Scripture Matthew 28: 16 - 20
Sermon "The Great Omission...
Or Ah, 'Commission'"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Mack Vann & Nancy Waites
10:30 Roger Sameck & Joe Brockway

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Edgeton

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Lisa Fitzgerald & Kathi Luzar
Eddie & Valerie Parks
10:30 Marie Bittle & Elaine French
Ruth Lackey & Roberta Shivers

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Gray & Theresa Killough

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Barbara Riggs
Burnette's birthday by Bobbye Riggs.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

The Mustard Seed
Karen Ball
Jan Mackenzie
Braly Beutjer
Evan Sexton

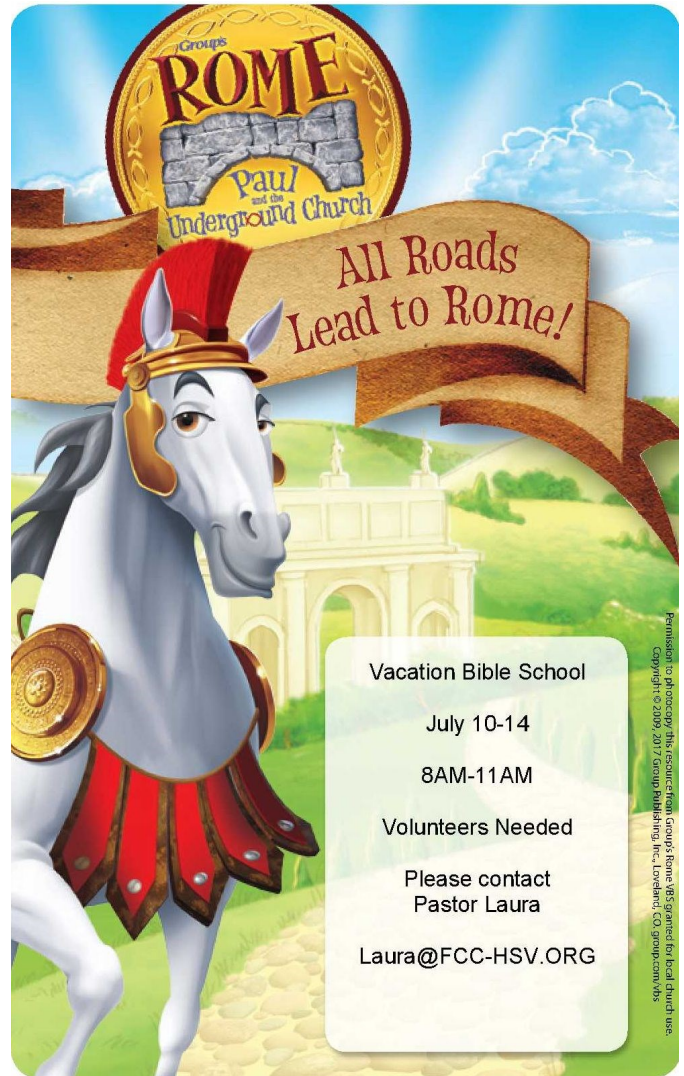
YOUNG DISCIPLES (Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand People
Christi Sexton,
Dave Sexton
Matthew Beutjer
Ty Davis

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

FOOD PANTRY REMINDER

Next Sunday, June 11, is **Fill the Cart for the Food Pantry.** Bring one non-perishable item or several. St. Paul's has empty shelves. Let's help fill them. As always your donations of food items are appreciated at any time.

Thank you,
Community Outreach Committee

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!


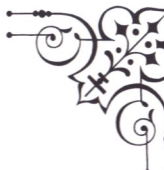


FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE
SUNDAY, JUNE 11
8:00 AM - NOON

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	5/28	6/4
First Service Worship	40	50
Sunday School	40	34
Second Service Worship	88	87
Children's Church	7	NR
Young Disciples	4	NA
Total Worship	139	137


The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky
 &
 First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Hopkinsville

INVITE YOU TO



**THE ORDINATION TO
 CHRISTIAN MINISTRY OF**

Sara Rebecca Nave Fisher

on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 2:00pm
 at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 2601 S. Walnut, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240



Reception will follow at the church.

Sara Nave Fisher's husband, Jonathan, is the Army Chaplin who gave us the Chaplin's flag that hangs on the wall in the Narthex area. Jonathan was sponsored by our church to become a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) minister while serving at Redstone Arsenal.