



# The Journey

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## WHAT A RETCH I AM!

The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 7, “What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me . . . ?” He was struggling with the temptation of doing what he knows is wrong. Unfortunately, he admits, what he does do, isn’t what he knows he should do. I know what he means! Perhaps you too understand temptation.

But then Paul writes, “Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!” This is to say there is help for us in the battle. We are not alone, just as Paul was not alone. We have someone who will come along side us and help us with our struggle in our battle with temptation. This is where prayer is all-important. Prayer is not simply a matter of spending a few moments every day making your requests to God. Prayer is also a matter of spending time each day listening for God to speak to us about our lives.

This was part of the secret of the success of NFL coach Tony Dungy, one of the most respected figures in professional athletics. He was famous for helping the players on his teams to form the right habits. “Champions don’t do extraordinary things,” Dungy explained. “They do ordinary things, but they do them without thinking, too fast for the other team to react. They follow the habits they’ve learned.”

That’s true in athletics and it’s also true in life. Create healthy habits and you will create a healthy life. It will be easier if you start when you are young — and that is why it is important for parents to help their children establish positive habits, but it is never too late. Even if it is a simple matter of substituting an hour each day with a long walk rather than sitting in front of the TV, the more good habits you establish the easier it will be.

There is a story told of a pastor named Carter Jones. Jones had a small room in the attic that he used as a place of prayer. When he was especially burdened, he would make his way up the winding staircase to that room to spend quiet moments with God. The members of his family knew that when he went to the attic room, they were not to bother him.

One day he climbed the stairs and knelt beside a chair to pray. He had hardly started when the door swung open. There stood his little girl. The moment his eyes met hers, she knew she had done wrong. She said, “Daddy, you’ve been so busy lately I haven’t seen you much. And I just wanted to tell you that I love you.” And with that she threw her arms around her father’s neck, gave him a big hug, wheeled around, and was gone as quickly as she had come.

When she was gone, Carter Jones continued in prayer. “Father,” he said, “I’ve been so busy lately that I haven’t had much time for you. I just want to tell you again that I love you.” - (Modified from the internet)

See You in Church,

*Pastor Cameron*

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, June 15**, at Noon [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto: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 18

Scripture Romans 5: 1 - 11  
Sermon "Whatever Became of Sin?"

### SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Nancy Waites & Jan Mackenzie  
10:30 Joe Brockway & Dave Crockett

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rick Shrout

### SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Chuck & Penny Jackman  
Ann Thompson & Margaret J. Vann  
10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Carolyn Brown  
Becky Lash & Bev Williamson

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Dinah Love

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is in memory of Lori Love  
by Monty & Dinah Love

### CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

*The Leaven*  
Nancy Woodall  
Pastor Laura  
Troy Davis  
Ty Davis

### YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

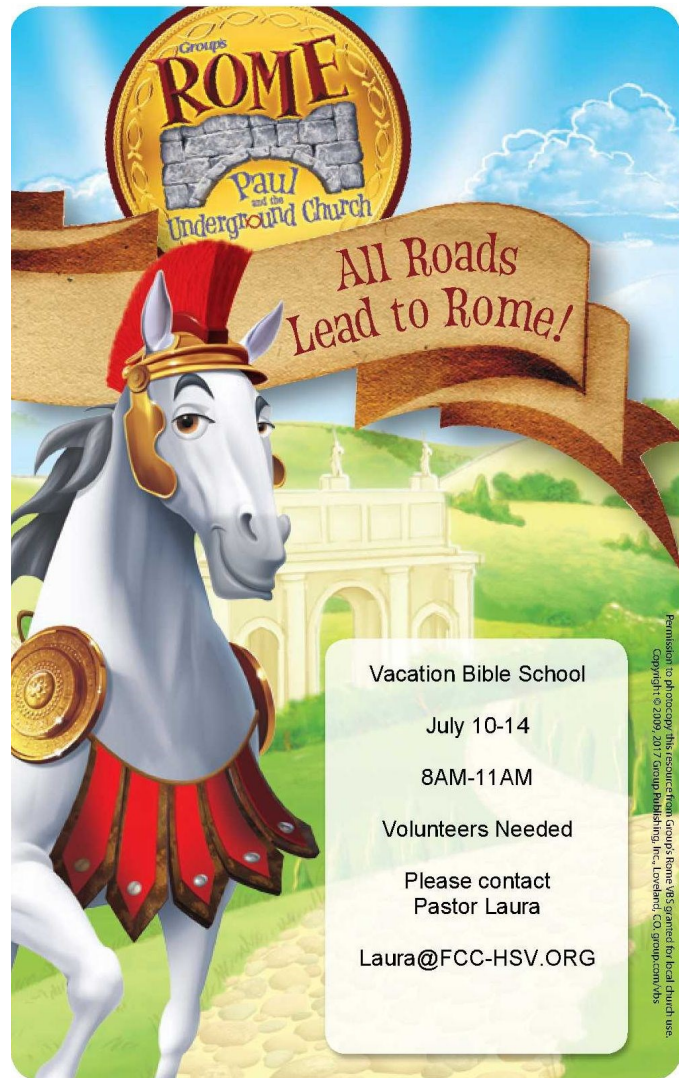
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[www.fcchsvtech.weebly.com](http://www.fcchsvtech.weebly.com)

### 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!

The 2017-19 Mission Families will be announced at the **All Church Potluck on Sunday, June 25**. Gather at 4:00 pm and eat at 4:30.



Vacation Bible School  
July 10-14  
8AM-11AM  
Volunteers Needed  
Please contact  
Pastor Laura  
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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

#### TRAINING AND DECORATING DATES

We have two options for the volunteer training for VBS *Rome: Paul and the Underground Church*-Thursday, June 29 or Saturday, July 1. Each training is from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. You will receive your notebook for VBS at the training.

We also have VBS decorating days starting on Wednesday, July 5 through Friday, July 7. We will start decorating at 9:00 am each day. Please come when you can and help us turn FCC into "Rome"!

"Rome: Where kids explore God's love...live God's love...and feel God's love!"

Pastor Laura West & Pastor Linda Davis

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
ITEMS STILL NEEDED**

We are looking for the following items for Vacation Bible School. We just need to borrow these items for VBS and they will be returned. If you can help out, please donate the items in the church office.



Greenery-vines, plants (can be artificial); Fake fruit; Urns (vases); Baskets (all shapes and sizes); Tent Canopies.

Thank you!

Pastor Laura West & Pastor Linda Davis

There will be a special presentation of appreciation for Michael and Stephanie Beutjer during second service on Sunday, June 18.

**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.

**DO YOU KNOW** that previous sermons are available on line at <http://fcc-hsv.org/sermons/>

ATTENDANCE	6/4	6/11
First Service Worship	50	50
Sunday School	34	46
Second Service Worship	87	97
Children's Church	NR	7
Young Disciples	NA	7
Total Worship	137	161



**NEW SENIOR MINISTER CALLED  
BY CONGREGATION**



After a long a thorough search, the Search and Call Committee presented the Reverend Paul Joseph Allen IV as their recommended candidate for the vacant Senior Minister position at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Huntsville. Committee chair Roger Sameck made a presentation to the congregation following second service on Sunday, June 11. (Information on Rev. Allen had been previously mailed to the congregation and is available in the church office.) After a brief discussion, the congregation approved the Reverend Paul Joseph Allen IV as new Senior Minister at Frist Christian Church in Huntsville.

**THANK YOU!**  
Thanks to all who contributed to the April CWM child sponsorship program. The final tally is in, and we collected enough funds to sponsor our two Haiti House of Hope children whose photos are on the CWM bulletin board and another child as well! Look for that new face later. Your contributions make a world of difference to these children. A special thanks goes to Esther Circle for their super generous contributions.

**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!