



The Journey

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IT IS WITH GRATITUDE

Diane and I are truly delighted that First Christian Church Huntsville has discerned God's will and found and accepted new permanent pastoral leadership. We were quite surprised Sunday, June 11, when the congregational vote was taken, to receive a standing ovation of loving support thanking us for our ministry here. Oh my, yes, we have faithfully journeyed together for nearly two years and we have experienced large and small tasks, fun moments and serious moments, times of satisfaction and trying times too. Through it all I want to thank you for your dedicated service to God. FCC Huntsville has been a delight to serve. So many of you have taught Diane and me, by your words and actions, the true meaning of being a follower of Christ, and we thank God for everyone here. We are planning to continue to live in Decatur, Alabama, and we will join and maintain our church membership at FCC Huntsville.

It is my intension to support my Pastor, and successor, the Rev. Paul Allen, when I bid farewell from active Pastoral ministry. I ask that you refrain from asking me to do anything that would break the ethical relationship by which I have attempted to guide my life as your minister and in my relationship with other ministers. Please give Pastor Paul the support and love with which you have graced my ministry and life. Allow him to be there for you in times of need, sorrow, and joy, and trust in his love, ability and faithfulness to minister to you.

Our relationship after Pastor Paul arrives will be different. I will no longer be your minister, but I will continue to be your friend. As I have told others in places where I have served previously, I can no longer officiate at funerals, weddings, baptisms, or perform any pastoral duties. But I can be your guest. I can be your friend. I hope you will understand that this indicates no lack of love and concern on my part. You and your families will always be in my heart and prayers. I simply need to bless you and Pastor Paul with my observance of this ethical principle. There will be no exceptions.

I trust God, who holds the future, to guide all of us into new paths of ministry and service. I know we will be seeing each other many times again, only now (at least in the near future) I'll be sitting beside you in the pew worshipping, praising God, and serving Him with you.

See You in Church,

Pastor Cameron

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

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.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, June 15**, 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 25

Scripture Romans 6: 1-14
In the Pulpit Rev. Jerry Ridling

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Dale Thomas & Dave Crockett
10:30 Mack Vann & Lisa Fitzgerald

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mary Ann Anderson

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Lynn Abernathy & Delores Edgeton
Becky Lash & Linda Lykins
10:30 Charles & Pam Gilliland
Marilee Keim & Nancy Woodall

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Carolyn Brown

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Abbie Williams' birthday by John Paul Hampton.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

The Great Pearl
Margaret Vann, Mary Ann Williams, & Anna Roberts

YOUNG DISCIPLES (Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

The Transfiguration of Jesus
Stephanie Beutjer & Michael Beutjer

FCC ON LINE

CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH? Stream it live at www.fcchsvtech.weebly.com

MISS A SERMON? See previous sermons at www.fcc-hsv.org/sermons/

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ITEMS STILL NEEDED

TRAINING AND DECORATING DATES

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**.

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

HUNTSVILLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

The Huntsville Assistance Program began 15 years ago when seven local churches joined together to serve the needy in our area. FCC became the ninth church to join HAP; today there are over 70 supporting congregations. In the past five years, HAP has provided almost \$1Million in utility, rent, prescriptions, gas, and dental bills for those in need. To celebrate this 15th anniversary, HAP will hold an open house at their new location, 1001 Monroe Street. You are invited to drop by between **10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on June 24** to learn more about the program. (Parking will be at the library or at First Baptist Church.)

FCC HUNTSVILLE DECALS

Christian Education will be selling FCC Huntsville decals at the June 25 All Church Picnic for five dollars. Proceeds will go to Grateful Life Church.



Volunteers needed to serve in our Youth Sunday morning program from 9:15-10:15. Curriculum is biblically rooted and will allow for their spiritual growth and maturity in our Youth. Please consider volunteering.

Please contact Pastor Linda

CWM ACTIVITIES 2016-17

As always, CWM thanks the congregation for its generous support of our local, regional, national, and global ministries. This is what your donations provided in 2016-17:

- Summer of 2016 - \$3205 for the ECM Toddler Playground Fund
- September, with Community Outreach - \$4405 for the local Shop With a Hero program
- October - \$790 for the local Neaves Davis Center for Children
- November - \$920 to support the AL/NWFL regional CWM service project, the WellHouse in Leeds, AL
- December - Over 100 filled stockings for the local Christmas Charities Year Round
- January - \$1278 for Church World Service's Blankets Program
- February, with Community Outreach - \$702 and 197 small toys for the local HEALS Dental Clinic. Valentine greeting cards to our college students and shut-ins.
- March - \$669.13 in blessing box offerings to Disciples Mission Fund. \$442 for 20 new-baby baskets for the National Children's Advocacy Center
- April - \$1100 for the Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program to support three children at House of Hope in Haiti for one year
- May, with Community Outreach - \$1232.55 for Grateful Life Community Church
- June - \$500 to Disciples Mission Fund

All women of the church are a part of CWM and are invited to participate in existing groups or start new ones that support CWM's focus on study, service, and fellowship. Circles meet monthly for study and fellowship; we have daytime and nighttime groups and a young women's group. The Quilting Group meets weekly to work on personal projects and service projects. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets monthly to make shawls, small squares, lap robes, scarves, and baby blankets for our members and friends who need prayers, blessings, comfort, and warmth.

If you would like more info about our ministries or want to join a group, please contact Mary Ann Anderson at maryannanderson256@gmail.com or 256 883 7123.

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!

THANKS to the congregation for donations of \$1232.55 for the Grateful Life Community Church through the May service project jointly sponsored by CWM and Community Outreach. Grateful Life greatly appreciates the generosity of First Christian Church and our ongoing support of its congregation and ministries.

ATTENDANCE	6/11	6/18
First Service Worship	50	47
Sunday School	46	45
Second Service Worship	97	89
Children's Church	7	5
Young Disciples	7	NA
Total Worship	161	141