



# The Journey

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## THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

God's saving and sanctifying grace is expressed in a touching way in the poem about the old violin. Perhaps you have read this before, but it is certainly worth reading time-and-time again. I love it. It is a sermon all by itself.

### The Touch of the Master's Hand

*'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer  
Thought it scarcely worth his while  
To waste much time on the old violin,  
But held it up with a smile.  
"What am I bidden good folks," he cried,  
"Who'll start the bidding for me?"  
"A dollar, a dollar;" then, "Two! Only two?  
Two dollars and who'll make it three?  
Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice;  
Going for three — " But no,  
From the room, far back, a gray-haired man  
Came forward and picked up the bow;  
Then, wiping the dust from the old violin,  
And tightening the loose strings,  
He played a melody pure and sweet  
As a caroling angel sings.*

*The music ceased, and the auctioneer,  
With a voice that was quiet and low,  
Said, "What am I bid for the old violin?"  
And held it up with the bow.*

*"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?"*

*Two thousand dollars, and who'll make it three?  
Three thousand, once, three thousand twice,  
And going, and gone," said he.  
The people cheered, but some of them cried,  
"We do not understand  
What changed its worth." Swift came the reply:  
"The touch of a master's hand."*

*And many a man with life out of tune,  
And battered and scarred with sin,  
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd,  
Much like the old violin.  
A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine;  
A game — and he travels on.  
He is "going" once, and "going" twice,  
He's "going" and almost "gone."  
But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd  
Never can quite understand  
The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought  
By the touch of the Master's hand.*

We are all battered and beaten. We cannot go through life without being scarred. God knows that. He takes it for granted and goes on from there. That is why Jesus always saw beyond the sin of the sinner and detected the great goodness underneath the surface that is in us all. Amen.

See You Sunday,

*Pastor Cameron*

### BOARD MEETING CHANGE OF LOCATION

The Church Board Meeting on Thursday, July 13, will be held downstairs in Room 204 this month due to VBS this week. The Board will meet at its normal time of 6:00 pm. Please enter the basement through the west entrance below the Sanctuary.

### 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.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, July 13**, 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.



## CHURCH DIRECTORY EMAIL ADDRESSES

We have had several requests to include email addresses in the church directory when it is published by the end of August. Our church management software will only allow us to use one family email address in the directory. **If you would like us to include an (as in one) email address for you or your family, email [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org) with the one email address you would like to include in the directory.** We will respond to you that we have received your permission and the one email address that you would like to have included in the directory. If you submit an email address, and do not get a confirmation reply during normal office hours, that means that we did not receive your email for some reason and you will need to follow up with the office. This is voluntary and if you do not use email, or do not wish to share your email address, you do not have to do anything and we will not include an email address for you in the directory.



Email [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org) or call 256-881-0150 if you have any questions.

Please join MF4 and the Young Adult Group for a baby shower to honor Baby Girl Herron following the 10:30 service on Sunday, July 30th in the Commons Area. Caroline and Andy Herron are registered at Target and the nursery theme is green.



Thanks,  
Holly Ahlbin



DHR expressed appreciation for the 182 drinks and 190 snacks that were recently donated to the agency. There was enough monetary donation left to add a \$20 Walmart card should a special need arise. The Community Outreach Committee also appreciates your support of this worthwhile project.

Thank you for caring about the needy in our community.

**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 soup van 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.

