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YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL

A woman and her husband were going through an old abandoned gold mine in Colorado. Their guide called their attention to a large pile of nondescript and ugly looking rocks. They stood there wondering what was so unusual about the rocks when suddenly the guide switched on an ultraviolet lamp just above them. Immediately the rocks were transformed into objects of great beauty as magnificent colors gleamed forth. They were there all the time, but it took a special light to reveal them.

Sometimes it is the same way with a human being who may appear to be dull and unattractive. When the light of God comes upon them and into their living it brings out many hidden qualities which lie deep within. Regardless of how ugly and insignificant we may seem to ourselves, God's love can make us beautiful and interesting and of great value in his service. This is one of the wonders of God.

As we seek to serve our Lord and God in the Kingdom, God will teach us to see and appreciate unexpected beauty and values in other persons. During the earthly ministry of Jesus, he was almost daily bringing out the best in some unpromising character. In his wonderful way he discovered, transformed, and used many whom others would have passed by. Good qualities were there but the light of God's love was needed to bring them out. And so it can be with your life! When you think you can't do something someone asks you to do in the name of the Lord, don't underestimate God!

I am so very grateful for seeing the light of God's love shine through in our congregation. I have been with you nearly two years and I see the wonder of God's presence in each and everyone. The light of God's love, mercy and grace shines through you illuminating the great beauty within. We have a most promising future at FCC. God's light is shining in our new pastoral leadership coming soon and a strong lay leadership preparing itself to serve AND nothing can hold us back. To quote Jesus (Matthew 16:18), "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

See You Sunday,

Pastor Cameron

APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

The Hospitality Committee invites you to an Appreciation Celebration for Pastor Cameron & Diane Douglas on August 13 immediately after 10:30 worship service. John Mobley, Regional Minister, will present the Honored Minister Pin to Pastor Cameron and the Honored Minister's Spouse certificate to Diane during the service.

Deadline for the Journey is Thursday, August 3, at Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Sermon Scripture Matthew 21:21-22 "The Power of Praver" Sermon

SERVING AT THE TABLE

Justin Givens & Bob Senn 8:15 10:30 Jeff Seward & Karen Ball

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Gayle Herber

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Donna Blair & Jackie Sameck Linda Hooker & Ann Thompson

10:30 Nancy Adams & Marie Bittle Elaine French & Nancy Woodall

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Rick & Kay Shrout

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Preston Cook's birthday by Bobbye Riggs

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

The Good Shepherd Mary Ann Williams Ty Davis Cara Sexton

YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

ATTENDANCE	7/23	7/30
First Service Worship	61	54
Sunday School	58	49
Second Service Worship	104	107
Children's Church	9	6
Young Disciples	8	NA
Total Worship	182	167

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Dear FCC Congregation,

There is music on the horizon. As we anx-🛂 iously await our newly called senior minister, Pastor Paul Allen, it is time to get back to singing.

Michael Beutjer has agreed to continue to volunteer as the choir director for second service. First Service will remain the same. Michael will plan and lead choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, lead hymns and the choir on Sundays.

There will be a choir retreat on August 12th, 10-2pm, at the Beutjer home, 11024 Everest Circle. Lunch will be provided. During this time, Michael will go over music for Sun- 🚡 day, August 13th, and sing through the music \$\frac{1}{2}\$ we will be singing in the future. We will begin \P a series of songs based on the stain glass windows in our sanctuary. This will be a great a time to re-energize and reconnect after our break.

The FCC choir will be preparing and singing 🛂 two anthems a month. On the other Sundays, 🛂 a small ensemble will play and sing music. The following schedule will begin in August; every other week choir rehearsal from 7-8 and on 9 the other days choir rehearses from 7:00-7:30 and the band/ensembles will rehearse from • 7:30-9:00. Occasionally there will be opportunities for the choir or individuals to sing with the band. Let Michael Beutjer know if you play an instrument or would like to sing in the small ensembles or choir. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!!!

Music is a vital and sacred asset to the worship service. Your continued support of the music program makes our service fuller 4 and more spiritual. Thank you for sharing your 🗗 and more spiritual. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us. We look forward to creating more fantastic music.

Thank you,

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SUPPER CLUB SIGNUP

Join us for good food and fellowship during the 2017-18 supper club season! Adults of all ages are welcome. Sign up in the Commons Area and mark your preferences: Restaurant or inhome dining? Breakfast, lunch, or dinner group? Want to coordinate a small group?

For more information, contact Mary Ann Anderson at maryannanderson256@gmail.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The August Community Outreach project is collection of needed hygiene supplies for schools. Needed supplies include: tissues, hand sanitizer, plastic zip lock bags of all sizes, Clorox sanitizing wipes, and various sizes of band aids. In addition, counselors need personal hygiene items for students (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, soap--small hotel items are ideal) as well as articles of clothing including underwear. Please deposit your donations in the basket under the poster in the Commons Area, or you may make a monetary donation to FCC with *School Hygiene* on the memo line.

Thanks for your generosity, Community Outreach

VINTAGE VAGABONDS INDOOR PICNIC AUGUST 17

Let's gather for a boxed lunch picnic in the Family Services Room on Thursday, August 17, 11:00-1:00. Wear your picnic



clothes and come for fellowship and fun. Sign up at the Volunteer Desk by Aug. 15 for your choice of sandwich (turkey, ham, roast beef, vegetarian). Cost is \$5 to be paid at the event. Drinks will be provided. It's time to get together and catch up with friends. Wear your FCC name tag if possible. There might be a surprise guest, too!



I would like to say thank you to all the Youth who showed up for VBS daily to come out and volunteer for this program. I saw a

great amount of Leadership in each and everyone of you and I appreciate all that you have done. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and lets keep ministering to our ECM children and our Huntsville Community.

God Bless! Pastor Linda

MISSION FAMILY 1 BURGER & HOT DOG COOKOUT

August 6 following second service in Family Services. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. The Leadership Team will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, drinks & condiments

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 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.

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