



The Journey

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LIFE LESSONS IN MINISTRY

I am sitting at my desk in the church office reflecting on 36 years of ministry and contemplating retirement. You and I have experienced a lot together over the last 23 months and all of it, even the hard and trying times, has offered me joy filled moments and plenty of learning opportunities. I came across this list of some "Life Lessons" that I find to be good ministry lessons as well. Have you learned these too?

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
3. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
4. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
5. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
6. Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
7. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
8. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
9. You can get through anything if you stay put in today.
10. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
11. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
12. Forgive everyone everything.
13. Time heals almost everything. Give time, time.
14. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
15. Believe in miracles.
16. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
17. Your children get only one childhood. Make it memorable.
18. Read the Psalms. They cover every human emotion.
19. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
20. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
21. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
22. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
23. Take a deep breath it calms the mind.
24. If you don't ask, you don't get.
25. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

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 10**, 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, AUGUST 13

Sermon Scripture Exodus 2: 23-25
Sermon "Answers for Unanswered Prayer"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Jeff Seward & Karen Ball
10:30 Bob Senn & Gayle Herber

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Edgeton

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Lisa Fitzgerald & Kathi Luzar
Carl & Carol Jones

10:30 Carolyn Brown & Ruth Lackey
Beverly Cannon & Matt Ball

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Dinah Love

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of James & Jean Rowell's anniversary by their children.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

The Good Shepherd and the Lord's Supper (I)
Nancy Woodall
Brady Johnson,
Troy Davis

YOUNG DISCIPLES (Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

The Parable of the Two Sons
Christi Sexton
Dave Sexton
Ty Davis
Cara Sexton

ATTENDANCE	7/30	8/6
First Service Worship	54	47
Sunday School	49	41
Second Service Worship	107	121
Children's Church	6	NR
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	167	168

ABOUT CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

First Christian Church offers to children ages 3 through 7 a special place apart from the worshipping congregation to enable the children to become able to worship meaningfully with the congregation.

In the special Children Worship & Wonder (CW&W) sanctuary, FCC offers a worship context for telling and working with biblical stories. The intent of CW&W worship is to experience and praise God. The CW&W sanctuary transforms ordinary time and space into sacred time and space allowing the children to experience and praise God. CW&W offers a context that meets the needs of the young child. Children do love and worship God, and CW&W introduces the meaning and action of corporate worship to the child in a friendly space. [from introduction to Young Children and Worship]

The storytellers and greeters of CW&W hope to create an environment that enables the young child to encounter and worship God. CW&W has been a program to children of FCC since 2005. Through the years, storytellers and greeters have been lost. The program needs new storytellers and greeters. Greeter training will be done in September.

Please consider becoming a greeter then maybe a storyteller. Most especially, bring us children 3 through 7 to participate in CW&W.

Margaret J. Vann
Worship chair

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER ORIENTATION

All children from age 3 thru second grade are invited to be a part of the Children Worship & Wonder (CW&W) program during second service. CW&W is a worship service for children who will sing songs, hear Bible stories tailored to them, have an opportunity to respond to the stories.

Sundays August 20 and 27, CW&W will have two Sundays of orientation to the activities in the children's service.

Parents, grandparents, adult caregivers are requested to come with their children and participate in the orientation. Any are welcome to become greeters or storytellers after training.

The adults will have an opportunity to see the children's sanctuary and meet the storytellers and greeters. You can help make the CW&W experience successful.

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 in-home 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

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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

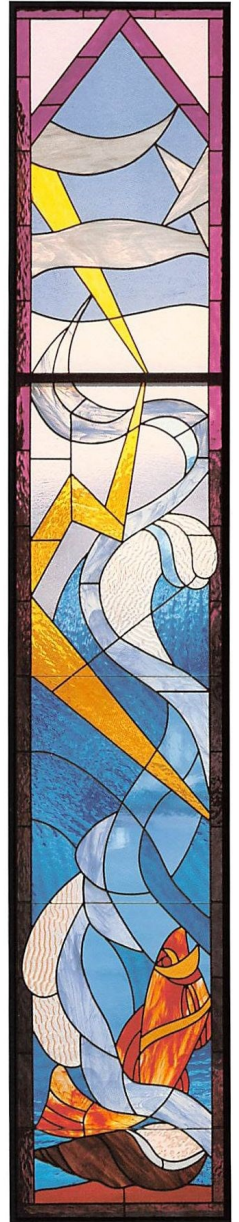


clothes and come for fellowship and fun. Sign up at the Volunteer Desk by Aug. 15 for your choice of sandwich (turkey, ham, roast beef, vegetarian). Cost is \$5 to be paid at the event. Drinks will be provided. It's time to get together and catch up with friends. Wear your FCC name tag if possible. There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

CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

This Sunday morning, we begin a choral celebration of the beautiful stained glass windows in our sanctuary. This is very fitting, since the windows were made possible by Jo Popkins' gift of love in 1992. She was a member of the choir, and loved music. This celebration is in honor of her memory, and all those who contributed to this project.

Our first selection in this series will be "Creator of the Stars of Night," a special setting of a Latin text from the 9th century AD. The window that is featured is "Creation – Night" which is the first window in the front on the congregation's right in the sanctuary. It is described on page 2 of the book accompanying the windows. It was given by the Family of Mack and Margaret Vann and dedicated to the greater glory of our Creator. Thank you to the Vann's. The design depicts the active and creative powers of God as the universe and earth were formed.



May God bless us as the creative force of our Maker continues a work of change in our world, and in our church. May the beauty of His creation be heard in our anthem this Sunday.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Sunday, August 13, 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