



The Journey

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Introducing Rev. Paul, Patti, Abby and Joe Allen

Paul Allen was born in Wilson, North Carolina but moved to Wichita Kansas when he was ten years old. Both of Paul's parents were ministers and they were also Regional Ministers. His father, Paul, was the South Central Associate Regional Minister in Kansas and his mother, Barbara, was the Area Minister in Missouri. He also has a brother, Carlos, who lives in Wichita, Kansas with his family. Paul attended Barton College from, 1993 - 1997, graduating with a degree in Religion and Philosophy. He also minored in Drama, sang in the Barton College Choir all four years, and served as a local youth minister. Paul attended Lexington Theological Seminary, 1997 – 2001, and was ordained in his mother's church...Martinson Avenue Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas in June of 2001. His first church was in Farmville, North Carolina, 2001 – 2010, and then he served in Manhattan, Kansas, 2010-2017.

Patti Allen is a Registered Nurse, who has worked in Intensive Care Units, as a traveling nurse, and as a float nurse, who moves from department to department. She earned her RN at Pitt County Community College in Greenville, North Carolina 2009 and graduated at the top of her class. Prior to earning her RN she studied one year at Phillips University in Oklahoma, then two years at Barton College. Patti recently accepted a nursing position at Crestwood Hospital. Her father, Michael, lives in Manhattan, Kansas as does her sister Kristina. Patti's brother Sean is in the Air Force and lives in Derby, Kansas with his family.

Paul and Patti met each other while attending the Martinson Avenue Christian Church when they were in the 6th grade. They both attended the "Downtown Law, Public, and Social Services Magnet High School" for their last two years of high school and graduated in 1993. They did attend the requisite high school rite of passage (the prom) together in Paul's mom's 1987 Chevy Corsica. On July 19, 1997, just prior to Paul entering the seminary, they were married at the First Christian Church (downtown) in Wichita.

Later, on May 6, 2003, Abby was born. The name on her birth certificate is Amberlea Elaine Allen, and on June 4, 2007 Joe joined the family. The name on his birth certificate is Paul Joseph Allen V. Abby just started High School at Madison County High as a ninth grader. She enjoys singing in Choir and Drama. She is also a budding artist who works in pencils and oil paints. Joe loves people and trying new things. He is very interested in learning Parkour where practitioners aim to get from one point to another in a complex environment, without assistive equipment and in the fastest and most efficient way possible.

As a family, the Allen's like to watch movies together. They also like to garden, play board games, and cook. Paul likes to read science fiction novels, and, of course, read theological and philosophical writings. His passion in the fall and winter months is pro-football, specifically following the Green Bay Packers. Patti likes to spend her free time shopping and working on projects around the house.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, August 17**, 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 20

Sermon Scripture Matthew 15: 21-28
Sermon "Not Taking No for an Answer"
In the Pulpit Rev. Paul J. Allen IV

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Justin Givens & Jeff Seward
10:30 Dale Thomas & Mark Stiles

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nancy Waites

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Delores Edgeton & Anita Woods
 Eddie & Valerie Parks

10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Sabrina Beckman
 Brad & Pam Clasgens

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Carolyn Brown

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Don & Bev
Williamson's 54th anniversary.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Orientation with Parents & Talking to God
Margaret Vann
Pastor Laura
Braly Beutjer
Tre' Davis

YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

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.

ATTENDANCE	8/6	8/13
First Service Worship	47	50
Sunday School	41	33
Second Service Worship	121	133
Children's Church	11	13
Young Disciples	NA	13
Total Worship	179	209

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

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1, 2017

YMCA Camp Chandler. Wetumpka, AL

"Retreat to Refresh" Resource Leader - Rev Mary Beth Harper. Application forms are available in the Commons Area. Contact Mary Ann Anderson for more information.

SUMMER BLAST

Caring and supportive of those less fortunate has been a description of FCC members for years. Thank you once again for the outpouring of love and contributions for the Aquarius club project. Summer Blast was a "BLAST", and couldn't have been so without each of you.

Jill Hall
Community Outreach

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☆ **WELCOME CELEBRATION** ☆
☆ The Hospitality Committee invites you to ☆
☆ an Welcome Celebration for Rev. Paul Allen & ☆
☆ family (wife Patti, daughter Abby, and son ☆
☆ Joe) on Sunday, August 20, immediately fol- ☆
☆ lowing the 10:30 worship service. ☆
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DISCIPLES STUDY

For all who are interested in furthering their study of the Bible, a 30 week Disciples Bible Study, is being offered, using the texts – Jesus in the Gospels and the companion text Jesus in the Gospels: Gospel Comparisons. This study will provide a comparison of the four Gospels with Jesus as the focal point and include additional Old and New Testament reading that support and set the stage for the words and events in the Gospels.

What is required: a commitment to daily assigned reading and attending a weekly 2 ½ hour class meeting that includes discussion and a short video. The work is well worth the effort as it will provide a means of enriching your faith through study of the words and works of our Savior.

The two texts required in this study are \$55.00. The class will meet weekly on Thursdays mornings, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Orientation for the class will be September 7, 2017 in the FCC library.

All who are interested are invited to sign up at the display posted in the commons area. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Fitzgerald at 256-508-4837 or at lisafitzgerald@hughes.net

Please give a warm FCC welcome to our newest members, Dr. Brian & Cindy Roberts and Rev. Dr. Cameron & Diane Douglas.

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