

The Journey

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A WORD REGARDING CHARLOTTESVILLE

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From General Minister and President Terri Hord Owens -

Sisters and brothers, my heart breaks at the violence this weekend in Charlottesville - the loss of life, the dishonoring of children of God, the vile insults hurled and the wounds of history reopened. I pray for the family of the woman who died. I pray in praise of the peaceful demonstrators. We cannot take backward steps fueled by hatred. We cannot be silent when the humanity of black persons is being assaulted and terrorized.

The commandment in 1 John 4:20 calls us to account: "Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also."

And so let us love one another as we love God. With such love, we are compelled to stand for justice, and walk in peace.

NEW DIRECTORY COMING

Please contact the church office by **Thursday**, **August 24**, if you have changed your phone number since the December 2016 Directory. Did you drop your land line and now only have a cell phone number? We can list up to two cell phone numbers per family.

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? Contact Mary Ann Anderson at maryan-nanderson256@gmail.com for more information.

Deadline for the Journey is Thursday, August 17, at Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Sermon Scripture Matthew 16: 13-20 Sermon "Who Do You Say That I Am"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Mike Lash & Jan Mackenzie 10:30 Roger Sameck & Mark Stiles

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mary Ann Anderson

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Chuck & Penny Jackman Rick & Kay Shrout

10:30 Charles & Pam Gilliland

Marilee Keim & Roberta Shivers

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Lynn Abernathy

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Rick & Kay Shrout's anniversary and Kay Shrout's birthday.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Listening to One of God's Stories: The Light Pastor Laura, John Hall, Ty Davis, and Macey Johnson

Young Disciples (Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

The Most Important Commandment

Pam Clasgens, Christa Brockway, Sarah

Brockway, and Anna Roberts

ATTENDANCE	8/13	8/20
First Service Worship	50	50
Sunday School	33	28
Second Service Worship	133	121
Children's Church	13	11
Young Disciples	13	NA
Total Worship	209	182

CONGRATULATIONS to Andy & Caroline Herron on the birth of their daughter Miranda Belle on Sunday, August 20!



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YOU'RE INVITED!

We welcome you to attend Jesus and Java to see what our Youth are learning. Your presence allows our Youth to get to know you better, know your name and learn from you. If we reflect on the Bible, the Israelites often would turn to the Elders for advice, wisdom and knowledge. This is the relationship that is very important for *This* generation of youth to have, so please consider this opportunity. Please contact Pastor Linda Davis at Linda@fcc-hsv.org

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the congregation of First Christian Church for their love and generosity over the last two years. We deeply appreciate the reception and generous check on the last Sunday of our ministry at First Christian Church.

In Christ, Cameron and Diane Douglas

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. The Christian Education Committee will begin a "Touch Ministry" for our FCC Children, Youth, College Students and ECM. This new ministry will utilize the five foundations found in Colossians 3:12-14, Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. As the Lord's servants we seek to build relationships by sending out cards of encouragement for exams, birthdays, the loss of a pet, just thinking of you, said a prayer for you today; etc.

If you have a granddaughter, grandson or know of a child, youth or college student who could greatly benefit from prayer and a card mailed from our ministry team please email Pastor Linda Davis at Linda@fcc-hsv.org

CONDOLENCES to the family of Jeanne Derington who recently died.

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

THANK YOU

A sincere and heartfelt thanks to the members of the First Christian Church for the many prayers, cards, and the prayer shawl we received during my nine-month battle with cancer. I'm now blessed to be cancer-free and on the road to recovery. Sheila and I were deeply moved by the love and support from folks we've never even had the pleasure of meeting. Matt and Karen are truly fortunate to be part of such a compassionate church family.

Sincerely, Dan Ball

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

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