



The Journey

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A Welcoming Community

A minister's first Sunday is often a time of great anticipation, expectation, and apprehension. You never quite know how things are going to turn out, but you know that it will not be dull. All joking aside I want to thank the staff and the members of First Christian Church for welcoming my family and me so warmly. I cannot even begin to name everyone who has sent a card, provided a meal or asked us to head out for an adventure, but I sincerely thank you all.

It is my hope that the welcome my family and I experienced as we moved to Huntsville reflects the sense of community in this church. I believe that FCC is truly a welcoming and loving congregation that wants to extend its hand to the community and to the world. In the next few weeks and months I hope to get to know all of you better. I will be out visiting so if you receive a phone call or an email from me please feel free to share if you would like me to come to your home, meet for coffee, or if you want to come to the office.

I also hope that you will see some new faces in the pews as well. Please help me to welcome these visitors and provide the same hospitality that you have shared with me. You may even want to make sure that I meet them, as I will be learning names and faces and may not know that they are a visitor. I would also ask for you to invite friends and family who may not have a church home to join us for worship or for a special event. I would enjoy getting to know them as well.

Again, I would like to thank you for your warm welcome, your hospitality, and your care in this time of transition. I look forward to my ministry here and to the time I will spend with all of you. Huntsville is a beautiful city and we are very lucky to be here. May God's grace and peace be with you always.

Pastor Paul

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 maryannanderson256@gmail.com for more information.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, August 31**, 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, SEPTEMBER 3

Sermon Scripture Exodus 3: 1-15
 Sermon "What's In a Name?"



September Birthdays



SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Karen Ball & Gayle Herber
 10:30 Dave Crockett & Frank Fitzgerald

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Donna Blair

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Donna Blair & Ann Thompson
 Delores Edgeton & Linda Lykins

10:30 Lynn Abernathy & Carolyn Brown
 Ruth Lackey & Nancy Woodall
 Matt Ball

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Rick & Kay Shrout

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Felicia & J.R. Cooks' birthdays by Bobbye Riggs.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

The Good Shepherd
 Linda Lykins, Jan Mackenzie,
 Braly Beutjer, & Evan Sexton

YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

1	Robert Luzar
2	Marie Bittle, Arloe Mayne
3	Heather Spain, Nancy Waites
7	Raynor Boles
8	Jennifer Vann
12	Carol Jones
13	Bob Cloyd, Chuck Jackman
14	Becky Lash, Greg Tumminello
17	Jacob Brockway, Jacob Gordon
20	Allison Brown
21	Janis Moore
22	Lee Boles
23	Trevor Hodge
24	Jackie Volinski
25	Diane Douglas
27	Amberly Euper
28	Brooke Dixon, Sara Stubblefield
29	Linda Davis, Susan Thomas, Vince Tumminello
30	Jean Patterson, Nina Senn

ATTENDANCE	8/20	8/27
First Service Worship	50	49
Sunday School	28	29
Second Service Worship	121	104
Children's Church	11	5
Young Disciples	NA	NR
Total Worship	182	158

ATTENTION!

First Christian Church will have a combined service at **10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 24.** Our Regional Minister John Mobley will conduct an installation service for Pastor Paul Allen and will have a commissioning service for Pastor Linda Davis. Plan to attend and support our ministers.

Margaret J. Vann
 Worship Chair



CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS



Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

- Dan Ball, father of Matt Ball
- Christopher Brewer, grandson of Jan Mackenzie
- Steve Brown
- John & Mary Dorough
- Mickey Guthrie, friend of Lisa Fitzgerald
- Carey Link, friend of Margaret Vann
- Joyce Neighbors
- Tom Paul, son of Doris Paul
- Mack Vann

Long term prayer concerns are published once a month in the *Journey*. Please keep the church office informed of the status of individuals you put on the lists.

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.

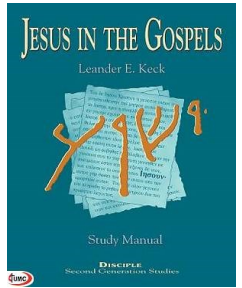
CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH? Stream it live at:
www.fcchsvtech.weebly.com

MISS A SERMON? See previous sermons at:
www.fcc-hsv.org/sermons/



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



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