



The Journey

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THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY.

TRUNK OR TREAT THANK-YOUS!

On Sunday night, October 29, we had our second annual Trunk or Treat event and it was a tremendous success!! Participants started arriving before the event started and kept coming right up until the end time.

We had prepared 300 hot dogs and ran out of those within the first hour. Several of us had to make fast runs to go buy more candy to give out. It is estimated that we had between 600-700 people come to this event! What an incredible blessing from God that we were able to welcome that many people from our community to our church event.



At the event participants received a brochure about our ministries here and a flyer inviting them to our Christmas Fest on December 2nd. Thanks to a "Guess How Many Candy Corn Jar" at our entrance table, we received contact information from several of the participants and they will be hearing from us about our future events.



This event would not have been possible without all of the wonderful volunteers who stepped up and gave their time, talents, and treasures to this. A big thank you for those who donated candy, donated items, purchased items, helped with the set-up, cooked the hot dogs, served the food, helped with clean up, greeted at the welcome table, provided a trunk, ran the games, painted the faces, advertised the event, promoted the event, shared the event, invited people to the event, came to the event and prayed for the event.

We have a wonderful church and we serve an awesome God! My hope and prayer is the people who came to this event felt some of that same love and they will be made welcome when they return to see us in the near future.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Laura West



Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, November 2**, 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.

Trunk-or-Treat 2017



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Sermon Scripture Matthew 25: 1-13
Sermon "Running Out of Oil"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Dale Thomas & Mark Stiles
10:30 Roger Sameck & Mike Lash

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Gayle Herber

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Lisa Fitzgerald & Kathi Luzar
 Chuck & Penny Jackman
10:30 Matt Ball & Cara Sexton
 Brad & Pam Clasgens
 Lynn Abernathy

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Diane Douglas

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Kelsi Shrout
Green's birthday by Rick & Kay Shrout.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

The Temple, A House for God
Nancy Woodall, Brady Johnson,
Matthew Beutjer, & Ty Davis

YOUNG DISCIPLES (Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

Jesus Calls the Twelve Disciples
Karen Ball, Joe Brockway,
Anna Roberts, & Jacob Brockway

ATTENDANCE	10/19	11/5
First Service Worship	48	42
Sunday School	39	36
Second Service Worship	94	106
Children's Church	8	6
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	150	154

STOCKINGS FOR CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

It's the most wonderful time of the year! The time has come to fill stockings for Christmas Charities! The stockings will be available every Sunday in November and need to be returned to church by Sunday, November 26. Every year First Christian fills 100 stockings that



Christmas Charities then gives to needy children in the Huntsville and Madison County area. There will be a wide range of ages of children to assist, so pick up a stocking and have fun shopping to make a child's Christmas merry and bright.

During the month of November, CWM is again supporting the regional CWM project - The WellHouse in Leeds, AL. The WellHouse is a faith-based, Christ-centered nonprofit organization offering immediate shelter and a Next Steps to Freedom program to women who have been trafficked or sexually exploited. If you would like to support this project, please drop a check in the offering bowl or church office marked CWM WellHouse in the memo line. The women's ministries at First Christian appreciate your participation in our monthly service projects.

I am collecting fabric for a school project. Please bring any fabric scraps(4" X 4" minimum) that you might want to get rid of. Diane's daughter, Brittany, is a teacher at a middle school in Hartselle. The middle school is in the process of collecting fabric to make "fidget blankets" for Alzheimer patients. They will pass the fabric that they collect to the Hartselle high school who will then design and make the blankets. They will take notions, ribbon, fabric yardage, etc. Until Diane told me about these blankets, I had never heard of them so I "googled" it. They are sensory blankets or quilts with buttons, zippers, etc. We will collect the items for the next 2 weeks or through November 6th. I will have a marked basket in the Commons Area for you to put your donated fabric and items in.

Thanks...Dinah Love

SACK SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 19TH

Please join us in filling grocery sacks with canned goods and non-perishable food items to be distributed to several local agencies. Please put your donations on the tables in the hall outside Family Services. So, grab a bag and fill it full so some deserving family can have a Happy Thanksgiving.



Thank-you, Community Outreach

YOUTH PROJECTS

The Youth will be collecting warm weather clothes beginning November 5th as part of their outreach. This year we seek to partner with our Sister church Grateful Life and ensure that all those in need of warm clothing receive them. Please drop donations in box located in the Commons Area.



The Youth will also be collecting books as part of their monthly Community Outreach and has partnered with the NICU Foot Prints Ministry and the Huntsville Hospital Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit to collect books for siblings. The Youth will be working towards volunteering during Christmas and other traditional holidays to work on crafts and reading books.



Please help us to collect one bin of new or slightly used books to be taken the week of Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your generosity!
Pastor Linda

Please remember to pick up a current copy of the "Upper Room" devotional book if you would like to have one. They can be found in the Narthex. They are free and "first come, first served."

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is dedicated to serving hungry seniors in our community. If you know of any seniors that could benefit from this service please tell them about Meals on Wheels. Their phone number is 256-382-0920 and they are located in the Senior Center at 2200 Drake Ave. Meals on Wheels can also accept donations. You can give to this organization through FCC by putting "Meals on Wheels" on the memo line of your check made to FCC. Another way you can help is to volunteer to deliver meals, as some of our members are already doing. Just call to get more information.

Thank you, Community Outreach

Please mark your calendars for these worship services:

Sunday **December 3** is the first Sunday of Advent. The Hanging of the Greens will be incorporated into the unified worship service. **Church will be at 10 with Sunday school at 9.** If asked to help or participate, please do.

December 24 will also be a **unified service with worship at 10 and Sunday school at 9.** That evening we will have a **5 o'clock** Christmas Eve service for the entire family; and we will have a simple **11 o'clock** service for all.

The church will be putting out a card with all the Advent events listed for your planning.

See you in church,
Margaret J. Vann, Worship

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