



# The Journey

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## WEEK OF COMPASSION

After the hurricane, a year-long wait. After the wait, another hurricane. After that, the loss of a loved one. Then, finally, the help Billy James Mason needed. Mr. Mason, a resident of Daytona Beach, Florida, is no stranger to struggle. As a young man, he served in the military during the Vietnam War, and more recently he has served as the primary caregiver for several family members during the final years of their lives. When Hurricane Matthew hit in the fall of 2015, it destroyed the roof of Mr. Mason's home. Less than a year later, Hurricane Irma wreaked havoc throughout Florida, further damaging Mr. Mason's home. Though he received some assistance from FEMA and had some resources of his own, it was not enough to make the necessary repairs.

In the fall of 2017, Mr. Mason connected with a group that was able to help him in more ways than he could have ever imagined: the Volusia Interfaiths/Agencies Networking Disaster (VIND). VIND is a non-profit organization of community leaders, businesses, churches, and agencies coordinating recovery efforts in Volusia County in response to Hurricanes Matthew and Irma. Prioritizing people who are most vulnerable, VIND is working with homeowners who are low-income, elderly, or disabled.

"It's a Godsend." Mr. Mason said. "Out of the blue I got a call.... I had never heard of VIND before. I am so happy they chose me to get this done. This house has a lot of memories." The work of VIND was about more than just replacing a roof and repairing storm damage. It is about restoring hope. According to Terry Foley, Project Manager for VIND, Mr. Mason is "a changed man." Before volunteer crews came, he was "very emotional and appeared to be depressed," Foley notes. But by Christmastime, he was happy, finishing up painting the interior of his house, and expecting a visit from a niece over the holidays.

Week of Compassion grants helped VIND process dozens of cases for homeowners like Mr. Mason, procure needed materials, and hire contractors to oversee repairs. After the hurricane, came your generosity. After the hurricane, there was hope. Through your generous gifts, Mr. Mason--and hundreds like him in Florida, Texas, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, and elsewhere--have had their lives changed for the better. Through your gifts, God is doing more than we can imagine!

*A Mission Moment from the Week of Compassion website.*



Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, February 21**, at Noon [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto: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, FEBRUARY 24

Scripture Luke 6: 27-36  
Sermon "Doing for Others"

### SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Roger Sameck & Bob Senn  
10:30 Andy Herron & Karen Ball

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nancy Waites

### SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Delores Edgeton & Nancy Waites  
Rick & Kay Shrout  
10:30 Abby Allen & Nancy Woodall  
Sabrina & Hayley Beckman  
Allison Landreth

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Patti Allen

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is in honor of Jackie Volinski.

### CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

*The Good Samaritan*  
Chuck Jackman, Jan Mackenzie,  
Joe Allen, & Brianna Jackson

### YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Jesus and the Paralytic*  
Pastor Laura, Shea Brennaman, &  
Ty Davis

### AV SUPPORT TEAM

Technical Director - Chuck Herber  
Assistant Director - Michael Smith  
Sound - Michael Smith &  
Malcolm Landreth  
Stream Operator - Michael Smith

ATTENDANCE	2/10	2/17
First Service Worship	28	30
Sunday School	29	24
Second Service Worship	90	76
Young Disciples	5	NA
Children's Church	7	5
Total Worship	130	111

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL FEBRUARY 27

Chicken and dumplings, corn bread, salad dessert, and assorted drinks. Following the meal are small groups including Adulting, Kids'/Youth, and Men's Bible Studies. The Chancel Choir meets at 7:00 pm. **Call in your reservation by Wednesday, February 20, at 256-881-0150.**

We wanted to thank everyone that helped us out during this time with prayers, meals and good thoughts. We appreciate and missed you during my convalescence. Again, thank you for all your help, it was greatly appreciated.  
Dinah and Monty Love

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Beginning March 5, 2019, 1:00 PM, a six week Bible study **Entering the Passion of Jesus** will be offered in the Garden Room. The author, Amy-Jill Levine, is Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. The study delves into the history and literature of the last days of Jesus life and explores the risks taken by Jesus as well as his followers. Lent is a time to ask ourselves what should I have done that I did not do? What risk should I have taken that I was afraid to take? This is a DVD based study with individual study books available from Amazon and cokesbury.com. Please contact Nancy Waites or Ann Thompson for further information if you are interested in participating.



### THERE ARE MANY OPEN FOOD BASKET DATES FOR 2019

The 2019 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is located across the hall from McMains Hall. Remember a friend, anniversary, birthday, or other special occasion. Donations are \$25.00 with checks made out to First Christian Church and Food Basket on the notation line.

**COMMUNITY FREE DENTAL CLINIC  
AND FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

For the February outreach project, Community Outreach and CWM have joined together to financially support the Community Free Dental Clinic, which serves low income adults. Since opening in 2013, the Clinic has provided dental care to 7000 adults, primarily with extractions. All of the dental and nursing staff are volunteers and funding comes from, individuals, groups, and a few grants. Nurses take a medical history and provide education to the client on their situation, such as diabetes and high blood pressure, both prevalent among the clients. Just recently, a limited number of cleanings and fillings have been added to services available; however, there is a charge for fillings because of the expense of the materials. Only those within 150% of the poverty level are eligible to receive services at the Community Free Dental Clinic (a sobering statistic - 14% of Huntsville's population meets that criteria). To participate, please make your check to FCC with Dental Clinic in the memo line to help this agency that provides a much-needed service. Thank you for caring about those in need in our community.

# RUMMAGE SALE



**FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST 8 AM - 5 PM**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND 8 AM - NOON**

**Time to clean out those closets and save your items for donations!!**

Sign up posters for workers/volunteers are in the Commons Area.

**DROP OFF ITEMS:** February 24th -28th

**LARGE ITEM PICK UP:** Phone the Church Office, 256-881-0150, and leave your name, number, and what large item(s) you want picked up. You will be contacted to arrange a time and date for pick up.

**GUIDELINES:** No broken electronics or appliances, no CRT TVs or monitors, and no personally recorded audio or video. Please try and box items that go together and tape remotes to the electronics they go with.

Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane. So, she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"The flight to Egypt," said Kyle.

"I see... And that must be Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus," Ms. Terri said. "But who's the fourth person?"

Kyle explained, "Oh, that's Pontius the Pilot!"