



The Journey

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CHANGE YOUR Clocks

SPRING FORWARD!

Remember to set your clocks one hour forward when you go to bed on Saturday, March 10, because Daylight Saving Time starts at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 11.

STORIES OF BAPTISM

Is it spring yet? It sure feels like it. The last few days we opened the windows in our home for the first time to let in the fresh air. Flowers have begun to bloom in our yard and even the deer returned, much to Patti's pleasure. Of course when I look at the forecast for the next few weeks I know there is still cold weather on the horizon. Winter has not let go of its grip, yet this week is a reminder that spring, and new life, is on its way and it has filled us with hope.

With that in mind we also look at the church calendar, and while we are still in the season of Lent, we also know that Easter is right around the corner. For church life this means we get ready for Easter Egg hunts, picnics, and baptisms. Lent began as an opportunity for new Christians to ready themselves for Baptism. They took the 40 days before Easter to study, reflect, pray, fast, and open themselves to a new way of life and a new understanding of faith. In our congregation we also ask young people, who would like to begin their journey of faith, to attend baptism classes and prepare for this celebration on Easter Sunday. If you have not been baptized, but would like to be, we invite you to join our class or talk to me about individual mentoring.

Last year my son Joe went through baptism classes and I was a very proud father when he made the decision to join the church and the Kingdom of God. I was also able to baptize my daughter Abby, even if she claims I held her down longer than the other candidates. I just think she needed a little more spiritual cleansing. Every time I am involved in a baptism ceremony I remember my own baptism, how cold the water was, the look on my father's face, so serious but also filled with joy, how it seemed to take no time at all and then I was walking up the stairs, wet and filled with new hope.

This year, I would like for you to reflect on your own experience of baptism or confirmation. What do you remember? What made that day special? How did it change your faith and your connection with God? If you feel led, please share these stories with our baptism class. I am sure the young people there will want to hear about your experience because when they are baptized their lives will become a part of the great story of God's redeeming love, one that we are called to share and one that never ends.

Thanks be to God for the gift of baptism, Amen.

Pastor Paul

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, March 8**, 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, MARCH 4

Sermon Scripture 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
 Sermon "The Wisdom of God"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Mike Lash & Jan Mackenzie
 10:30 Dave Crockett & Mark Stiles

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bev Williamson

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Kathi Luzar & TBA
 TBA & TBA
 10:30 Marie Bittle & Troy Davis, Jr.
 Pam & Brad Clasgens
 Bev Williamson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Dinah Love

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of our youth and rummage sale volunteers.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Jesus and Bartimaeus
 Nancy Woodall
 Pastor Laura
 Brianna Jackson
 Evan Sexton

YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

ATTENDANCE	2/18	2/25
Ash Wednesday Service	49	NA
First Service Worship	44	40
Sunday School	37	32
Second Service Worship	91	83
Taizé	NA	NR
Children's Church	8	5
Young Disciples	NA	7
Total Worship	192	135



This year's Rummage Sale, to benefit our youth ministry, will be from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm on Friday, March 2, and 8:00 am - 12:00 pm on Saturday, March 3. Set-up, donation receipt, sorting, and pricing are underway.

Please consider how you can contribute to this church-wide event. The volunteer sign-up is in the Commons and we have yard signs so you can let your neighbors know about the sale. Please call the office and leave your name and number if you have large items that you would like picked up. **We will NOT accept any tube style TVs or computer monitors.** We also will not accept any electronics or household appliances that do not work (unless the non-working part is identified), or that are extremely damaged. Items that belong together (remotes, lamp shades, etc.) should be boxed or taped together. The Rummage Sale not only helps our youth to serve, it also helps our neighbors in need purchase quality items at very reasonable prices.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEWING CLASS

I have decided to lead a beginner's sewing class on **Wednesday evenings starting March 7th**. It will run for 6 weeks and we will make a "Gathering Apron". Remember that we have babysitting on that evening now so no excuses. If you've wanted to learn to sew now is the time. We will go slow and enjoy our fellowship time together. We will meet from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. **Please let me know ASAP if you are interested, call 256-882-1543.** Dinah Love



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www.fcchsvtech.weebly.com

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



LONG TERM 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
 Thomas Burns, father of Karen Ball
 John Busby, brother-in-law of Monty &
 Dinah Love
 Carroll Keller, brother of Walt Ketter
 Iness Kellogg
 Carey Link, friend of Margaret Vann
 Bobby & Janis Moore
 Joyce Neighbors
 Tom Paul, son of Doris Paul
 Jo Thomason
 Lynn Ursery, former member
 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.

Ladies,

Remember to meet in FSA on Sunday, March 4, at 9:30 AM if you would like to help choose the charities that our "Bake Sale" money will help.

Thanks for all your hard work last fall
 Dinah Love



LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday Services

March 25

Procession of Palms

8:15 am Casual

10:30 am Traditional

with *Victory Cantata*
Egg Hunt and Church Picnic



Maundy Thursday Service

March 29 at 7:00 pm



Good Friday

March 30

SE Huntsville Clergy Association

"Stations of the Cross" Noon at the Aldridge Creek
Greenway entrance Mt. Gap.

Easter Services

April 1

8:15 am Casual

10:30 am Traditional

