



The Journey

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ROOTED AND GROUNDED

One of the activities that Abby, Joe and I like to do together is to go out to the park for a day of disc golf. We have a wonderful time throwing our Frisbees, trying to find them if we throw them in the trees, hiking around the course, and even getting a few good shots in now and again. One of the things I always notice is how quickly the wind can change on these courses. One minute it will pull your disc to the left and then on the next throw it would pull to the right. The wind can even change directions, surprising us and leaving us wondering where we needed to throw the disc.

All too often our world seems like the wind blowing us to and fro. We never know what to expect or how to plan and prepare for what is to come. It seems as if the world is always changing and that we are behind the times. I have long since given up on having the latest cell phone or computer, as long as the one I have works, but I have heard many people state that they no longer recognize the country that they grew up in. We seem so divided and it is easy to feel like we are blown to and fro with no sense of stability.

In an unpredictable world how can we rise above our fear and desperation into a sense of peace that we can share with others? How can we retain our focus, our willingness to share our gifts, and our drive to make the world better? I think it is remembering that we are not like Frisbees, we are more like trees. We may sway and bend when the wind picks us but this is because we are flexible and ready to adapt. We also have solid roots, a foundation of faith that keeps us firmly planted in what truly matters in life.

We are called to love one another, pray always, learn about our faith, share our blessings, and continue to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. When we focus on our foundation the changing winds of the world no longer frighten us because we know that through the power of God we are given roots to grow and wings to soar.

Thanks be to God, Amen

Pastor Paul



CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION
MEETING following second service
on Sunday, March 17.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, March 7**, 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 10

Scripture Luke 4: 1-13
Sermon "Stones to Bread"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Justin Givens & Dave Crockett
 10:30 Dale Thomas & Frank Fitzgerald

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mary Ann Anderson

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Duffy & Lee Boles
 Margaret J. Vann & Nancy Waites
 10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Troy Davis, Jr.
 Roberta Shivers & Bev Williamson
 TBA

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Rick & Kay ShROUT

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is given in honor of
 Jonathan ShROUT's birthday by Rick & Kay
 ShROUT

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Lenten Puzzle
 Margaret J. Vann, John Hall,
 Ty Davis, & Pae Payne


YOUNG DISCIPLES

A New Teaching
 Miles Kleinert, Michelle Givens, &
 Troy Davis

AV SUPPORT TEAM

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

ATTENDANCE	2/24	3/3
First Service Worship	29	42
Sunday School	18	27
Second Service Worship	93	75
Young Disciples	4	NA
Children's Church	6	9
Total Worship	132	126



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
 With Imposition of Ashes
 March 6 at 6:00 pm

THERE WILL NOT BE A WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL ON MARCH 6 DUE TO THE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT 6:00.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL MARCH 13

Smothered pork chops, Cauliflower mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, 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, March 6, at 256-881-0150.**

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Tuesday, March 5, 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.

MISSION FAMILY 4 is having a pot luck luncheon on March 10, 2019 after second service in the family services room. Please come enjoy good food and fellowship.

**National Children’s Advocacy Center
Healthy Families Program**

During March, Christian Women’s Ministries is sponsoring the collection of items for baby baskets for the National Children’s Advocacy Center. Each year, approximately 20 baskets are distributed to the new mothers attending classes for caring for new born children. The baskets provide needed items and a gift of support to these struggling mothers.

The suggested items for collection are: 3 month size sleeping attire, baby wipes, shampoo, pacifiers, bibs, diaper rash cream, socks or booties, and receiving blankets. Monetary offerings are also welcome.



CWM BLESSING BOXES DUE:

Ladies, the money you have collected for the Blessing Box ministry is due in March. This money is used by DOC to help fund small loans for needy women around the world to help them get started in a business to benefit their families. Please make your donation either through your group’s treasury or in the church offering noting Blessing Box in the memo line.

Thank you for your generous donation!

THANK YOU

My family and I appreciated all the kindness expressed to us during my sister’s illness and passing. The cards, the phone calls, words of encouragement, and the dedication of the food basket in Susan’s memory have meant so much. We owe a huge thank you to the Mission Family 3 Leadership Team of Lynn Abernathy, Ruth Lackey, Mary Ann Anderson, and Gayle Herber for their invaluable help during the “celebration of life” for Susan recently held in our lovely parlor, the perfect setting for such an event.

Thank you all! Ann Thompson

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