



The Journey

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REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

This year I plan to attend the Regional Assembly for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Alabama and Northwest Florida on April 27th-29th. The Regional Assembly is a biennial gathering of representatives from the congregations in our region that meet to share ideas, enjoy fellowship, and undertake the business of the region as a whole. The Assembly also provides opportunities for worship, workshops, youth and children's events, wonderful speakers and other events that transform lives and encourage the work of ministry.

It probably seems rather early for me to share this news with you, but I have a reason. I hope that I will not be attending this Assembly alone and that many of you will be able to come and participate in this event. It is being held at Valley Christian Church in Birmingham, Alabama with an opportunity to visit the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute on Saturday afternoon. The theme for the assembly is, "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other."

I also urge you to attend this Assembly because it will be an opportunity to meet our new General Minister and President the Rev. Terri Hord Owens. Rev. Owens will preach during the Friday evening worship service that begins at 7:30 pm and will be present throughout the assembly. She was elected as the leader of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) during the 2017 General Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana. She has years of experience in the corporate world and in higher education as well as several years of service as a local church pastor. Rev. Owens brings a passion for unity in the church and a belief that God's love transcends barriers that have created division over the years.

One of the ways we can support the work of the Alabama and Northwest Florida Region is to attend our assemblies and other programs that the region sponsors. As you know, the region is very supportive of its local churches, providing assistance in finding new ministers, working with churches to solve internal problems, giving leadership and structure to our youth events and summer camps, working with local and regional CWM and CMM ministries, just to name a few. But did you also know that our Regional Minister, the Rev. Dr. John Mobley, also represents us in the College of Regional Ministers and that we have representatives from our region that travel every year for General Board meetings that help guide the policies of our denomination in the United States and Canada. As a member of the Christian Church you are encouraged to participate in these meetings and help shape the mission of the church.

Please pray for the success of the 2018 Regional Assembly and the safety of all who travel to Birmingham. As the weeks progress I will be sharing more information about our Regional Assembly, but feel free to go to alnwfdisciples.org, our regional website, for registration information, housing, and more about the worship, mission and educational opportunities offered. I hope to see you in Birmingham in April. 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 11

Sermon Scripture Ephesians 2:1-10
Sermon “Saved by Grace, Called to Work”

SERVING AT THE TABLE

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

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mary Ann Anderson

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Delores Edgeton & Nancy Waites
 Linda Lykins & Margaret J. Vann
10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Sabrina Beckman
 Troy Davis, Sr. & Tré Davis
 Carolyn Brown

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Donna Blair

SUNDAY’S FOOD BASKET is in honor of
Jonathan Shrout’s birthday by Rick & Kay.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Jesus and Zacchaeus
Chuck Jackman, Jan Mackenzie,
Troy Davis & Cara Sexton

YOUNG DISCIPLES (Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

Jesus Heals a Boy
Christi Sexton, Dave Sexton, &
Macey Johnson

ATTENDANCE	2/25	3/4
First Service Worship	40	51
Sunday School	32	37
Second Service Worship	83	93
Taizé	30	NA
Children’s Church	5	7
Young Disciples	7	NA
Total Worship	165	151

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.

THANK YOU!

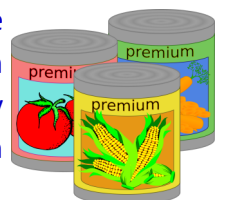
“Then he said to his disciples, the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” Matthew 9:37

Thank you to all of the volunteers whom made this year’s Rummage Sale possible. You did a great job with taking on leadership roles in your expert areas, ensuring that someone was at the church by the break of dawn, staying late to ensure pricing and merchandise was put out, having snacks and food out, and picking up large furniture items. This list can go on and on but I appreciate all whom came out to assist. God provide the helpers for His harvest. We raised almost \$7000 and the left over items were sent to local charities.

Thank you all! Pastor Linda

LET’S TRY AGAIN IN MARCH

At the beginning of February, Community Outreach issued a challenge to each household to donate one food item per Sunday to the food pantry to total donations of 400 per month. The goal is for this to become a learned behavior and our food donations will continue at this level. Unfortunately, the February collection was less than 50% with 190 items. Counting was very generous. Eight snack crackers in a box were counted as eight items. Come on high achievers; remind your family and friends! Let’s try this again in March and reach the 400 count!



“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

1 Peter 4: 10

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED

One way you can literally serve others is to serve Communion on Sundays. Please contact Gayle Herber if you are interested in serving Communion.

“The Lord’s Supper or Communion is celebrated in weekly worship. It is open to all who are followers of Jesus Christ. The practice of Holy Communion has become the central element of worship within the Disciples tradition.”

disciples.org/our-identity/communion-and-baptism/



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



EASTER

CWM NEEDS YOUR HELP TO WELCOME BABIES

The March CWM project is to make gift baskets for the Healthy Families Program with the National Children’s Advocacy Center. The program works with low income first-time mothers who do not have the support needed to help them through this experience. As well as providing basic baby needs, the gift basket demonstrates to the mother that someone cares about them and their new baby. A list of needed items is posted in the Commons Area or financial donations may be made to CWM with “Baby Baskets” in the memo line. Someone will shop for you.

Thank you for caring for those in need.

