



The Journey

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EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

On Palm Sunday, April 14, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. we are opening our playgrounds and our church to the families in our church, our ECM and community for a fun filled afternoon of "Easter Eggstravaganza!"



This year we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids (Nursery - 4th Graders), but we will also have a family picnic, lawn games and the Easter Bunny for everyone!!!!

We need everyone's help to make this a wonderful event for our church & community.

Please take a bag of empty eggs home to fill with candy and/or prizes. Please return all filled eggs by the 8:15 am worship service on April 14 so we can hide the eggs for the hunt.

The egg hunt will take place after the 10:30 am worship service. Nursery - Toddler age children will hunt eggs in the Garden Courtyard. Preschool - 1st grade children will hunt eggs on the Ark Playground. 2nd - 4th grade children will hunt eggs on Grandma Sue's Playground.

The picnic will be held inside in Family Services & McMains and the lawn games will take place on Grandma Sue's playground following the egg hunt.

We need people to help with the egg hunt, bring food for the picnic, and help with the lawn games. You can still sign up to help with this event at church on the paper sign-up sheets located outside the sanctuary or by going to Sign Up Genius and signing up online at www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaba72ea0fb6-easter1

~Reverend Laura West

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, UNIFIED SERVICE

9:00 am Sunday School/Small Groups

10:00am Combined Service - ECM Sunday

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, March 28**, 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 31, 10:00 UNIFIED SERVICE

Scripture Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32
Sermon "The Good Father"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

10:00 Roger Sameck & Bob Senn

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nancy Woodall

SERVING COMMUNION

10:00 Beverly Cannon & Bev Williamson
Lisa Fitzgerald & Elaine French
Lynn Abernathy

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Patti Allen

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is given in memory of Mildred Everett, sister of Jan Mackenzie, by Phoebe Circle

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Jesus and Zacchaeus
Pastor Laura
Lee Boles
Ty Davis
Riley Rogers

YOUNG DISCIPLES

Meets second and fourth Sundays.

AV SUPPORT TEAM

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

ATTENDANCE	3/17	3/24
First Service Worship	28	36
Sunday School	19	21
Second Service Worship	76	83
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Children's Church	4	6
Total Worship	108	125

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL APRIL 3

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 27, at 256-881-0150.**

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE MISSION FAMILY PLAN?

There will be a Mission Family informational meeting for all First Christian members and visitors who want to know more about the Mission Family plan. What is a Mission Family and how did I get placed in one? What is a leadership team? What is the ministry of the Mission Family?

The meeting is scheduled for April 7 at 2:00 pm in Family Services. So that I can have material for you, please let me know that you plan to attend by March 27. You may email me at jvhome2@comcast.net, or call 256-536-7816 if your phone will identify you as the caller. Please leave a message on the machine if we can't answer.

Thanks,
Jackie Volinski, Mission Family Coordinator

**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.

HABITAT HOME NUMBER 26

First Christian Church has participated in the financing and construction of Habitat homes for many years. In March, Community Outreach is collecting monetary donations for Habitat Home No. 26. You can write your check to FCC with Habitat on the memo line if you would like to contribute. Be on the lookout for more details concerning our new Habitat home.



Thank you, Community Outreach

UNIFIED SERVICE, ECM SUNDAY, MARCH 31

We will celebrate our Early Childhood Ministry during a 10:00 am Unified Service. Children will sing and a reception will follow the service. Sunday School/Small Groups will meet at 9:00. am

LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday Services

April 14

Procession of Palms

8:15 am Casual

10:30 am Traditional

11:30 am Egg Hunt and Church Picnic



Maundy Thursday Service

Tenebrae Service:

"Hope in the Shadows"

April 18 at 7:00 pm



Good Friday

April 19

SE Huntsville Clergy Association

"Stations of the Cross" Noon at the

Aldridge Creek Greenway entrance Mt. Gap.

Easter Services

April 21

8:15 am Casual

10:30 am Traditional



PROPERTY WORK DAY

We will have a Property Workday on Saturday, April 6, beginning at 9:00 am. Contact the Church Office at publisher@fcc-hsv.org or 256-881-0150 to sign up to help. We will be working inside and outside getting ready for Palm Sunday (Easter Eggstravaganza! Community Egg Hunt & Picnic), and Easter Sunday visitors.

CWM BLESSING BOXES DUE:

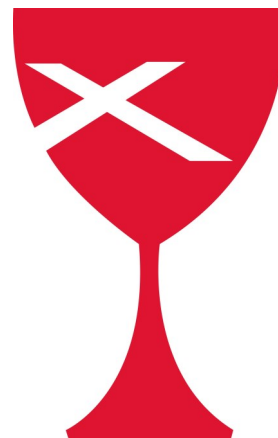
Ladies, the money you have collected for the Blessing Box ministry is due in March. This money is used by DOC to help fund small loans for needy women around the world to help them get started in a business to benefit their families. Please make your donation either through your group's treasury or in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

Thank you for your generous donation!

THANK YOU

A grateful Community Free Dental Clinic will receive just over \$1000 from your donations! The funds will help in continuing this vital service in our community. Thank you for caring about those in need.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kelsey Beckman & David Wilbourn on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Rose Beckman, on March 20. Sabrina Beckman is the proud grandmother.



April 2019

Birthdays

- 1 Peyton Patrick
- 2 J.B. Hodge
- 4 James Blackman
- 7 Beverly Cannon & Dr. Brian Roberts
- 9 Janie Clasgens, Andrew Herron, Linda Mayne, & Margaret J. Vann
- 10 Gaylia Roberts, Brenda McDowell, & Alice Watson
- 11 Matt Ball, Jennifer Spain, & Terry Sullivan
- 13 James Mason
- 14 McKenzie Williams
- 15 Pam Clasgens
- 17 Sharon Blackman, Craven Gibbs, & Michael Smith
- 18 Braly Beutjer
- 20 Christy Clasgens & Karen Coburn
- 21 Janet Sholes & Mark Stiles
- 22 Macey Johnson & Mary McMahan Langevin
- 23 Quilla Rice & John Robinson III
- 25 Linda Hooker & Chip Volinski
- 27 Chris Blackman & Michael Blackman
- 29 Sarah Brockway & Sue Seward

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10 am Quilters	2 1 pm Lenten Bible Study 5:00 pm ECM Family Reading Night 5:30 pm Personnel Mtg.	3 9 am Emmaus 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Adulting Bible Study •Kids & Youth Bible Study •Men's Bible Study •Phoebe Circle •Women's Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	4 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study 5 pm Convener Meeting	5	6 9:00 am Property Work Day
	7 2 pm Mission Family Information Meeting 4 pm Pickleball	8 9:30 am Esther Circle 10 am Quilters 5:30 pm Christian Ed. Mtg.	9 11 am Vintage Vagabonds Lunch & movie "Paul" 1 pm Lenten Bible Study 5:30 pm Elders' Meeting	10 9 am Emmaus 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Adulting Bible Study •Kids & Youth Bible Study •Men's Bible Study •Women's Bible Study •Worship Committee 7 pm Chancel Choir	11 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study 10: am Elizabeth Circle 6 pm Board Meeting	12	13
	14 Palm Sunday Easter Special Offering Easter Egg Hunt 3 pm Pickleball	15 10 am Quilters	16	17 9 am Emmaus 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Adulting Bible Study •Kids & Youth Bible Study •Men's Bible Study •Women's Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	18 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study 6 pm Maundy Thursday Service	19	20
	21 Easter Sunday Easter Special Offering 3 pm Pickleball	22 10 am Quilters	23 1 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	24 9 am Emmaus 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Adulting Bible Study •Kids & Youth Bible Study •Men's Bible Study •Women's Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	25 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study	26 Youth Lock-In	27
	28 Youth Sunday 3 pm Pickleball	29 9:30 am Esther Circle	30				