



# The Journey

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## GETTING AWAY FROM THE EVERYDAY

Volunteering for Church Camps and Conferences holds its own unique blessings. I have been a counselor and a director for many years but I always learn something new from the youth who attend camp. There is something special about setting aside a week for spiritual growth and development. Notice I did not say for the spiritual growth and development of the youth alone, because the first thing you learn as a counselor at Church Camp is that you learn and grow just as the youth do.

Taking this time to get away from the world and focus on your relationship with God can be challenging. It takes time to prepare, study, learn, and even when you arrive you need to unwind and get into the flow of things. Yet when this happens I have found a sense of peace and purpose that is often missing in an ordinary day. Getting away from the everyday helps us to look back on our lives and realize that God has blessed us and has a plan for us.

Spring is moving on and with it comes a change in the way we do things here at First Christian Church. You can see it in our worship service as the choir takes a break and our children and youth events slow down. The Youth Mission Trip and Vacation Bible School are just around the corner as well as the Church Picnic. We also see a change in the church year. On May 20<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church as we know it, and then move into ordinary time, the long season between Pentecost and Advent. However this season is anything but ordinary as it encapsulates so many wonderful things that will happen in our community.

There is a sense of excitement in the air as we look in the pews and see visitors, plenty of children, and the faces of old friends. It is my hope that we keep this excitement through the summer and beyond, that we take time to rest and renew ourselves at Church Camp and Vacation Bible School. I also hope that we will continue to invite new people to experience the presence of Christ in our community. Let's continue to thank God for what is right in front of us, a wonderful church family that has a vision for the future and continues to work for the glory of God, Amen.

*Pastor Paul*

**CONDOLENCES** to the family of Linda Lykins who died on Saturday, May 5.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, May 3**, 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, MAY 13**

Scripture John 17: 20-26  
 Sermon "More Than a Hello"

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Karen Ball & Andy Herron  
 10:30 Dave Crockett & Frank Fitzgerald

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Mary Ann Anderson

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Penny & Chuck Jackman  
 Jackie Sameck & Jeff Seward  
 10:30 Nancy Adams & Matt Ball  
 Mary Ann Anderson & Ty Davis  
 Carolyn Brown

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Donna Blair

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is in honor of Hillary & Sarah Littles' birthdays by Bobbye Riggs.

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

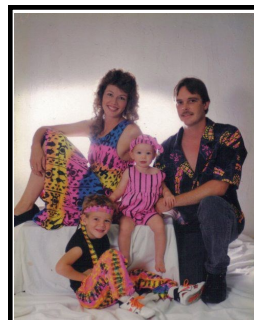
*Ascension*  
 Janie Clasgens, Holly Ahlbin, & Troy Davis, Jr.

**YOUNG DISCIPLES** (Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

*The Most Important Commandment*  
 Karen Ball, Joe Brockway, Sarah Brockway, & Ty Davis

**AV SUPPORT TEAM**

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



Time to update that portrait?

Save the dates June 14 - 16!

**Signups details on following page.**

Hi, my name is Alicia Price and I work in the nursery. I'm looking for a good affordable used car as soon as possible. My number is 256-694-2129. Thank you and God bless!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Trey Leonard who graduated Summa Cum Laude from Mississippi State University on Friday, May 4, with a double major in Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics.

**COME AND JOIN THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AT FCC'S ANNUAL ALL CHURCH PICNIC**  
**Where:** First Christian Church in McMains Hall & the Family Services area.  
**When:** May 20th 2018. Gathering will be at 4:00 p.m. Serving will begin at 4:30 p.m.  
**What to bring:** It will be pot luck so bring your favorite covered dish or a dessert.  
*Drinks will be provided.*  
**Entertainment:** A sing-a-long for all and play time on the church playground for the kids.

**A TRIP TO THE CASA GARDEN**  
 On **May 19th** FCC will be volunteering at the CASA Garden. We will be there from 8 am - 1 pm. Volunteers must be middle school age or older. Tools will be provided. If you are interested in helping, contact Heather Black at [goldenrulepharm@gmail.com](mailto:goldenrulepharm@gmail.com). There are limited slots and certain guidelines, so be sure and contact Heather by May 18th. Thanks so much for your help, Community Outreach



ATTENDANCE	4/29	5/6
First Service Worship	40	48
Sunday School	NR	41
Second Service Worship	85	86
Children's Church	14	11
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	139	145

# PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES

Printed professional photography endures for generations

## Be a part of our upcoming photography event

Be yourself. Classic, casual, musical, sporty, fun – it's up to you!

Make it special. Bring meaningful items and special people too! (like mom)

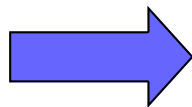
Share your story with family and friends. Photographs make great gifts.



Each family receives a complimentary 8x10 photograph and a free directory for participating! You will have the opportunity to purchase additional photographs for yourself, family and friends.

## GRATEFUL LIFE MAY SERVICE PROJECT FOR CWM AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Christian's Women's Ministries and Community Outreach have chosen Grateful Life Community Church as their Service Project for the month of May. We are collecting toiletries and hygiene items for this Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation located at 207 Oakwood Avenue. You can bring in hygiene items and place them in our basket in the Commons Area, or make your check out to First Christian Church with Grateful Life in the memo line and place it in the offering bowl or drop it by the church office. Thank you for your contribution.



## SIGNUPS FOR CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY

To schedule your online photography session, follow the following steps. Click on:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yckrp20e/10>

1. Select number in group. Using the drop down to the left, select the number in your group (larger families may require more time).

2. Select day. A calendar will now display showing the month and day of our photography sessions. If multiple months are available, an arrow next to the month will be displayed. Click on the arrow to advance to the next month.

3. Select photography session time. A list of available session times will be displayed. Click the Book it button next to the desired time. You will then be prompted to register for your photography session.

### Waiting List

If you are unable to find a date and time that works for you, join the waiting list.

To change or cancel your photography session use the login feature above to manage your information. Please call the Church Office and speak with Rick if you have any questions.

### About your photography session

Plan on an hour for your professional photography session. Come prepared for your session and show the real you! We often photograph families and individuals with meaningful items: special keepsakes, sports equipment, musical instruments, etc. Many families wear coordinating colors for a unified look. We suggest solid colored shirts with long sleeves.