



The Journey

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OUR SUMMER JOURNEY

It is hard to believe that in less than a week I will be participating in our regional mission trip to Mexico Beach and then in less than a month I will be directing Chi-Rho camp. When I was younger my Grandmother once asked me if I was excited about my birthday. I told her yes and that I could not wait until the day came, I was so impatient that it seemed like time was slowing down. She told me that as you get older time seems to speed up so I should enjoy the anticipation of my celebration. As a child I did not know what she meant, as an adult with two children that are growing rapidly, a busy occupation, and plenty of projects in the works, I know that she is right.

When summer comes many of the programs that we have in our congregation take a hiatus. Our Wednesday Night Suppers have come to an end until next fall and our Wednesday night bible studies are also winding down. Our youth and children's programs continue, but in new ways that allow for rest and renewal for our volunteers. Our church choir will soon be taking their summer break as well which will lead to different kinds of special music in the worship service, and soon we will be moving from our sanctuary to McMains Hall. With all of this change you would think that the work in our congregation would slow down, but that is certainly not the case.

In my estimation there is never a slow time in the church. There are times when we are busier, when celebrations follow each other, or when there seems to be more to do, but in reality the work of the church always moves forward. That is how it is meant to be. This does not mean that programs, services, or theology always stay the same, instead I like to think that we are all on a journey together. Sometimes we may find a different route, other days we may decide to travel without stopping, and there are days when we take a more leisurely pace allowing ourselves to see the sights, but we are constantly moving, pushing forward to become the Body of Christ that we were meant to be.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "It's not the destination, It's the journey." reminding us that our life's voyage has meaning. In the same way we already know where the journey of the church will lead, we have heard the promise of God's Kingdom time and time again. This summer how will you continue your journey, how will you be a part of building the Kingdom, how will you help First Christian Church live out its call to be the Body of Christ? Let's find the answer together. Amen.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, May 23**, 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, MAY 26

Scripture Acts 16: 9-15
Sermon "The Lord Opened Her Heart...
She Opened Her Home."

SERVING AT THE TABLE

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

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Gayle Herber

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Delores Edgeton & Marilee Keim
Chuck & Penny Jackman
10:30 Marie Bittle & Lisa Fitzgerald
Roberta Shivers & Joe Allen
Bev Williamson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Chuck & Penny Jackman

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is given in honor of Carolyn Brown.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

The Good Shepherd and the Lord's Supper
Nancy Woodall, TBA

YOUNG DISCIPLES

On Break

AV SUPPORT TEAM

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

ATTENDANCE	5/12	5/19
First Service Worship	38	37
Sunday School	23	30
Second Service Worship	89	77
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Children's Church	8	7
Total Worship	135	121

THANK YOU

Over \$800 was raised for the House of Hope in Haiti; that is more than enough to sponsor the two children that CWM had wanted! Thank you for your generosity and your concern for the children of that very impoverished area.

Many children visiting HEALS (Health Establishments at Local Schools) Dental Clinic will leave with smiles because of your support to the Community Outreach April Project. The toy and monetary donations will provide numerous items for the reward chest. Each time a child visits the dental clinic for a procedure, they are able to select an item from the reward chest upon leaving. Hopefully this encourages a positive attitude in visiting the dental clinic. Thank you for your interest and support in the children from lower income families.

First Christian Church owns four cemetery lots in Valhalla Memory Gardens (698 Winchester Rd NE, Huntsville, AL 35811). These lots are available at market value, either in pairs or four total. We are offering these to our members and friends before advertising through various outlets. If you would like more information, please contact Lee Boles.
Leeboles@aol.com for the Trustees



FOOD PANTRY REMINDER

Please remember to bring a non-perishable item, or several, for the food cart outside of McMains Hall on a Sunday. Pick your own Sunday and make it a habit. Let's help keep the pantry full at the Huntsville Assistance Program.
Thank you, Community Outreach Committee

MISSION TRIP

May 27th- June 1st

Location: Mexico City Beach, Florida

Cost: \$0 unless you require your own bedroom.

- Volunteers are needed to chaperone youth to worksites and or cook meals. All food will be purchased and taken to Mexico City Beach.
- Goal of this mission's trip is to help rebuild areas that were hardest hit from last year's storms.
- We are accepting donations such as (hygiene products and laundry soap.
- Mission Trip forms are available in the church office.
- If you would like to attend please email Pastor Paul: paul@fcc-hsv.org

HELPING A SISTER CHURCH

In May, Community Outreach is teaming up with Christian Women's Ministries to collect monetary gifts for Grateful Life Church. This church serves many of the homeless in our area. Your generous gift will help provide building maintenance, transportation, food and other needs they experience as they strive to minister to the disadvantaged and to show them God's love and care. Your check should be made out to First Christian Church with "Grateful Life" on the memo line.

Thank you for all you do for our community, Community Outreach and CWM

Mission Family 1 will have a Potluck Luncheon in Family Services room following second service on May 26. Bring your favorite dish to share.



2019 CAMP & CONFERENCE

Location: Montgomery, Alabama

When: June 17th – 21st

Who Can Attend?

Chi Rho Camp (6th, 7th & 8th grades)

CYF (9th - 12th grades)

If your youth has volunteered at the church they are qualified for Tiered Pricing.

Camp applications are available in the church office. **Please return them by May 24th.** Please feel free to contact the office if you have questions at 256-881-0150 or office@fcc-hsv.org

