



# The Journey

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## **2018 COVENANT JOURNAL: GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT PRESENTS VISION, GOALS TO GENERAL BOARD** (Disciples News Service)

“We need connection,” said General Minister and President Teresa “Terri” Hord Owens. “We need connection to God, to who we are as Disciples, and to our community.”

Rev. Dr. Hord Owens laid out her vision for the Church to renew its connection to God with an emphasis on the foundation of Biblical literacy. “We just don’t know the Book like we should,” she said. “Spiritual disciplines, theological grounding in mission and justice and that deep spirituality that undergirds the commitment to justice are all essential to the life of our Church together.”

“For me, the Gospel and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ is deeply intertwined with the work of justice and advocating for the vulnerable. The Gospel is what compels us to do the work of justice. Love is shown by treating me the way God treats me.”

The 2019 General Assembly theme, “Abide in Me”, (John 15:1-5) is a first step to calling the whole Church to deeper spirituality, Biblical literacy, and a deep commitment to live out justice. Owens says, “Jesus is clear in this text: ‘apart from me, you can do nothing.’”

Connection to who we are as Disciples is also essential. “Disciples are a unique expression of God’s Church and we have much to share with the world,” she said. “We can set the example through our mission, our engagement in covenantal accountability and the way we live into the gift of unity, respectfully engaging one another despite differences and disagreements.” And that connection to God and one another extends to the communities where we live and work. We are called to evangelism (sharing the Gospel), mission (living the Gospel) and justice (transformation according to the Gospel.)

One way this connection is already being given form is by her support of several ecumenical and interfaith initiatives including the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call to Moral Revival which was lifted up at the 2017 General Assembly and the National Council of Churches’ Act Against Racism initiative launched in April. In addition to these tenets of connection, Hord Owens has some administrative objectives she will be tackling over the next few years. These include consistent human resources policies across the life of the Church, ensuring that we are a “safe and just employer of both clergy and laity.” A new communications strategy will enable the Church to leverage current and emerging technologies, and be in touch with how younger generations now communicate. A data warehouse initiative is planned to make year book data available online, along with a new clergy and lay leadership database to identify, connect and help develop leaders throughout the life of the Church.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, June 14**, 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, JUNE 17**

Scripture Mark 4: 26-34  
 Sermon "Sowing Seeds of Hope"

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Justin Givens & Bob Senn  
 10:30 Dave Crockett & Karen Ball

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Donna Blair

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Lynn Abernathy & Donna Blair  
 Eddie & Valerie Parks  
 10:30 Patti & Abby Allen  
 Sabrina & Hayley Beckman  
 Matt Ball

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Diane Douglas

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is given in memory of Lori Love's birthday by Monty & Dinah Love.

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*Story Time*  
 Pastor Laura, Chuck Jackman, & Troy Davis

**YOUNG DISCIPLES**

(Off until August 12)

**AV SUPPORT TEAM**

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

ATTENDANCE	6/3	6/10
First Service Worship	42	51
Sunday School	37	46
Second Service Worship	87	98
Children's Church	7	7
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	136	156

**SNACKS & DHR**

Community Outreach is continuing its June project of providing individual drinks and snacks for DHR to have on hand to give to children who must be in the office. Sometimes children are there awaiting foster placements or to visit parents or for some other reason not of their making. They might be there for several hours and a snack is desperately needed. We can either donate individual snacks (crackers, goldfish, granola bars, etc) and/ or drinks (juice, Capri Sun, etc.) or make a financial donation and Community Outreach will shop for you. You can make a difference in the comfort level of the children who are confused and often frightened.






# Taizé

**TAIZÉ SERVICE**

Please join us for a contemplative time of prayer, meditation and music on Sunday, June 24 that 6 pm in the FCC sanctuary. The Taizé service is designed to give participants a quiet and peaceful break from the busyness of life. Come and rest in God's presence.



Welcome Back We Missed You

Pastor Laura is back from her sabbatical and is hitting the ground running. She will be in the office this week and will turn around and head off to children/youth Regional Camps next week at Camp Chandler in Wetumpka, AL.

Ladies of the Church,  
You are invited to a Bridal Shower for  
Katherine Boles  
Sunday, June 17th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Registered at  
Bed Bath & Beyond  
Williams Sonoma  
Lawren's  
Brooks & Collier

### GERMAN-LOVE WEDDING SHOWER

All church members, please come and celebrate the marriage of Dr. Carrie German and Mr. Kyle Love. They were wed on June 9th in their hometown of Stillwater Oklahoma and will reside here in Huntsville. FCC will honor them with a wedding shower on June 24th after second service in the Commons Area. Carrie and Kyle are registered at Target; Bed, Bath and Beyond; Amazon; and Walmart. A money tree will be placed in the reception area for those who would like to provide cards and/or money. So, let's show our love and support for this young couple by enjoying a glass of punch, some good food with them; and most importantly to wish them well as they begin their marriage together.

### LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET INVOLVED?



Join the coffee crew! You only have to serve once or twice a quarter. Training is provided and it is pretty simple now that the Parlor kitchen is back on line. Call the office, 256-881-0150, if you are interested.

The 2018 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.

### NURSERY HELP NEEDED

Share an hour or more of your time with our babies or toddlers once a month. Sign up poster is in the Commons



for first service, Sunday School, or second service. If you are not on the Safe Church volunteer list, we can easily provide training. Call Pastor Laura, 256-881-0150, if you have any questions.



Coming July 16 - 20, 9:00 - 11:30 am