



# The Journey

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## CHANGING LIVES

We have all had life-changing experiences, events that are so momentous, inspirational, or painful that they alter our attitudes and ideas forever. When I was fourteen years old I participated in a mission trip to the country of Honduras. This small Central American nation was in the midst of turmoil as Campesinos, or peasant farmers, began to organize and lead protests against the Honduran government demanding they return stolen land and protect their rights as citizens. This political struggle often turned ugly as leaders of the Campesino movement were harassed, jailed, and tortured by the military and the wealthy landowners who truly controlled the country.

As time passed Campesinos began to receive more land and the new government promised to take their needs seriously, but there was still a need for education, medical services, basic farming equipment, and livestock. The small group of teenagers and College students that I traveled with from Kansas thought we were going to change the lives of the people we met in Honduras, but we soon found out that we were the ones who would be transformed.

Several things happened to me personally in Honduras. I learned how to mix concrete by hand, speak in broken Spanish, take cold showers in the afternoon when water was finally available, and oh yes, I found a brother, literally. I met my brother Carlos when he and a few other young people joined our group to guide and assist us in our work. These five young people from Honduras outworked our whole group because of their passion for their land and desire to make it better.

When I returned home, I understood how lucky I was to live in America, but also realized because of my blessings I had a responsibility to share what I had. I also recognized that people are not so different, that what separates us is trivial compared to what unites us, and that I had learned more about faith, hope, and love in those two days than I had learned in the last fourteen years.

You do not have to travel to a foreign land to have an experience that changes your life. I am sure the lives of the youth who traveled with us on our Mission Trip to Mexico Beach were changed. I am sure we transform the lives of the young people and adults who attend and work at our regional camps. The children who attend our Vacation Bible School this summer will learn who their neighbor is, ultimately discovering that we are all neighbors and we are all beloved by God. Everything our congregation does has the capacity to make a difference in the world and change the lives of those around us because of our passion to serve and our desire to build the Kingdom of God here on earth.

God has provided so much to us, now we have many opportunities to give back and let all people know that we are united in grace and in love.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, June 20**, 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 23**

**Scripture:** Luke 8: 26-39  
**Sermon:** "The Demonic"  
**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Cameron Douglas

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Mark Stiles & Roger Sameck  
10:30 Mike Lash & Dale Thomas

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Lynn Abernathy

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Carl & Carol Jones  
Marilee Keim & Jackie Sameck  
10:30 Marie Bittle & Bev Williamson  
Troy Davis & Tré Davis  
Matt Ball

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Rick & Kay Shrout

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is given in memory of Lori Love.

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*Story Time*  
Michelle Givens, Jan Mackenzie & Brianna Jackson

**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	6/9	6/16
First Service Worship	37	39
Sunday School	36	26
Second Service Worship	86	80
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Children's Church	NR	6
Total Worship	123	125

**THANKS FROM CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

Thank you all for contributing to CWM service projects in 2018-19, some in partnership with Community Outreach. Your generous offerings this year have supported the following community, regional, national, and global programs:

--\$811.40 for school supplies to Morris P-8 and Dawson Elementary (with CO)

--\$500 to Neaves Davis Center for Children, which provides juvenile probation services in Madison County

--\$688.40 to The WellHouse in Odenville, AL, which provides rescue, shelter, and counseling for female victims of human trafficking

--\$2000 from Bake Sale proceeds shared among Hope Place, Heifer International, CWS Blankets+ Program, Community Free Dental Clinic, Christmas Charities stocking fund, Grateful Life Community Church, and FCC Community Outreach

--100 filled stockings for Madison County children through Christmas Charities Year Round

--\$811 to Church World Service's Blankets+ Program, which provides aid around the world in areas of poverty, displacement, and disaster

--Valentine greetings to FCC homebound members  
--\$694.96 to the Community Free Dental Clinic, which provides limited dental care to those in need (with CO)

--\$571.36 as our Blessing Box offering for mission support through Disciples Mission Fund

--\$520 for the National Children's Advocacy Center's Healthy Families Program, which offers family support and education services to first-time parents in Madison County

--\$852 to support two children for one year at the House of Hope in Haiti, through Global Ministries' Child Sponsorship Program

--\$628.66 for Grateful Life Community Church, our sister DOC church which provides ministry, food, and essential items to local community members

All women of the church are welcome to participate in our CWM programs for study, service, and fellowship. Please contact Mary Ann Anderson at [maryannanderson256@gmail.com](mailto:maryannanderson256@gmail.com) for more information

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**JUNE 30 ALL CHURCH POT LUCK**

**Gathering at 4:00 pm    Serving starts at 4:30 pm**

Come to the all church pot luck to meet with your Mission Family leadership team, fellow Mission Family members, and elect your Board representatives.

Bring your favorite dish and join in the fun! Drinks provided

**FOSTER CARE NEEDS OUR HELP**

Community Outreach is asking your help in easing the burden of the Foster Care Unit of the Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR). Please consider making a financial donation so we can purchase Walmart gift cards for the agency to use throughout the year for the children who come into care, through no fault of their own. The need could be as simple as snacks for when the children are in the building for visits with parents or waiting for a foster placement. Or, it could be a child might have a special immediate need. Funding is tight for DHR and more children are coming into care. We can help these children who have suffered so much by our donation. A check can be made to FCC with DHR in the memo line. FCC has shown compassion for our children in crisis before and we are again asking your help again because we can make a difference.

**HUNTSVILLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NIGHT  
AT THE BIERGARTEN JUNE 20, 4:30-7:30 PM**

Come and bring your friends and family to the US Space and Rocket Center on June 20 from 4:40 -7:30 pm for authentic German Cuisine! The Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP) will receive a percentage of all food sold that night. So come on out and enjoy an evening of German food while helping your community.

Community Outreach

**BAKE SALE HELP**

I am looking for someone to help me run the bake sale that we have in the fall and possibly take it over sometime in the future when they are comfortable with running it. Last year we were able to give about \$2000 back to our community with the proceeds we made. It also serves as a mission to the community since they all seem to appreciate our baking skills and we sell out every year.



No experience is necessary: I will teach you all you need to know. Most of the work is done the day before and the day of the bake sale. A lot is delegated to helpers and you will always have lots of help.

If you are interested learning this position, let me know. You can call me at 256-337-5597 or email me at [dmlove1543@gmail.com](mailto:dmlove1543@gmail.com)

Thank you, Dinah Love

