



# The Journey

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In the past weeks I have had many reminders of how quickly time can pass. My son Joe had his eleventh birthday on June 4th. He getting ready to attend Middle School in August, is growing right in front of my eyes, and has a girlfriend. My daughter Abby had her fifteenth birthday on May 6th, will be a sophomore in High School in August, is taller than her mother, and will soon be driving. They have grown so much so quickly and the only things that have grown on me are my stomach and my bald spot.


Often the church would slow down during the summer months. Programs took a brief break and everyone seemed to catch their breath waiting for the busy fall and winter seasons. Now it seems that summer is just as full, rich, and complex as the rest of the year. Sunday School classes, Graduation Sunday, Church Camps, youth Mission Trips, Vacation Bible School, fill our calendars with new and exciting ways to learn about and develop our faith. These events are all very different, but they bring life and energy to our community by showing us that there are many ways to experience Christ and there are many ways for the church to remain active and alive in people's hearts.

This summer is going to fly by. Soon the leaves will change colors on the trees and we will feel the chill in the air that signifies the fall season. Perhaps we need to remind ourselves to slow down and appreciate what our church has to offer this summer, enjoy time with our wider Christian family, and recognize the blessings that we have experienced and are called to share through our faith. It is my hope that this summer our community will experience a renewal that will continue our forward momentum and give us a new sense of purpose. We have felt the fire of the Spirit within our hearts during Pentecost; we have heard the call of God, now we will answer as one people, united in faith and in service.

Thanks be to God. Amen

*Pastor Paul*





## TAIZÉ SERVICE

# Taizé

Please join us for a contemplative time of prayer, meditation and music on Sunday, June 24 at 6:00 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.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, June 21**, 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 24**

Scripture 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13  
 Sermon "How We Live Matters"

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Frank Fitzgerald & Roger Sameck  
 10:30 Mark Stiles & Gayle Herber

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Nancy Waites

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Chuck & Penny Jackman  
 Jackie Sameck & Nancy Waites  
 10:30 Nancy Adams & Carolyn Brown  
 Beverly Cannon & Troy Davis, Jr.  
 Elaine French

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Gayle Herber

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is given in memory of their daughter, Gina Anderson, by Reggie & Mary Anderson

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*Story Time*  
 Nancy Woodall, Penny Jackman,  
 Joe Allen & Tré 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	6/10	6/17
First Service Worship	51	52
Sunday School	46	34
Second Service Worship	98	77
Children's Church	7	5
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	156	134

**VBS July 16-20 (9:00-11:30 am)**

Come be a part of this year's exciting Vacation Bible School program "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!" During the week children (age 3 through 5th grade) will learn that when they are lonely, worried, struggling, wrong, and powerless....Jesus rescues!



Each day begins at Castaway Sing & Play where kids will sing, shout, praise, pray, and be introduced to a Bible story and the daily theme. Then after they experience the other activities of the day, kids gather back at Sail Away Sendoff to wrap up with music and more!

Other sites at Shipwrecked include: Bible Discovery where kids will explore the Bible story in a variety of interactive ways; Ship Rec Games where kids have time to play games; Tropical Treats where kids will enjoy yummy snacks; KidVid Cinema where kids watch films about real kids living out their faith in cool ways; and Imagination Station where kids will make awesome crafts to remind them of the Bible lessons!

Through *Shipwrecked*, kids will be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms! Your kids won't want to miss this adventure! **To register your child please contact Pastor Laura (256) 881-0150 or [laura@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:laura@fcc-hsv.org)**

We need lots of volunteers to make this event successful. You can sign up to help at church on the paper sign-up sheets located outside the sanctuary or by going to Sign Up Genius and signing up online.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaba72ea0fb6-shipwrecked>

Looking forward to a wonderful VBS together as a church!

~Pastor Laura

**CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH?** Stream it live at: [www.fcchsvtech.weebly.com](http://www.fcchsvtech.weebly.com)  
**MISS A SERMON?** See previous sermons at: [www.fcc-hsv.org/sermons/](http://www.fcc-hsv.org/sermons/)



## July Birthdays



## LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS



Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

Christopher Brewer, grandson of Jan Mackenzie  
 Steve Brown  
 Thomas Burns, father of Karen Ball  
 John Busby, brother-in-law of Monty & Dinah Love  
 Burl Chandler, father of Chris Chandler  
 Carroll Keller, brother of Walt Ketter  
 Iness Kellogg  
 Carey Link, friend of Margaret Vann  
 Bobby & Janis Moore  
 Joyce Neighbors  
 Jo Thomason  
 Mack Vann

Long term prayer concerns are published once a month in the *Journey*. Please keep the church office informed of the status of individuals you put on the lists.

1	Betty Rogers
2	Ashley Thomas .
5	Justin Stiles
6	Alli Euper
9	Iness Kellogg
10	Donna Blair, Carl Jones, & Anna Roberts
11	Shannon Robinson Klaehn & Randy Wood
15	Harold Buie
17	Bob Spencer
19	Walker Wilson
20	Mona Qualls, Joseph Vann
23	Brady Johnson & Rachel Mackenzie
25	Muriel Pinkham
26	John Hall , Raylen Patrick, & Kristen Tumminello
29	Janine Jordan
30	Sonja Qualls
31	Glenn Carr, Ron Volinski, Sr., & Sally Wilson

### 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.

### 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.



## CWM ACTIVITIES 2017-18

Thanks for your generous support of our community, regional, national, and global ministries. This is what your donations provided in 2017-18:

- \$2,365 Shop With a Hero\*
- \$327 Neaves-Davis Center for Children
- \$631 The WellHouse for human trafficking victims
- 100 filled stockings for Christmas Charities
- \$1,078 Church World Service Blankets Program
- Valentines to college students, shut-ins, and military
- \$1,000 Community Free Dental Clinic\*
- \$536 Blessing Box Offerings to Disciples Mission Fund
- \$559 National Children's Advocacy Center
- \$723 Child sponsorship at House of Hope in Haiti
- \$430 Grateful Life Community Church\*
- \$102 Regional Camp Scholarship Fund

\*With Community Outreach

All women of the church are part of CWM and are invited to participate in activities that support our focus on study, service, and fellowship. Please contact Mary Ann Anderson at 256 883 7123, or [maryannanderson256@gmail.com](mailto:maryannanderson256@gmail.com), if you would like more info about CWM ministries or would like to join a group.

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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/63-6017148>

## 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.



“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

1 Peter 4: 10

## COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED

One way you can literally serve others is to serve Communion on Sundays. **Please contact Gayle Herber if you are interested in serving Communion.**

“The Lord’s Supper or Communion is celebrated in weekly worship. It is open to all who are followers of Jesus Christ. The practice of Holy Communion has become the central element of worship within the Disciples tradition.”

[disciples.org/our-identity/communion-and-baptism/](http://disciples.org/our-identity/communion-and-baptism/)

## HOW TO GIVE ON LINE?

Miss church, but would still like to give your tithe or offering? You may give online through PayPal by going to the church website <http://fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give/> and scrolling down to the donate button. You may designate your tithe or offering for the General Fund or specify a particular church ministry/fund. You may also designate if you would like this to be a recurring or single donation.

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