



The Journey

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VBS JULY 16-20 (9:00-11:30 AM)

We are 1 week away from our VBS - "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! Through Shipwrecked, kids will be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms!

Isn't that a message that we all need to hear? That no matter what we go through in life, we have a Savior who loves and cares about each of us on a personal level. Every person will experience bad times, but I know I never have to go through those times alone. I have a God who walks with me.

Growing up, I don't think I missed one summer of attending VBS. I loved going to VBS as a child, and the volunteers helped to shape my spiritual journey. As much as I loved attending, I could not wait until I was old enough to volunteer myself. Volunteers really do make a positive difference in the life of a child.

It is not too late for you to volunteer to be part of VBS and make a difference in a child's life. We are still in need of volunteers to help in the Bible station and the Games station. We are especially in need of Crew Leaders. Crew Leaders are the volunteers that take children from station to station.

If you can volunteer all 5 days that's great or if you can volunteer for one day that's great too! Anytime that you can give to make our VBS successful is very much appreciated!

Looking forward to a wonderful VBS together as a church!

Pastor Laura

VBS Supplies Requested to Borrow

- Beach towels
- Black bedsheet
- Fishing nets (2)
- Medium-size picnic-style basket
- Plastic wading pools (2)
- Rope (1 @ 8-foot length)
- Ropes (2 @ 30-foot length)
- Several plastic food items such as grapes, apples, and oranges



Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, July 12**, 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, JULY 15

Scripture Ephesians 1: 3-14
 Sermon "A Time of Thanksgiving"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Karen Ball & Gayle Herber
 10:30 Dave Crockett & Frank Fitzgerald

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Lynn Abernathy

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Rick & Kay Shrout
 Frank & Lisa Fitzgerald
 10:30 Troy Davis, Sr. & Troy Davis, Jr.
 Brad & Pam Clasgens
 TBA

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Rick & Kay Shrout

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is given in honor of Jordan & Kelsi (Shrout) Green's anniversary by Rick & Kay Shrout

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Story Time Janie Clasgens, Jan Mackenzie, & Brianna Jackson

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	7/1	7/8
First Service Worship	44	44
Sunday School	28	34
Second Service Worship	83	91
Children's Church	5	12
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	132	147

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**

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>

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~Pastor Laura

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

2018 GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving Statements for the first half of the year will be available in the church Narthex the next two Sundays and in the Church Office during the week. Please contact the Church Office, 256-881-0150, if you cannot make it to church and we will mail you your statement.

“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/

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your cards, your phone calls and for the many payers. thank you to Mission Family 3 for keeping us fed, and a special thanks to Elders Gayle Herber and Frank Fitzgerald for staying with my family during the surgery. Tom and I feel blessed to be a part of First Christian Church.

Gail Killough

THANK YOU FROM THE BARR FAMILY

My family and I want to thank you for your overwhelming support, thoughtfulness and limitless generosity on the passing of our Mother.

In Christ,
Chris

SUMMER BLAST FOR THE AQUARIUS CLUB

Summer Blast is Pizza, Bingo, and gift sacks which make this annual party special for the Aquarius Club (mentally challenged adults) and we need your



help. You can participate by donating Bingo prizes like hats (adult), small toiletry items from hotels, pens, small note pads, costume jewelry, socks, books,

men’s belts, playing cards, etc. We need enough to fill 60 + bags. A large basket for your donations is located in the Commons area. Thank you in advance for your continuing support in serving our community.

Jill Hall and Community Outreach

