



# The Journey

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## FINDING OUR WAY

I remember a few years ago I had to wake up early to go to a meeting. Most of you know I am not a morning person and as usual Patti, Abby and Joe were already awake and ready to greet the day, but I was cranky and wanted a few more hours of uninterrupted sleep. Grumbling under my breath, I got ready, said goodbye to my family and pulled out on the road in our SUV to get to work.

That morning the ground was covered in fog. In fact, as I turned onto the highway I could barely see 20 feet in front of me. The other cars were eerie shadows or a brief glimmer of light around me and though I had been that way many times before, I wondered if I would miss my turn and get lost. So I did what anyone would do, I slowed down until I could find my way. Sure enough, I got to work, but I will always remember that sense of unease in the familiar.

When something obscures our view it is easy to become lost. The landmarks that help us find our way become strange and unfamiliar as we peer into the half-light looking for anything that we can recognize. Often we become frightened and discouraged when this happens, but then we find a glimmer of hope, something that guides us on our way.

On the coast in North Carolina there are several rocky shoals and dangerous seaways so they are known for their lighthouses. They are beautiful to look at, but today not really needed with modern GPS devices, depth finders and other equipment on ships. However, I can imagine being a captain on a ship and desperately looking for the light that would lead me to a safe harbor or clear seas. We all know this desperation and this sense of relief when we find our way.

It is just as easy for our spiritual vision and sense of direction to become distorted and confused especially when we enter into times of change and uncertainty. The unfamiliar looms ahead of us and we become discouraged, but this is when we need to rely on God and look for a sign to remind us of who we are and what we are meant to be. God will never leave us orphaned, instead of giving into fear we must trust in our Creator to guide our feet and set our path.

This July we are going through a transition of leadership in our congregation. We will see new faces in familiar roles. At our denomination's General Assembly we will hear about the future of our Church and how our leaders are guiding us. Soon we will move from our Sanctuary to worship in another room as we await the Sanctuary's renovation. There is a lot of change coming, but I do not think this is something to be feared. Instead we should rejoice, because God is creating something new in our midst.

Only by accepting God's vision for our lives and for the church can we reach our destination and see clearly once again. May God help us remember to let go and let God lead, Amen.

**DUE TO A CONSTRUCTION DELAY, Sunday services will continue in the Sanctuary until further notice.**

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, July 18**, 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, JULY 21**

**Scripture** Luke 10: 38-42  
**Sermon** "The Art of Hospitality"  
**In the Pulpit** Rev. Cameron Douglas

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Gayle Herber & Nancy Woodall  
 10:30 Andy Herron & Sabrina Beckman

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Gayle Herber

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Donna Blair & Anita Wood  
 Kyle & Carrie Love  
 10:30 Lynn Abernathy & Bev Williamson  
 Patti & Joe Allen  
 Marilee Keim

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Dinah Love

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is given in memory of Gina Anderson by Mary Anderson; and in memory of Rebecca Denise Ball by Matt, Karen & Stan Ball

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*Story Time* - Ty Davis  
 Penny Jackman & Troy Davis

**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	7/7	7/14
First Service Worship	39	39
Sunday School	35	29
Second Service Worship	76	NR
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Children's Church	3	NA
Total Worship	118	?

**JULY CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Now that the Mission Family assignments have been made, we will soon be publishing a new church directory. But, before we do, we need to have some information updates from some of you **if you have moved or changed phone numbers or changed your "family" email address since November.** We can publish a single phone number or two numbers (signify who has which number) and a single email address if you wish to have a published email address. **Please call 256-880-0150 or email publisher@fcc-hsv.org if you need to change your directory information by Friday, July 26.**

**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

**SANCTUARY RENOVATION UPDATE**

The renovations in the sanctuary and narthex (lobby) have been delayed. Once the renovations begin, Sunday services will be held in McMains Hall using folding chairs and a temporary stage. The renovations are expected to take four to six weeks. Please be patient during this upheaval...the final result will be worth the inconvenience.



Bob Senn, Renovation Chair

**CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH?** Stream it live at:  
<https://www.twitch.tv/fchsv>

**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

**THANK YOU!**

Over \$850 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.

Lee McCombs recently married Carl Page, a long-time friend. If you would like to send best wishes to the couple, their address is:

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Page  
Surrey Place, #2  
3922 Massie Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207.

**MISSION FAMILY 4** will have our first Social by attending Concerts in the Park at Big Springs Park on 29 July. Meet at 6p under the giant Flag on Williams Ave near the flame memorial and look for the MF#4 sign so we can sit together. Food trucks are available or you can bring your own food and drinks along with lawn chairs. If you don't see our sign, call me 256-527-8059. Anita Wood, Convener

