



The Journey

Volume XXVI No. 31
July 30, 2018
www.fcc-hsv.org

SAVE THE DATE

Congregational Information Meeting
Sunday, August 12, Following Second Service

When I was growing up in North Carolina my family and I traveled to Atlantic Beach every year for a little fun, rest, and renewal. The beach is one of my favorite places. It is an opportunity to get away for a while and do what I love. I always enjoyed our visits because I got to swim in the surf, fish, read, and play in the sand. As I grew older I was able to spend time alone on the beach, sometimes praying, but often being silent, seeing, searching and listening to what was happening around me.

I remember one afternoon standing in the water and watching the waves as they broke on the shore. The waves were the largest I had seen throughout the week, some reaching far to the shoreline past the belt of broken seashells and onto the dry sand. Yet, often the waves behind them got caught in the ebb of the first wave robbing them of their power. I also saw smaller waves who seemed to flow in layers. By themselves, these waves did not have much power but when they combined with other waves moving from different directions, some were powerful enough to lift me off my feet.

The life of the church can be compared to waves. We tend to ebb and flow sometimes rising to large peaks but then flowing away to new areas of mission. However, like the power of the sea the church remains constant, always present, and full of surprises. The key is reminding ourselves that we are called to work with each other, build our ministries, and open ourselves to the power of God. By doing this our strength is magnified and the work that we do reaches people and changes lives.

As summer comes to an end and fall begins new and established programs also begin. We will join together in fellowship and study during our Wednesday Night programs. Choir, youth groups, bible studies and other activities will begin meeting again, refreshed after the summer break, but ready to continue their mission of education and community building. New opportunities for Christian Education are planned and special Sundays build up our fellowship as we welcome new faces to our community. All this shows us that we should celebrate the fact that God has blessed First Christian Church with the passion to reach beyond ourselves and make a difference in the world around us. That is something that should lift all of us off our feet in thanksgiving. Amen.

Pastor Paul

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, August 2**, 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, AUGUST 5

Scripture John 6: 24-35
 Sermon "What We Can't Live Without"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Gayle Herber & Frank Fitzgerald
 10:30 Dave Crockett & Jan Mackenzie

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nancy Woodall

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Donna Blair & Nancy Waites
 Rick & Kay Shrout
 10:30 Beverly Cannon & Ruth Lackey
 Nancy Woodall & Troy Davis, Jr.
 Bev Williamson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Chuck & Penny Jackman

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is given in memory of Stephen R. Hooker by Jeff, Bryan, Tim, Jason, Linda & Bud Hooker

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Story Time. Pastor Laura, Brady Johnson, & 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 | 7/22 | 7/29 |
|------------------------|------|------|
| First Service Worship | NA | 43 |
| Sunday School | NR | 29 |
| Second Service Worship | NA | 75 |
| 10:00 Unified Service | 129 | NA |
| Children's Church | NA | 7 |
| Young Disciples | NA | NA |
| Total Worship | 129 | 125 |



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS



Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

- Steve Brown
- Thomas Burns, father of Karen Ball
- John Busby, brother-in-law of Monty & Dinah Love
- Burl Chandler, father of Chris Chandler
- Lynn Harris, daughter of Bob & Mary Spencer
- Phil & Ginny Jackson, brother-in-law & sister of Cathy Rosol.
- Carroll Keller, brother of Walt Keller
- Betty Landrith
- Carey Link, friend of Margaret Vann
- Bobby & Janis Moore
- Joyce Neighbors
- Muriel Pinkham
- Betty Rogers
- Bob Spencer
- Charlie Stroud
- Jo Thomason
- Lynne Ursery, former member
- 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.

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.

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

I want to thank the First Christian Church family for providing a wonderful memorial service last Sunday. Most importantly, I want to acknowledge that she felt that she had a church family in her final years on this Earth. Given the fact that CHURCH was an anchor in her life, this is no small thing, and I am deeply grateful.

Paul Allen did a wonderful job ensuring the comfort of my family before, during, and after the service.

I have many fond memories of growing up in First Christian Church. If it is true that the body of the church is to care for one another as Christ would care for us, you have performed admirably, and you have my eternal gratitude.

Thank you.

Scott Martin

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.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Caring and supporting of those less fortunate has been a description of FCC members for years. Thank you once again for the outpouring of love and contributions for the Aquarius Club project. Summer Blast was a blast and couldn't have been so without each of you.

Jill Hall and Community Outreach

LET'S EAT!

FCC has several groups of 10-12 adults who meet monthly for good food and conversation. Join us and experience new restaurant adventures or home-cooked meals – potluck, cookout, wine and cheese tasting, finger foods, breakfast, brunch, soup supper, picnic – anything goes! This is a great way to spend quality time with a few friends from church. Signup forms are available in the Commons area throughout August. For more information, contact Mary Ann Anderson at maryannanderson256@gmail.com

Pastor Laura will be out of the office from August 6 through 17 finishing her Sabbatical that was cut short due to Vacation Bible School.

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

21st Century Vision Team

