



# The Journey

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## SUMMERTIME BLUES

We are in the dog days of summer and for many it is tough going. No matter where you live, summer, and especially August, can lead to some uncomfortable days. It gets hot and dry. Vacations are used up and school begins. Early August is an in-between time and it is easy to feel worn and tired. So what we need is a boost, something to look forward to. A way of living and being in the world that will allow us to be thankful for what we are given and call us to share our joys and blessings with other.

The writer of Colossians says, "If you have been raised with Christ, then live like it! Don't get dragged down into ordinary. Live like people who are alive in Christ. Remember how good you look in the new clothes Christ has put on you. Walk with a spring in your step and a song in your heart. You have been raised with Christ." In the dry days of summer this is a great text to take to heart.

Living like we have been raised with Christ means to take faith off the shelf and into the world. It means to realize in fresh ways that the Christian faith is not so much about what we know as it is about what we do. Think of *faith* as a verb and not a noun. To be raised with Christ is to live with a clear vision about what is important and what is not. When we are living fully in every moment, we experience aliveness and wholeness that are not possible when we are worrying about what comes next. To be raised with Christ is to live fully in the moment.

If you have been raised with Christ, do something good in the world. Don't get bogged down by the concerns of life. Keep scanning the horizon and working for the Kingdom of God. A college professor once told his students, "All around you, people will be tiptoeing through life, just to arrive at death safely. But dear children, do not tiptoe. Run, hop, skip, or dance; just don't tiptoe." Bored people tiptoe through life. The antidote for boredom is to give ourselves to something larger than ourselves.

I believe that people who have been raised with Christ have the power to create a new world. The challenge of faith is to live that power every day; to stay so focused on the resurrection experience that we can overcome all obstacles and dare to live with boldness because we have a Savior who walks with us every step of the way.

It is summer. The days are long and at times oppressively hot. So to a weary and worn people comes the challenge to reclaim the experience of being raised with Christ in order to know his energy and life that it might change their lives and the world around them. Have you been raised in Christ, do you believe that you are called to make a difference in the world? Let us join together and be the church, the family of faith, that makes the Kingdom of God real!

Thanks be to God, Amen.

**SUNDAY SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN McMAINS FELLOWSHIP HALL BEGINNING SUNDAY, AUGUST 18.**

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, August 8**, 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, AUGUST 11**

**Scripture** Luke 12: 32-40  
**Sermon** "Worrying and Waiting"

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Gayle Herber & Sabrina Beckman  
 10:30 Justin Givens & Margaret J. Vann

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Mary Ann Anderson

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Delores Edgeton & Margaret J. Vann  
 Kathi Luzar & Nancy Waites  
 10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Ruth Lackey  
 Troy Davis, Sr. & Troy Davis, Jr.  
 Matt Ball

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Lynn Abernathy

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is given in honor of James Cannon's birthday by Beverly Cannon; and in honor of Greg & Brenda Perkins' 50th anniversary.

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*Story Time*  
 Chuck Jackman, John Hall & 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	7/28	8/04
First Service Worship	42	39
Sunday School	25	35
Second Service Worship	71	87
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Children's Church	NR	4
Total Worship	113	130

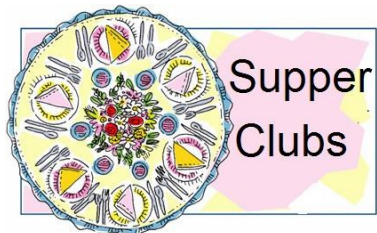
**CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION MEETING**  
 Sunday, August 11, following second service.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP MOVING TO  
 McMAINS FELLOWSHIP HALL AUGUST 18**

The renovations in the sanctuary and narthex (lobby) will begin the week of August 12. **Sunday services will be held in McMains Fellowship Hall using folding chairs and a temporary stage starting Sunday, August 18.** 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



FCC has several groups of 10-12 adults who meet monthly for breakfast, lunch, or dinner to enjoy good food

and conversation. Join us and experience new restaurant adventures or home-cooked meals! This is a great way to spend quality time with a few friends from church. During August, sign up in the commons area, or contact Cathy Rosol at [crosol.cr9@gmail.com](mailto:crosol.cr9@gmail.com) or 256-701-2836.



Mission Family 4 had their first Social with 11 attending at Concerts in the Park on Monday, 29 July. The weather was wonderful! The food trucks didn't disappoint! The music was entertaining! And the fellowship was great! Until we meet again...

### 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.

### WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

One of the goals of the FCC Hospitality Committee is to promote fellowship and getting to know one another by encouraging you to wear your nametag on Sunday and at church events. If you need a nametag or want a new one, we will have a sign-up sheet in the commons area beginning in August, and we will provide one. You can also email Cathy Rosol, Hospitality Committee Chair, at [crosol.cr9@gmail.com](mailto:crosol.cr9@gmail.com) to request a nametag. We want to get to know you by name!

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

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The August Community Outreach project is collection of needed supplies for schools. Needed supplies include: pencils, paper, glue, rulers, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, index cards, and colored markers. Hygiene items include tissues, hand sanitizer, plastic zip lock bags of all sizes, Clorox sanitizing wipes, and various sizes of band aids. In addition, counselors need personal hygiene items for students (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, soap--small hotel items are ideal) as well as articles of clothing including underwear. Please place your donations in the basket under the poster in the Commons Area, or you may make a monetary donation to FCC with *School Supplies/Hygiene* on the memo line.



Thanks for your generosity,  
Community Outreach

