



The Journey

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SAVE THE DATE

Congregational Information Meeting
Sunday, August 12, Following Second Service

WHAT EXCITES YOU?

I enjoy talking to people about what excites them, those things that bring them joy. It is different for everyone; Abby is excited by new movies, funny videos, animals and getting to spend time with her friends. Joe loves new video games and hearing about the latest updates in the games he enjoys. He is also excited about his latest team, right now it is flag football. Patti gets excited when she is able to see her family or when she starts a new project.

At church it is easy to see the things that excite people. When our young children enter the door and run to their classes you know they are excited about our Sunday School program. When Chris and Lauren talk about the music program their faces light up because music is their passion and they love to share their talents. Others are excited about the new parlor and the changes that will be made to the sanctuary. I know a lot of people are excited about the new faces we are seeing in church and the new members we have welcomed into our family of faith.

The thing about joy is that it is contagious. When you are around someone who is excited you cannot help but share their enthusiasm. What is more, when many people are excited about a project, or the direction of the church, this delight leads to new ideas, new ways of worship, and a new understanding of our mission. Joy is something that others long for and that the world is searching for. In the midst of the bad news that we hear every day we want to hear the good news that sustains our spirits and leads us to experience God in the world around us.

We have many things to be excited about at First Christian Church. As summer comes to an end and fall begins we once again join together in fellowship on Wednesday night. The choir will begin singing in worship once more filling our hearts with the music of God. Youth groups and Bible Studies will begin meeting again, refreshed after the summer break, but ready to continue their mission of education and community building. But more importantly, we can celebrate the fact that God has blessed First Christian Church with the passion to make a difference in people's lives. That is something to be excited about. Thanks be to God, Amen.

Pastor Paul

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, August 9**, 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 12

Scripture Ephesians 4: 25-5: 2
 Sermon "Imitating God"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Karen Ball & Roger Sameck
 10:30 Bob Senn & Justin Givens

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nancy Waites

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Chuck & Penny Jackman
 Kathi Luzar & Margaret J. Vann
 10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Abby Allen
 TBA
 Carolyn Brown

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Diane Douglas

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is given in honor of Preston Cook's birthday by Bobby Riggs.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Story Time: Chuck Jackman, Lee Boles,
 Abby Allen & Greyson Rogers

YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Off until August 26)

AV SUPPORT TEAM

Technical Director - Chuck Herber
 Assistant Director - Michael Smith
 Sound- Michael Smith &
 Malcolm Landreth
 Stream Operator- Michael Smith

ATTENDANCE	7/29	8/5
First Service Worship	43	51
Sunday School	29	31
Second Service Worship	75	79
Children's Church	7	10
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	125	140



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

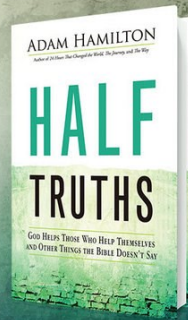
Please give a warm FCC welcome to our newest members Greg & Brenda Perkins who joined during second service on Sunday, August 5.

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/

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.

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.

GO BEYOND EVERYDAY SAYINGS AND EXPERIENCE THE FULL MESSAGE OF JESUS



5 WEEK BOOK STUDY - *HALF TRUTHS* - BY ADAM HAMILTON

Adam Hamilton takes 5 simple phrases that sound like something one might find in the Bible. These phrases, for example “God Helps Those Who Help Themselves”, capture some element of the truth. In this study, Hamilton helps the participants search for the whole truth with the wisdom found in Scripture.

The study will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1:00, in the Garden Room and meet weekly ending on Oct. 3. Several books are available for loan and personal copies can be purchased on Amazon. Anyone who is interested, please contact Nancy Waites at nancykwaites@gmail.com or 256-683-6192. This is an opportunity for personal growth as well as support for fellow participants during this time of reflection.

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

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a way to be more involved with the life of FCC? How about volunteering at the reception desk in the church office? This is an important (and fun) service for our church and church family.

Volunteers will receive training for answering the telephone and operating the secure door. Schedules are somewhat flexible and hours may be altered to fit your schedule. If you cannot commit to volunteering on a regular time and day, we also need substitute volunteers who can fill in from time to time. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve. Please email office@fcc-hsv.org or call 256-881-0150 if you are interested in serving.

HOW TO GIVE ON LINE?

Miss church, and would still like to give your tithes or offerings? 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 tithes or offerings 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.