



# The Journey

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## DREAMING DREAMS

In the Pentecost story from the second chapter of Acts, we read, “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

*(NRSV, Acts 2:17)*

Far too often, as the church, we are not intentional about engaging our older adults in ministry. That can be for many reasons, but we fail to remember that one of the blessings of aging is the opportunity for new beginnings, new dreams and visions for the later years of our lives. Sadly we do not consider the unlimited potential and opportunities for ministry that older adults can offer to our congregations. Serving and ministering with and for others can take on new life as we age, but there is also the history and tradition of our churches and denomination that only those who have experienced it can pass on to younger generations and new church members. The legacy of older adults needs to be honored and celebrated.

Senior Adult Sunday, which we celebrate on August 26th, provides an opportunity to change our way of thinking, to share our dreams and visions together. There is so much for us to learn together, so many ways for us to support and care for one another, so many ministries for us to embrace together, old and young alike!

According to the most recent statistics from the U.S. Administration on Aging:

- About one in every 8 Americans is an older adult (12.3% of the population).
- Over 2.0 million persons celebrated their 65th birthdays in 2002.
- The number of Americans aged 45-64 – who will reach 65 over the next two decades – increased by 38% during this decade.
- By the year 2030, the older adult population will more than double to about 71.5 million.

Senior Adult Sunday provides an opportunity for our congregation to celebrate the gifts and contributions of our older members and to honor the traditions and legacy of our elders. **Our youth group will also be providing a meal after the 10:30 am service for our Senior Adults.** This Sunday should also call the church to action in addressing the needs of older adults in the congregation and community. This can be a time when older adults can offer their gifts and graces to the congregation and to God. As we celebrate this Sunday, let it be an opportunity for the congregation to focus on the needs of older adults. Use it as a time to address the accessibility of the church buildings, to look more closely at programs and ministries, and to listen to the voices of the older adults as they share their dreams and visions as well as their experiences along their spiritual journeys.

Themes used from the Golden Cross Foundation ([goldencrossfoundation.org](http://goldencrossfoundation.org))

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, August 23**, 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 26**

In the pulpit Rev. Laura West

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Frank Fitzgerald & Karen Ball  
 10:30 Bob Senn & Andy Herron

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Rick Shrout

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Donna Blair & Jackie Sameck  
 Duffy & Lee Boles  
 10:30 Lynn Abernathy & Tré Davis  
 Beverly Cannon & Nancy Woodall  
 Marilee Keim

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Patti Allen

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is given in honor of Rick & Kay Shrout's 40th anniversary and Kay Shrout's birthday.

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

Story Time:  
 TBA

**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	8/12	8/19
First Service Worship	43	45
Sunday School	49	42
Second Service Worship	96	94
Children's Church	8	14
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	147	153

**Youth hosted Senior Adult Luncheon -Sunday, August 26, following second service.**

**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](mailto:maryannanderson256@gmail.com)

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND CWM**

Our CWM project for September is a continuation of the School Supplies project Community Outreach has sponsored during August. The supplies and money collected during August and September will be sent to two of



Huntsville's Title I schools - Morris and Dawson. The representative from Dawson Elementary said that what they need most is hand sanitizer, Kleenex, and disinfectant wipes. These items are used up faster than school supplies. Please help with these items if you are able.

Thank you for the wonderful experience of attending the Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy. Through daily morning and evening prayer services and extensive choral rehearsals in preparation for an Evensong and Sunday service, we all worked together to be ministers to the church, as well as musicians. I learned much about being a church musician and look forward to sharing what I learned with Christopher and implementing some new rehearsal techniques with the FCC Chancel Choir.

Lauren Carter, Co-Music Director

### **BABY SPRINKLE!**

The Young Adults would like to invite the whole FCC Church Family to join us after the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 9th for a Baby Sprinkle honoring the Givens expected baby boy:

Baby Smiles and Giggles Galore,  
Michelle and Justin  
are having one more!  
Big Sister Sadie has plenty to share;  
Let's Sprinkle them with love  
To show that we care!

Please join us to celebrate  
With diapers, wipes, gift cards  
or an outfit before little one is due  
And share in their joy  
Of Baby number TWO!"

### **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](mailto: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.

### **FOOD & DRINK IN SANCTUARY**

The Worship Committee asks that you refrain from bringing any drink or food into the sanctuary during the worship service.

The table is sufficient.

The center of our worship service is the communion table. It is set for us with bread and cup. That is food sufficient for our worship service.

### **UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

#### **August 25**

Youth Back to School Bash: Point Mallard (Leave church at 9:00 am-and return 6:00 pm). Please contact Pastor Linda for more information.

#### **August 26**

Senior Adult Luncheon (Youth Project) Please bring a covered dish or desert.

#### **September 5**

Youth Group begins (Dinner provided at 5:30) Bible lesson till 6:45 Every Wednesday

#### **September 7**

Parents night out (Youth cooking project with kids. They will be making Pizza & Cookies) 5:30-8:30 PM

### **NEW LONG TERM CLASS FORMING**

#### ***Remember Who You Are***

For anyone who would like to deepen their understanding of the Bible, you are encouraged to join a 32-week study using the Disciples Bible Study Text, *Remember Who You Are*. This Study will take an in-depth look at the Old Testament Prophets and the writings of the Apostle Paul. As with the other studies in this series a commitment is required of the student – of daily reading and attendance at a weekly 2½ hour class meeting Thursday mornings, 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Class orientation is September 13<sup>th</sup> in the church library at 10:00 a.m. The cost of the text for this study is \$32.00. Those who are interested, please sign up at the display in the commons area or if you have questions contact Lisa Fitzgerald at 256-508-4837 or email at [lisafitzgerald@hughes.net](mailto:lisafitzgerald@hughes.net)

### **ARK ANIMALS REFRESHED**

Thanks to the Youth Task Group for coming early one recent Saturday morning to paint the Ark Playground animals, train engine and cars, and helicopter. That really has brightened up the playground and was a great service to the church.

Bob Senn, Landscape Director