



# The Journey

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## MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCES

At many of the retreats I have attended the participants had an opportunity to share how they experienced God in the church; times when they felt close to God and received a sense of direction, purpose and a renewed commitment to faith. Often these are called mountaintop experiences. Throughout the Scriptures mountaintop experiences are times of transformation. In Exodus, when Moses left the mountain after being in God's presence, he brought a new way of living to his people. When Jesus was transfigured on the mountaintop it signaled the beginning of a new phase of his ministry, one that ultimately led to crucifixion and resurrection.

The thing to remember about mountaintop experiences is that while they are wonderful there is always the need to go back into the valley again. If Moses had stayed on the mountain his people would have perished in the wilderness. If Jesus had stayed on the mountain, like Peter suggested, then his ministry would have been incomplete. When we hear the call of God, when our lives are changed by the presence of our Creator, we must go into the world sharing our vision and ministering to others.

In the past few weeks at First Christian Church, we have had several mountaintop experiences. On the last Sunday in August we promoted our children and youth to their new Sunday School and evening activities. The week before we celebrated our new Youth Director. Last Wednesday we began our Wednesday Night Suppers as well as the Bible Studies, groups for all ages and our Church Choir after a summer break. In the coming weeks we will begin our Children's Choir, hold a Choir Retreat, host a blood drive, and soon we will celebrate the renovation of our Sanctuary, we have a lot going on!

Now we need to take our excitement with us and share it with others. Invite your friends and neighbors to a Wednesday Night Dinner or a special event. Share information about our children's programs to coworkers and family members. Invite everyone to choir practice, and our Children's Choir. If you have youth in 6th to 12th grade invite them to our youth programs to see Alyssa, our new Youth Director, in action. God has provided the mountaintop experiences. Now it is up to us to be transformed, share our excitement, and spread the good news in our community and to the ends of the earth. Amen.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

9/4 Taco Bar, refried beans, rice, dessert, and assorted drinks.

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Following the meal are small groups including Young Adults, Kids'/Youth, Men's, and Women's Bible Studies. The Chancel Choir meets at 7:00 pm.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, September 5** 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, SEPTEMBER 8**

**Scripture** Luke 10:25-37  
**Sermon** "Parable of the Roadside Rescue"

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Lee Boles & Nancy Woodall  
10:30 Mike Lash & Andy Herron

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Mary Ann Anderson

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Kathi Luzar & Margaret J. Vann  
Jackie Sameck & Anita Wood  
10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Joe Allen  
Marilee Keim & Ruth Lackey  
Matt Ball

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Diane Douglas

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is given in honor of  
Kathlena Luft's birthday.

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*The Good Shepherd and the Lost Sheep*  
Abby Allen, Penny Jackman, & Pae Payne

**YOUNG DISCIPLES**

On Break

**NURSERY VOLUNTEER**

Karen Ball

**AV SUPPORT TEAM**

Technical Director - Chuck Herber  
Assistant Director - Michael Smith  
Sound - Malcolm Landreth

ATTENDANCE	8/25	9/1
First Service Worship	31	35
Sunday School	37	40
Second Service Worship	103	78
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Children's Church	5	5
Total Worship	139	118



**Hey Kids!**

Sunday, September 8th, we will begin Children's Choir following second service. Join us downstairs in the Choir Room for music activities and singing! Rehearsal will last approximately 35-40 minutes.

**Bring On The Music!**

**LAUREN** and **CHRIS**

**HYGIENE ITEMS FOR**

**GRATEFUL LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Community Outreach is sponsoring a hygiene item collection for Grateful Life during October. They are our sister church for disadvantaged individuals in our community. Their location is on Oakwood Avenue.

Our assistance will help meet some immediate needs and those going into the winter months. Since Grateful Life has been reorganizing their shelves for these items, they will have an inventory of needed items completed soon. Monetary donations will help the most so that Community Outreach will be able to purchase specific items or sizes. Dental products, foot powder, sanitary products, and band aids are always needed but the sizes for Depends has not been determined. Questions or concerns: call Bev at 256-783-0795. Thank you for your continued support.

**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



Can't Make It To Church? Stream it live at:

<https://www.twitch.tv/fcchsv>

Online sign-up link

[https://donors.lifesouth.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/572779](https://donors.lifesouth.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/572779)



**Give local. Save local.**  
**First Christian Church**  
**Blood Drive**

**Sunday, September 8**

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

3209 Whitesburg Dr., Huntsville

Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids before donating!

Schedule your appointment here: [https://donors.lifesouth.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/572779](https://donors.lifesouth.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/572779)



All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show photo I.D. 16-year-olds require written parental permission.

**LIFESOUTH**  
Community Blood Centers