



# The Journey

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## JUMP INTO MINISTRY

One of the things that we loved about our home in Manhattan Kansas was that it had a small in ground pool in the backyard. I can remember there was nothing like a dip in the pool after you mow your grass on a hot August day. However, it was always around this time of year that we had to close the pool. Even if during the day the temperatures were warm it was the temperatures at night that made the pool unpleasant. I can still remember going to the pool, dipping my foot in and tensing up at the unexpected temperature. There was no way I was getting in.

On the other hand Abby and Joe just jumped right in. Of course, when they came up for air they would yell, "It's cold!" and often would jump right out. However, sometimes, when they stayed in the water, and as they played and had fun, they would get used to the temperature, only to be reminded of it again when they exited the pool and shook and shivered until we got them inside. Sometimes you just have to jump in and experience the ups and downs of life if you want to move forward.

I think that ministry and mission are other examples of experiences where it is better to just jump right in. We all like to be cautious and pick our timing, but we have to be careful that the timing does not pick us. If we sit and wait on the side of the pool only getting our feet wet we miss the experience of total immersion, the wonderful feeling of God's grace literally filling every pore and working through us for the good of the church. Sometimes this means taking risks, making changes, and doing something we have never done before. Not everything we try succeeds, but when they do they become new avenues for the church to grow and expand its commitment to God.

In the next few weeks I invited you to jump into the ministry of First Christian Church. Take part in our Wednesday Night programs, our Bible Studies, our Sunday School classes, youth and children's events, or choir. Invite one of your coworkers to a worship service, or a friend to one of our special event. Come to a committee meeting and hear about the work they accomplish. Become a part of the mission of the church and you will feel the Holy Spirit filling you and calling you to a new commitment to God.

Thanks be to God,  
Amen.

### COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10 NRSV*

One way you can literally serve others is to serve Communion on Sundays. Please contact Gayle Herber, or the Church Office 256-881-0150, if you are interested in serving Communion.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, September 19** 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 22**

**Scripture** Luke 16: 1-13  
**Sermon** "What Did Jesus Say?"

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Mike Lash & Lisa Fitzgerald  
 10:30 Andy Herron & Lee Boles

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Nancy Waites

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Marilee Keim & Frank Fitzgerald  
 Nancy Waites & Anita Wood  
 Abby Allen & Glenda Luft  
 Jon & Holly Ahlbin  
 Matt Ball

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Rick & Kay Shrout

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is given in honor of Jackie Volinski's birthday by Ron Volinski.

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

Noah  
 Chuck Jackman, Ty Davis & Greyson Rogers

**YOUNG DISCIPLES**

On Break

**NURSERY VOLUNTEER**

Beverly Cannon & Andy Herron

**AV SUPPORT TEAM**

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

ATTENDANCE	9/8	9/15
First Service Worship	29	33
Sunday School	37	28
Second Service Worship	74	76
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Children's Church	6	5
Total Worship	109	114

**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.

**2019 REGIONAL WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT**

Women from our AL/NWFL congregations will meet for fellowship, service, and fun at the fall retreat September 27-29, 2019, at Camp Chandler in Wetumpka, AL.



Marilyn F Williams, President, International Disciples Women Ministries (IDWM) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) US/Canada, will lead the retreat with the theme "Put on the Whole Armor of God." Registration forms are available online at [alnwfldisciples.org/womens-ministry/](http://alnwfldisciples.org/womens-ministry/) and at the Commons Area display. **Registration by mail or online is due NLT September 20.** Scholarships are available.

**MUFFINS WITH MISSION FAMILY 2!**

Please join us and get to know the families of MF2 for muffins in the Courtyard and Commons Area from 9:15 to 9:45 am before the combined service on Sunday, September 29th. The Mission Family 2 Leadership Team will provide the muffins.



**CONDOLENCES** to the family of Nancy McMains Stayman who passed on Thursday, September 12.

**THANKS TO NANCY WAITES AND MISSION FAMILY 2**

Saturday, September 8, members of Mission Family 2 spent several hours in the Courtyard and Bell Tower gardens pulling weeds, trimming plants, and doing other cleanup actions. A big thank you for doing this work to help beautify the church grounds! Bob Senn, Landscaping

**HELP FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS**

Christian Women's Ministry has chosen Hope Place as our September project. Hope Place provides safe and confidential emergency shelter, meals, counseling and court advocacy for victims and their children who are fleeing domestic violence. The shelter depends on donations from the community, along with grant money, to keep serving those who need it. Please join CWM in supporting this worthy service with a check to FCC with "Hope Place" on the memo line. You may either drop it in the Sunday offering or leave in the church office.

Thank you,  
Nancy Woodall

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

**INTERFAITH MISSION SERVICE**

Did you know that one of the legacy agencies that Interfaith Mis-



sion Service (IMS) helped to start in our community is still actively serving? In 1985, IMS identified a severe shortage of transitional and low-income housing in Huntsville. Using the information from the study, a board of directors was established to organize Living in Family Transition (LIFT) Housing. LIFT Housing, now part of Family Services Center, continues to provide low cost housing for homeless persons until they can transition to more permanent housing.

LIFT Housing provides low-cost, income-based, short-term, case-managed, scattered-site emergency shelter (apartment style) housing to homeless families unable to reside in a traditional shelter setting. In addition, LIFT provides supportive services to help prepare families to move towards permanent affordable housing with the goal of achieving permanent housing by program's end. The program offers low-cost housing for verifiably homeless families with dependent children within the household, or those at imminent-risk of becoming homeless (as defined by federal guidelines).

Please join us on Tuesday, September 24 at the Annual Celebration and Awards Dinner as we recognize Family Services Center and LIFT Housing.

[www.interfaithmissionservice.org/annual-awards-dinner/](http://www.interfaithmissionservice.org/annual-awards-dinner/)

