



# The Journey

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## PERCUSSIVE ARTISTRY PERFORMANCES

Saturday, October 6, 3:00 & 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary at First Christian Church

### JOY IS CONTAGIOUS

When you are around a person who is exuberant and vibrant, often they will energize you no matter what is happening in your life. I remember when Abby was four she had her first experience with fishing. We were going camping overnight and I went ahead to get things ready and when I got done I had some time alone to fish. I enjoy fishing and usually I will catch a few, but that day nothing I tried worked.

By the time Abby arrived I was tired of fishing but she wanted to give it try. So I took out the little plastic rod and reel Patti bought at Wal Mart, put a hook on it and baited it thinking, she wouldn't catch anything and would probably get bored in a few minutes. Well, I was wrong, in the space of fifteen minutes my daughter caught three fish. I couldn't bait the hook fast enough and she only wanted to stop when it got too dark to see. The whole time Abby was so happy that she lit up with excitement and even though she out fished me I was happy too, because I could see that she loved fishing and this was something we shared.

In the last few months our church has gone through many changes. We have completed the first phase of our renovation project with the completion of the parlor, warming kitchen and bathrooms. We have changed the times our youth and children's groups meet, started a dinner on Wednesday nights and added new studies to go with it. We have seen a change in our membership as new faces have come into the church and quickly become friends and family. I am constantly amazed at the resiliency of the church. Through all of this we have not moved stoically forward, instead we are filled with joy. I can see it on the faces of the members on Sunday, as the children laugh and play, as we sing, and as we worship together. Our joy has continued to strengthen and infuse the work of our church, in many ways it makes us who we are.

We are now excited about World Communion Sunday, our Children's Sabbath, the Fish Fry, Trunk or Treat, our Stewardship Campaign, and the Community Thanksgiving service and we are strengthened by the renewed spirit our congregation has found. We need to share this sense of celebration and hope with the community as well. I hope you will take part in these events and invite a friend to enjoy them with you. Offer a neighbor a ride to Wednesday night or invite one of your coworkers to the Thanksgiving service. Share the joy that you have found in First Christian Church and your faith will continue to be exuberant and vibrant. Thanks be to God, Amen.

*Pastor Paul*

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, October 4**, 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 30**

Sermon Scripture            Genesis 1: 26-31, 2: 18-24  
 Sermon                        "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall"  
 In the Pulpit     Rev. Laura West

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15     Gayle Herber & Roger Sameck  
 10:00     Dave Crockett & Jan Mackenzie

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Donna Blair

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15     Delores Edgeton & Nancy Waites  
            Rick & Kay Shrout  
 10:00     Charles & Pam Gilliland  
            Roberta Shivers & Troy Davis, Jr.  
            Troy Davis, Sr.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Gayle Herber

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is in honor of Maranda Wood  
 Holley's birthday by Randy & Anita Wood.

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*Creation*  
 Nancy Woodall, Lee Boles,  
 Pae Payne, & Ty Davis

**YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Meets second and fourth Sundays

**AV SUPPORT TEAM**

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

ATTENDANCE	9/23	9/30
First Service Worship	33	NA
Sunday School	36	22
Second Service Worship	87	NA
Unified Service	NA	103
Children's Church	9	NA
Young Disciples	9	10
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Total Worship	157	113

No Wednesday Night meal on October 10 due to Fall Break. Wednesday night programs are not meeting except for the Men's Bible Study, Worship Committee, & Chancel Choir.

Miss getting your picture taken for the Church Picture Directory? Rick will be taking pictures in Family Services on Sunday from 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Please call the office at 256-881-0150 if you would like your picture taken for the directory.

**IT'S BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Bake Sale time is upon us. Before you know it, it will be November and the Bake Sale will be here. I am looking for volunteers. We need someone to decorate on Friday, November 16th, before we set up the baked goods. We need someone to do the church publicity, a second one to do some community publicity, as well as someone to mail our postcards before the sale. If you can help with any of these jobs please let me know ASAP. Call me at 256-882-1543 or email me at [dmlove@knology.net](mailto:dmlove@knology.net). Please help make this a success and as always we will need lots and lots of baked goods, especially cakes.



Thanks in advance...Dinah Love

To our Federal employees who will participate in the Combined Federal Campaign this fall, please consider the **Vine Pastoral Counseling Center, Inc**, in Huntsville as your recipient. The Vine provides affordable, credentialed, faith-based counseling to individuals, marriages, and families and has been supported by FCC Community Outreach since 2002. **The Vine's CFC# is 53497.**

For more information, contact Mary Ann Anderson at [maryannanderson256@gmail.com](mailto:maryannanderson256@gmail.com) or go to [www.vinepcc.com](http://www.vinepcc.com)

Justin, Sadie, and I would like to thank each and every one of you that celebrated our soon arriving Baby Jonah. We truly enjoyed the celebration and can't thank you all enough. To each of you that helped with preparation, setup, or cleanup, sprinkled Jonah with a gift, or just stopped by to congratulate and celebrate with us thank you so very much. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Thanks again, Michelle

We have the opportunity to support the Neaves-Davis Center for Children during the month of October. Our very own Nancy Erskine was instrumental in starting this unique center decades ago. The Center houses and provides services for children 18 years and younger. The philosophy of juvenile probation is directed towards promoting accountability and providing rehabilitative assistance for children and families involved in the juvenile court system.

The Center is open 24 hours a day and the Intake department is responsible for determining whether alleged complaints brought on juveniles are handled through the use of informal means, referral to other agencies or official court hearings. Within 72 hours they decide whether the child should be admitted into secure detention pending a hearing. The Intake department provides walk-in assistance to parents seeking information on treatment programs for their children.

Please consider contributing to this very important service by making your check out to First Christian Church and designating it to the Neaves-Davis Center. The money will be used for services, recreation equipment and computers.

Louise May, CWM

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH OCTOBER PROJECT**

In October, Community Outreach is collecting monetary gifts for Grateful Life Church. Please put your gift in the offering plate with Grateful Life on the memo line. Your contribution will assist in keeping this church for the homeless active and able to serve their congregation.

Thank you, Community Outreach

### **HUNGRY? Today there are many hungry individuals in Madison County.**

First Christian Church and at least 50 other churches have joined together to support Huntsville Assistance Program (**HAP**). This is not a new program. The number of churches joining with support keeps increasing AND clients needing assistance keeps rising each year. What a dilemma. The food support for this program is not keeping up with the demand; when there is little food, HAP is giving out "Homeless Packs" so individuals have something to eat immediately.

Since the food shortage is so critical, our church is offering support of at least 50 packs to have on their shelves for distribution. The youth have volunteered to help assemble food packs if the congregation will provide the items listed below during **October**.

Our normal food collection is for any food item that you want to contribute. Every donation is used and appreciated. These donations are combined with other church donations and placed in sacks for families. November food donations will return to normal contributions AND begin the Sack Sunday drive.

**Homeless Food Packs:** Vienna sausage, tuna (foil pack or small can), beanie weenie (pull top cans), fruit cups, pudding cups, granola bar, p/b or cheese crackers, snack bag of cookies or chips, small juice boxes, Gatorade, or water, gallon zip lock bags.

### **COMMUNITY HANDS-ON OPPORTUNITIES**

On Wednesday, October 17, IMS, Interfaith Missions Service, and CASA, Care Assurance for the Aging, will be presenting ideas for involvement in community projects. We can eat supper together with the church at 5:30, price \$5, and then hear the presentation at 6:15. If you are interested in doing some "Hands-on" projects this is a great time for you to become more involved and knowledgeable about what needs are out there.

Be sure to let the FCC office know if you will be eating supper and bring your \$5.00. See you there.  
Community Outreach