



The Journey

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FALL REFLECTIONS

In our community the months of October and November give us time to reflect on the many blessings we have received. October is usually very busy because of World Communion Sunday, The CMF Fish Fry, Children's Sabbath, Trunk or Treat, Minister Appreciation and other community events. We always have a great deal to celebrate. The weather turns cooler, the leaves begin to change and we know that winter is on the way. When the middle of November arrives we are able to take a breath and begin to prepare ourselves for the season of Advent, Christmas, and the start of a New Year.

It is strange to think that in a few weeks it will be Advent, the beginning of a new Christian year. But before we begin this season of preparation we need to look back at the past year, remember what we have learned, and where we experienced God. This year we have seen growth in our membership, commitment, and understanding of stewardship. Mission and outreach has become a vital part of all that we do because we realize that reaching out to others is a part of our commitment to Christ. We have a new emphasis on Evangelism, to share the Good News of Christ, with our community and world.

Together we have grieved the loss of friends and celebrated the birth of new family members. We have looked ahead to the future while remembering the lessons learned in the past. We have renovated our sanctuary while we met in a space that was once our worship space. Through it all we have remained faithful, loving, and open to new ideas and new understandings of how God works in our lives. We have a vision of where we want our church to go and how we will accomplish the goals God has put in place for us.

Overall we have had a year filled with momentous change but also with a new sense of hope. Our community is stronger because we have weathered the storm and emerged filled with the knowledge that united by God we can do marvelous things because we are a family of faith, the body of Christ. May God bless you and keep you throughout this fall season, and let us give thanks to God for all we have received this year because it has made us who we are here and now, a community of faith who trusts in God, seeks to continue the mission of Christ, and is strengthened by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Amen.



All Church Community Fish (and Chicken) Fry - Sunday, October 21.

Serving will begin at 4:00 pm.

Fish, chicken, hush puppies, and drinks will be provided. If you plan to attend, please bring a side dish or dessert. Please feel free to bring a friend!



Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, October 10** 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, OCTOBER 13

Scripture Luke 17: 11-19
Sermon "Return with Thanksgiving"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Monty Love & Gayle Herber
 10:30 Lee Boles & Justin Givens

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Donna Blair

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Carl & Carol Jones
 Nancy Waites & Anita Wood
 10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Ty Davis
 Beverly Cannon & Marilee Keim
 Bev Williamson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Gayle Herber

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is given in honor of Joyce Neighbors, and in honor of Lynn Abernathy & Jeff Seward for their years of Community Outreach service.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

The Ten Best Ways to Live - Pastor Laura, Abby Allen, & Tré Davis

YOUNG DISCIPLES

On Break

NURSERY VOLUNTEER

Holly Ahlbin & Alyssa Baldwin

AV SUPPORT TEAM

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

ATTENDANCE	9/29	10/6
First Service Worship	NA	30
Sunday School	28	NR
10:00 Combined Service	105	NA
Second Service Worship	NA	81
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Children's Church	6	9
Total Worship	111	120

THE BOARD MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, DUE TO FALL BREAK.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS & GROUPS
No Wednesday Night Meal or Groups on October 9. Choir will meet at 7:00
October 23, pulled pork, baked beans, corn casserole, broccoli salad, dessert, and assorted drinks. **Please call in your reservation (256-881-0150) by Thursday, October 10, so we will have a headcount for how much food to purchase.**
 Following the 5:30 meal are small groups including: Young Adults, Kids'/Youth, Men's and Women's Bible Studies. The Chancel Choir meets at 7:00 pm.

**SUPPORT THE CWM
 OCTOBER PROJECT**

The Christian Women's Ministry's community project for October is support for the Neaves-Davis Center for Children. The Neaves-Davis Center houses juvenile court intake and probation services, detention services, community service programs, and the community placement and supervision program. Additional programs for detained juveniles include food services, medical services, recreational services, and library services. Religious services and activities are also provided, partially funded through community religious groups and civic organizations.

Please join CWM in supporting this worthwhile service with a check to FCC with Neaves-Davis Center in the memo line. Donations may be dropped in the Sunday offering or left in the church office.

Thank you, Janet Sholes

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

TO OUR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Please consider designating The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center in Huntsville to receive your donation in the Combined Federal Campaign this fall (agency number 53497). The Vine provides emotional healing for individuals, families, and marriages and offers counseling on a sliding fee scale.

For more info, contact Mary Ann Anderson.

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.

Can't Make It To Church? Stream it live at:
<https://www.twitch.tv/fcchsv>

Dear Church Family, we are so blessed to belong to a Church that has members who pray for each other. The three days Jayson was in ICU and we didn't know what the outcome would be, our family was comforted knowing that you were praying for him.

Thank you just isn't enough to express our gratitude and love for all of you, including Lynn Abernathy who called every day then e-mailed everyone who wanted and needed to know how he was progressing. The cards you sent were a blessing too. May God bless us all.

Sincerely, Ron, Jackie and Jayson.

HOME REPAIR TEAM AVAILABLE FOR CHURCH MEMBERS

If you need help with some light repairs at your home please call us. We will evaluate your request and see if we have the expertise to make the repairs. You pay for the materials, we provide the free labor as our Time and Talent gift to you and the church..

Contact Bob Senn at 256-881-6327 or bnsenn@aol.com to get an estimate.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

Share an hour or more of your time with our babies or toddlers once a month. Sign up poster is in the Commons for first service, Sunday School, or second service. If you are not on the Safe Church volunteer list, we can easily provide training.

Call Pastor Laura, 256-881-0150, if you have any questions.