



The Journey

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CHILDREN'S SABBATH—"JESUS LOVES THE CHILDREN"

This coming Sunday, October 21, is the annual Children's Sabbath. We have several children (Preschool—5th grade) signed up to participate this year.

The children have been working hard helping plan and design this service for their worship service this year. My hope and prayer is to help our children discover new paths to worship and prayer that will lead them closer to the love of God.

The children will be leading worship at the 10:30 service. At this worship service we will be focused on the love that Jesus had for children and Psalm 23.

The scriptures for that Sunday will be: Mark 9:35-37; Mark 10:13-16; Psalm 23 and Selections from *Psalms for Young Children*.

We also will hear songs from our children's hand bells and our children's choir during our worship service, thanks to the leadership and talents of Lauren Carter and Chris McDonald.

The children have been increasing their enjoyment of worship and more importantly they have been encouraged to think about God's Word and themselves in new ways. My hope is that the entire church family will be encouraged to do the same.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Laura West



On Sunday night, October 28, from 5:00-7:00 pm we are opening our parking lot and our trunks to the families in our church, our ECM and community for a fun filled evening of "Trunk or Treat!"

At Trunk or Treat events, children make their way to the trunks of vehicles that have been turned into games and activities by gracious volunteers and are given prizes & candy. The event provides a safe family environment for trick or treaters.

We will also be serving a meal, providing fun carnival games & prizes, and offering face painting!

Last year we had between 600-700 people attend and we expect another large crowd this year. We need lots of help to make this event a fun and successful night.

We still need folks to provide and be responsible for a trunk, help with food, run the games and help with setup. We are also asking folks to donate bags of candy, small prizes for the carnival games, or money for expenses.

You can still sign up to help with this event at church on the paper sign-up sheets located outside the sanctuary or by going to Sign Up Genius and signing up online at signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaba72ea0fb6-trunk1

This is a great outreach event for the community of Huntsville!

~Reverend Laura West

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, October 18**, 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 28

First Service Pastor Paul
 Second Service Children's Sabbath

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Justin Givens & Bob Senn
 10:30 Andy Herron & Dave Crockett

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Lynn Abernathy

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Linda Hooker & Eddie Parks
 Carl & Carol Jones
 10:30 Gayle Herber & Abby Allen
 Marilee Keim & Nancy Woodall
 Matt Ball

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Rick & Kay Shrout

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Don
 Williamson's & Houston Webster's birthdays.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Worship with family - Children's Sabbath

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	10/7	10/14
First Service Worship	39	37
Sunday School	23	21
Second Service Worship	69	82
Young Disciples	NA	NR
Children's Church	10	9
Total Worship	118	128



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!

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. 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

The 2018 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is located across the hall from McMains Hall. Remember a friend, anniversary, birthday, or other special occasion. Donations are \$25.00 with checks made out to First Christian Church and Food Basket on the notation line.

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 or go to www.vinepcc.com

Please give a warm FCC welcome to our newest member Lorenzo Peeples who joined during first service on October 14

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

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL OCTOBER 24

Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, fruit, & desert. Following the meal are small groups including Men's Bible Study, Women's Bible Study, Youth/Kids' Bible Study. Chancel Choir and Community Outreach at 7:00 pm. **Call in your reservation by Wednesday, October 10, at 256-881-0150.**

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.

