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FINDING YOUR WAY

In my youth, one of the things I enjoyed during the Halloween season was going to a haunted house. I loved the spooky atmosphere, and since I was the type of person who was not easily scared by the theatrics of the actors, I liked to see the surprise and then the enjoyment of the people around me. I always believed that the best-haunted houses were like a maze, where you were not sure which way to go or where to turn. Eventually, you would find your way to the end and you would feel as if you accomplished a great feat.

For most of us, our lives are more like a maze than a straight path. There are twists and turns, choices to be made, we find ourselves at dead ends and have to retrace our steps to get back on the right path. One of the blessings of being a part of a community like First Christian Church is that we do not have to take this journey alone. When we become lost, there are people around us who care enough to help us find our way and walk with us in difficult times. With Christ as our guide, and with the support of others, even the complicated maze of life can be traversed, but sometimes we have to step back and let God lead.

In the next few weeks we have an opportunity to talk about stewardship within the church family. Stewardship is using our gifts and talents for the glory of God. We are called to be good stewards all the time, not just on Sunday morning. When it comes to money, we must use it wisely, in a way that will honor God and help our community. But stewardship is not just about money. It is also about time, talents, resources, and how they are all used to support one another and build the Kingdom of God.

One of the keys of stewardship is trust in our Creator. We believe that God loves and cares for us, that God will always be with us, and when we feel lost and alone, God is there to provide direction, purpose, and hope for our lives. Perhaps you know friends or neighbors that feel as if they are alone. If so, invite them to church or our Wednesday night bible study. Invite one of your coworkers to Trunk or Treat or our Christmas activities. Let the young people in your life know about our children's programs and Sunday school classes. Let us take the journey of faith together sharing the loving spirit of community we have found with others, the grace of God and the glory of Jesus Christ. Amen.



REMEMBER TO FALL BACK!

Remember to "fall back" by setting your clocks back one hour before going to bed on **Saturday**, **November 2**.

Deadline for the Journey is Thursday, October 31, 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, NOVEMBER 3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Scripture Luke 19: 1-10
Sermon "I Want to See"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Pam Clasgens & Sabrina Beckman

10:30 Lee Boles & Monty Love

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bey Williamson

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Donna Blair & Nancy Waites
Jeff & Sue Seward

10:30 Ty Davis & Ruth Lackey
Marilee Keim & Glenda Luft
Bev Williamson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Chuck & Penny Jackman

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is given in memory of Jane S Watkins by Lee Boles.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

The Promised Land
Chuck Jackman, Holly Ahlbin, &
Joe Allen

NURSERY VOLUNTEER

Beverly Cannon & Carrie German-Love

AV SUPPORT TEAM

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

| ATTENDANCE | 10/20 | 10/27 |
|------------------------|-------|-------|
| First Service Worship | 33 | 34 |
| Sunday School | 32 | 41 |
| Second Service Worship | 68 | 100 |
| Children's Church | 6 | NA |
| Total Worship | 107 | 134 |

COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN NOVEMBER HARRIS HOME FOR CHILDREN

Founded in 1954, the Harris Home for Children in Huntsville is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) agency and is licensed by the Alabama Department of Human Resources as a foster care institution. It provides full-time services and support for neglected and dependent adolescents (ages 12-21) who are in the care of the state. The mission of Harris Home is to provide the highest levels of foster care, therapeutic care, and educational services to help each child reach his full potential. Its programs promote self-sufficiency and emotional well-being within each child.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check to 'FCC' with 'Harris Home' in the memo line. If you would like to donate items, please see the list of needs at the display in the Commons Area. For more info, contact Mary Ann Anderson. Thank you!

The Senior Adult Retreat is happening in Cullman at St. Bernard's Convention Center on **November 6-7**. Forms are available in the church office or online at www.alnwfldisciples.org/sradult-retreat You can send your money electronically. This retreat is loads of fun and just ONE night away from home. George and Judy Dudley are the music leaders and also the keynote speakers this year.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS & GROUPS

November 6: Company Chicken, Rice, Seasoned Green Beans, Rolls, Texas Sheet Cakes, and Assorted Drinks. Please call in your reservation (256-881-0150) by Thursday, October 31, 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.



LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS



Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

Frank Ahlbin, father of Jon Ahlbin Bob Anderson, son of Susan Anderson friend of Margaret J. Vann

A.J. Arisco, relative of Pam Clasgens
Thomas Burns, father of Karen Ball
Kevin Cassady, friend of Jackie Sameck
Burl Chandler, father of Chris Chandler
Betty Joe Estes, friend of Donna Blair
Lynn Harris, daughter of Bob & Mary Spencer
J B Hodge

Phil & Ginny Jackson, brother-in-law & sister of Cathy Rosol.

Carey Link, friend of Margaret Vann Joyce Neighbors

Dr. Kyle Powers, grandson of Alma Kingsbury

Hessel Purdy

Betty Rogers

Paul Seward

Bob Spencer

Ann Thompson

Long term prayer concerns are published once a month in the *Journey*. <u>Please</u> keep the church office informed of the status of individuals you put on the lists.

CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH?

Stream it live at:

https://www.twitch.tv/fcchsv



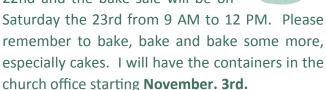
CONDOLENCES to the family of Marilee Jones who passed on Friday, October 25.

BELK CHARITY SALE FOR HAP (HUNTSVILLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

There are \$5 tickets available from Community Outreach to support the annual Belk Charity sale on November 9th from 7:00 am-9:00 pm. The ticket gets you a \$5 off coupon as well as 25% off all purchases that day. Proceeds from tickets purchased from Community Outreach go directly to HAP. Proceeds of tickets purchased at the door when Belk's opens are equally distributed among participating charities including HAP.

NOVEMBER 23RD BAKE SALE UPDATE

The Bake Sale is almost upon us and before you know it will be here. It is a little later this year due to Thanksgiving falling on the 28th. We will set up for it on Friday the 22nd and the bake sale will be on



Thank you, Dinah Love

The St. Thomas Lobster Fest and BBQ will be November 9th this year from 10-6. It is their main fund raiser and all proceeds are distributed to local and inter-



national ministries. For more information visit the website at www.LobstersRock.com or send an email to tomatkins1946a2gmail.com or call 256 880-0248. Location: Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, 12200 Bailey Cove Road, Huntsville, 35803.

NOVEMBER 2019

| Birthdays | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Cindy Allen | | | | | | 1 | 2 Remember to "fall |
| 2 Judy Chaney | | | | | | | back" by setting your clocks back one hour be- |
| 4 Debra Chandler & Rebecca Kresna | | | | | | | fore going to bed. |
| 5 Melinda Blackman & Carrie Lewis | 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints Sunday 11:30 am Children's' Choir | 4 10 am Quilters | 5 6 pm Personnel Committee Meeting | 6 Sr. Adult Regional Retreat 9 am Emmaus | 7 Sr. Adult Regional Retreat 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study | 8 | 9 |
| 9 Ty Davis, Vonda Dihm, & Gary Wright | 3 pm Pickelball | Committee Meeting | Committee Meeting | 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Men's Bible Study | , | | |
| 10 Kelsi Shrout Green, Phyllis Nicaise, Diane Pettitt, & Sunni Thompson | | | | Kids & Youth Bible Study Men's Bible Study Phoebe Circle Women's Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir | | | |
| 11 Sabrina Beckman & | 10 | 44 ** 55 | 12 | | | 4- | 1.0 |
| Dinah Love | 10 Senior Adult Sunday | 11 Veterans Day Church Office Closed | 12 5:30 pm Elders' Meeting | 13 5:30 pm Meal | 149:30 am DISCIPLES Study | 15 | 16 |
| 12 Riley Beckman | 11:30 am Children's' Choir | 9:30 am Esther Circle | 5:50 pm Elders Meeting | 6 pm Men's Bible Study | 10: am Elizabeth Circle | | |
| 14 Morgan Qualls | 3 pm Pickelball | 10 am Quilters | | Kids & Youth Bible StudyMen's Bible Study | 6 pm Board Meeting | | |
| 17 John Jordan | | | | • Women's Bible Study | | | |
| 18 Ashlyn Johnson | | | | 7 pm Chancel Choir | | | |
| 20 Mack Blackman & David Browning | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 22 Iman Davis & Rob Williams | Stewardship Sunday Thanksgiving Special Offering 11:30 am All Church Thanksgiving | 10 am Quilters11 am Convener Meeting | 6 pm Christian Education Meeting | 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Men's Bible Study • Kids & Youth Bible Study | 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study | Bake Sale Drop Off | 9 am - 12 pm Bake Sale |
| 24 Chet May | Meal | | | • Men's Bible Study | | | |
| 25 Ann Thompson | 11:45 MF4 Leadership Meeting 3 pm Pickelball | | | Women's Bible Study7 pm Chancel Choir | | | |
| 26 Theresa Killough | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Thanksgiving Day | 29 | 30 |
| 27 Katherine Boles Stumb | Thanksgiving Special Offering 11:30 am Children's' Choir | 10 am Quilters | | No Wednesday Night Activities | Church Office Closed | Church Office Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday) | |
| 28 Dottie Dale Hughes & Marilyn Martin | • MF3 Leadership Meeting 3 pm Pickelball 5 pm Company in The planting | | | | | | |
| 29 Jim Daniel, Emil Luft, Rick Shrout, & Jena Wright | 5 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Temple B'nai Sholom | | | | Happy Thanksgiving! To You And Your Family | | |