



The Journey

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Our finest gifts support the work of regional ministries this Christmas. Our regional ministry works to:

- Connect congregations to each other
- Foster faith development
- Gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies
- Nurture the development of a new generation of pastors
- Assist churches in calling new ministers
- Interpret the global mission of the Church
- Represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings
- Counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit
- Lead the Church to address racism
- Inspire leaders to experiment and create
- Witness to the power of God to make things new

The Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our region and will be collected on December 15th and 22nd.

CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE

It's back! The mail box for our Christmas card drop off is up and running. Remember to look for your cards each Sunday. **We do not mail any that are left after the season is over on January 5th.**



Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, December 5**, 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, DECEMBER 8
PEACE SUNDAY

Scripture Matthew 3: 1-12
Sermon "The Coming of the Messiah"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Lee Boles & Pam Clagens
10:30 Nancy Woodall & Mike Lash

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mary Ann Anderson

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Donna Blair & Margaret J. Vann
Kyle & Carrie Love
10:30 Joe Allen & Mary Ann Anderson
Beverly Cannon & Marilee Keim
Lynn Abernathy

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Gayle Herber

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is given in honor of Stan Ball's birthday by Matt & Karen Ball; and in memory of Mack Vann by Margaret J. Vann.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Mary & Joseph Show the Way to Bethlehem
Margaret J. Vann, Jan Mackenzie, & Tré Davis

NURSERY VOLUNTEER

TBA

AV SUPPORT TEAM

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

ATTENDANCE	11/24	12/1
First Service Worship	42	NA
Sunday School	44	23
Second Service Worship	110	NA
Hanging of the Greens	NA	137
Children's Church	8	NA
Total Worship	160	137

CONGREGATIONAL
2020 BUDGET MEETING
Sunday, December 8, following Second Service.

FUNKY CHRISTMAS FASHION SHOW!

Hello all! Get ready for a brand new fundraiser lead by the youth group! Introducing the **Funky Christmas Fashion Show**. This fundraiser doubles as a fun event for the entire church. **Following the 5:30 meal on Wednesday, December 4,** join the youth for a night of Christmas cheer and ugly Christmas sweaters to fund Christmas presents for 5 local children. The way the Funky Christmas Fashion show works is that members of the church, children's group, and youth group sign up to dress up in their ugliest, funkiest, most adorable, Christmas outfits and show them off to the congregation in the fashion show of the advent season. The fundraising part of this event happens directly following the runway show when all are invited to vote for their favorite contestant, one dollar is equal to one vote! At the end of this event, we will tally the votes and announce the winner!



Make sure to mark your calendars for **Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00 pm** in McMains! If you are interested in participating in the fashion show or would like to donate towards the meal please contact Alyssa Baldwin at alyssa@fcc-hsv.org

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS & GROUPS
December 11: Ms Vivian Pork Loin, Rice and Gravy, Ginger Maple Glazed Carrots, Southern Banana Pudding, Vegetarian item (roasted acorn squash with sea salt and butter).
Please call in your reservation (256-881-0150) by Thursday, December 5, so we will have a head-count 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.



The FCC Chancel Choir invites you to join us for a service of **Lessons and Carols** on Sunday, December 15th, at the 10:00 am combined service. The choir will be singing traditional carol tunes along with new seasonal music. We hope to inspire you and revitalize your spirits during the busy holiday season. **See you on the 15th!**

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

- December 8**, Regular Service Times
11:30 Congregational Budget Meeting
- December 15**, Lessons & Carols
9:00 Sunday School/Small Groups
10:00 Combined Service
- December 18**, Taize Service - Cancelled
- December 22**, Regular Service Times
- December 24**, Office Closes at 12:30 pm
- Christmas Eve Services**
5:00 pm and 11:00 pm
- December 25**, Office Closed
- December 29**, Regular Service Times
- December 31**, Office Closes at 12:30 pm

CHRISTMAS IS NOT JUST FOR CHILDREN

Community Outreach Committee is asking for members of the congregation to donate \$25 gift cards for low income seniors. These gift cards are for CASA (Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound) and DHRs (Alabama Department of Human Resources) Adult Services for At-risk People. You can purchase gift cards and put them in the offering plate or in the office.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check to FCC with "CASA or Senior Gift Cards" in the memo line. The committee would like to give the cards to DHR & CASA by December 18th.

This is a way to remember others as well as children. Thank you, Community Outreach

STOCKINGS FOR CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

As of last Sunday, all 100 stockings had been taken and one third of them had already been returned. I hope next Sunday that big box will be filled again! Thank You So Much First Christian Church! What a blessing your gift will be to a sweet child and their parents! Cindy Burger

ADVENT FLOWERS

If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia on this year's sanctuary poinsettia tree in honor or memory of a loved one, please send a donation to the church office or place in the offering plate marked "Poinsettia". There will be a signup sheet in the hallway for you to sign up as donor and identify who you would like to honor.



Thank you to everyone that helped make this year's bake sale a success. We made over \$1900.00 and it will go to the charities that our CWM has picked for 2019 - 2020. Again, thank you to everyone that worked, baked or bought items. Dinah Love

HABITAT HOUSE NUMBER 26 IS UNDERWAY



Our 26th house got underway with many stops and starts due to weather delays. We changed house leaders and he did not publish a schedule.

When they got started, many other organizations provided volunteers, so we were not needed. I have posted status reports on the bulletin board outside of the Parlor. Check there for the next workday requirements.

A map to the house location is available there. When needed, workdays are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Thanks,
Bob, FCC Habitat Coordinator

