



The Journey

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PEACE - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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The world can be a very scary and troubling place, instilling some anxiety in each of us. We have experienced this more and more recently, reminding us of the uncertainties that we face daily in this world. This feeling has us searching for ways to escape, if even for a moment, into our own consciousness of peace and joy. Some of us experience this through spending time with the ones we love while others prefer to get away from it all through escaping into nature and enjoying God's creation. Peace, itself, can be found in knowing that we have some control over situations and that we can find ways to let our minds escape to another place where we feel much more comfortable. The problem is that this "peace" we are experiencing is only temporary because it is of THIS world and is not the peace of a forgiving and gracious God that we are all searching for.

Multiple times through scripture God reminds us that we can always take refuge in Him. He will be that constant escape that we all search for, and that we should search even harder in times of struggle. It is even more evident to most of us during this time of year to look to God in search of peace and joy, which only through Him, can true peace be found. Although worldly peace can give some form of comfort and healing, only Heavenly peace can sustain us. It is a peace that surpasses all of our understanding. That is the peace we should all be searching and praying for!

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS



The FCC Chancel Choir invites you to our joyful celebration of Christmas! We will be presenting Joseph M. Martin's "Festival of Carols" Sunday, Dec. 16th at the 10:30 am service. The choir will be singing traditional carol tunes set to new arrangements along with new seasonal music. We hope to inspire and revitalize your spirits during this busy holiday season. See you on the 16th!

CONDOLENCES to the family of Mack Vann, who passed on Friday, December 7. The funeral service will be at First Christian on Wednesday, December 12, at 10:00 am with a reception following.

THE JOURNEY WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24.

There will be no Board Meeting on Thursday, December 13. The next Board Meeting will be at 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 10, 2019.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, December 13**, 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 16

First Service Scripture Jeremiah 33: 14-16
 First Service Sermon “A Branch of Hope”
 Second Service Festival of Carols

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Mark Stiles & Roger Sameck
 10:30 Mike Lash & Dale Thomas

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Lynn Abernathy

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Duffy & Lee Boles
 Linda Hooker & Nancy Waites
 10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Ty Davis
 Elaine French & Bev Williamson
 Marilee Keim

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Rick & Kay Shrout

SUNDAY’S FOOD BASKET is in honor of Jeff & Sue Seward’s 50th anniversary.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

No Worship & Wonder this Sunday. Worship with family for *Festival of Carols*.

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	12/2	12/9
First Service Worship	NA	37
Sunday School	NR	21
Second Service Worship	NA	90
Hanging of the Greens	143	NA
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Children’s Church	NA	4
Total Worship	143	131

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 as **we do not mail any that are left after the season is over on January 6th.**

VALHALLA CEMETERY LOTS

First Christian Church owns four cemetery lots in Valhalla Memory Gardens (698 Winchester Rd NE, Huntsville, AL 35811). These lots are available at market value, either in pairs or four total. We are offering these to our members and friends before advertising through various outlets. If you would like more information, please contact Lee Boles. Leeboles@aol.com for the Trustees

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL DECEMBER 12

Burgers, fries, chips, and desserts. Following the meal are small groups including Men’s Bible Study, Women’s Bible Study, Youth/Kids’ Bible Study. Chancel Choir is at 7:00 pm. **Call in your reservation by Wednesday, December 5, at 256-881-0150**

NO MORE COFFEE CART?

Several members of the coffee crew will be unavailable for the first quarter (January - March) of 2019. As a result, **we need to add a few new members so we do not overwhelm the other members of the coffee crew..** We will start a new schedule in January so **now is the time to join the crew.** Training is provided and it is pretty simple now that the Parlor kitchen is back on line. You would only have to serve once or twice during the quarter if we add a couple or more people. Please call the office, 256-881-0150, if you are interested and wish to serve others.

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT?

Community Outreach is suggesting an opportunity for you to give the perfect gift that could be used any-time of the year for food, clothing, medicine, etc. A \$25 gift card from Walmart is perfect! The recipient of these cards will be a good mix of those in need – Grateful Life (less fortunate), CASA (aging and home-bound), and DHR (single moms trying to make it).

Bring gift cards to the church office or write a check with “CO gift card” in the memo line and someone from the committee will purchase for you. Since these cards will not be distributed before Christmas, collection is the entire month of December.