



The Journey

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I am convinced that evangelism is one of the most misunderstood words in our faith language. In the modern church evangelism is defined as the process of converting non-believers to Christianity. There are numerous books and workshops that reduce evangelism to strategies, programs, and rhetoric such as cold call door knocking, handing out tracts at the mall, or placing pamphlets on cars at the grocery store.

However, this was not the practice of the early church. In his book, *Journey to Jesus*, Robert Webber suggests that the early church evangelized the Roman Empire through “the personal witness of individual Christians and through the corporate witness of the congregation whose inner and outer actions demonstrated the continuing presence of Jesus Christ in and to the world.” In the first century, people were drawn to the church because believers consciously and consistently mirrored the message of Jesus Christ in their lives. Evangelism was more than just a program or a way to obtain new members, it was a life-style.

The simple truth is that people have always been more convinced by our actions than by our words. People would rather see a sermon any day than hear one. In today’s world most people do not join a church because of the sermons, the classes that are offered, or the style of worship. They become a part of a congregation because they have experienced the joy and energy of a loving and life-giving faith community. They feel more than welcomed; they believe that they have been made a part of the life of the church and its mission.

Therefore, evangelism must continue to be the conscious and continuous practice of sharing the message of Jesus Christ in every action, word, and moment of our life. We have to live out the beliefs that we claim as our own or our faith becomes stale, meaningless, and unattractive to those who are seeking fulfillment. This means that evangelism is not the responsibility of the minister or a particular committee; it is the responsibility of each and every Christian because true evangelism is a byproduct of a life well lived and a faith well practiced. I am convinced that when we do this, people will be drawn to the Church and the good news that we offer just as they have been for centuries.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

Pastor Paul

PICTURE DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

Church picture directories are here for those who had their pictures taken, limit one per family. Directories are also available for new members. You may pick yours up in the Church Office during the week from 9 am - 5 pm or on Sunday between 9:15 and 9:45 am in the Commons area or on Sunday at the Youth sponsored Valentines Lunch at 11:30.

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, February 7**, 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, FEBRUARY 10

Scripture Luke 5:1-11
 Sermon "The Call That Changed Everything"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Gayle Herber & Dave Crockett
 10:30 Frank Fitzgerald & Jan Mackenzie

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mary Ann Anderson

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Delores Edgeton & Margaret J. Vann
 Carl & Carol Jones
 10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Marie Bittle
 Tré Davis & Lisa Fitzgerald
 Allison Landreth

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Gayle Herber

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is OPEN

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

The Great Pearl
 Margaret J. Vann, Ty Davis, & Pae Payne

YOUNG DISCIPLES

The New Teaching
 Miles Kleinert, Michelle Givens, & Troy Davis

AV SUPPORT TEAM

Technical Director - Chuck Herber
 Assistant Director - Michael Smith
 Sound - Michael Smith & Malcolm Landreth
 Stream Operator - Michael Smith

ATTENDANCE	1/27	2/3
First Service Worship	38	34
Sunday School	19	13
Second Service Worship	88	101
Young Disciples	4	NA
Children's Church	5	7
Total Worship	135	142

THE FCC BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

CHANGE IN STARTING DATE

ADULTING SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

A 6 week series starting **Wednesday, February 13, 2019** at 6:00 PM (after Wednesday night dinner) The study will follow the Andy Stanley Future Family DVD series and discussion will focus on what it means to be part of a family. This study will be co-ed and primarily geared towards couples in their mid-20s to late-30s.

YOU ARE INVITED to join the Youth Ministry for a Valentine Day Lunch in the Family Services Room. This is our way of saying thank you for all of your support.



WHEN: Sunday, February 10th
TIME: 11:30 till 1:30PM.

NEW PLANS FOR A NEW YEAR!

Community Outreach is moving our monthly meeting to the third Sunday at 11:30 am. Our next meeting will be in the FCC Parlor on February 17. This is a great time for new members to attend and share their feelings about how best to meet local needs. All are invited and we hope to see some new faces with fresh ideas!

Community Outreach

THERE ARE MANY OPEN FOOD BASKET DATES FOR 2019

The 2019 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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL FEBRUARY 13

Pork Loin with Sautéed California Vegetables, Wild Rice, Salad, Deserts and assorted drinks. Following the meal are small groups including Adulting, Kids'/Youth, Men's, and Women's Bible Studies. The Chancel Choir meets at 7:00 pm. **Call in your reservation by Wednesday, February 6, at 256-881-0150.**

COMMUNITY FREE DENTAL CLINIC AND FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

For the February outreach project, Community Outreach and CWM have joined together to financially support the Community Free Dental Clinic, which serves low income adults. Since opening in 2013, the Clinic has provided dental care to 7000 adults, primarily with extractions. All of the dental and nursing staff are volunteers and funding comes from, individuals, groups, and a few grants. Nurses take a medical history and provide education to the client on their situation, such as diabetes and high blood pressure, both prevalent among the clients. Just recently, a limited number of cleanings and fillings have been added to services available; however, there is a charge for fillings because of the expense of the materials. Only those within 150% of the poverty level are eligible to receive services at the Community Free Dental Clinic (a sobering statistic - 14% of Huntsville's population meets that criteria). To participate, please make your check to FCC with Dental Clinic in the memo line to help this agency that provides a much-needed service. Thank you for caring about those in need in our community.

RUMMAGE SALE



MARCH 1ST 8 AM- 5 PM

MARCH 2ND 8 AM-NOON

Time to clean out those closets and save your items for donations!!

Sign up posters for workers/volunteers will be in the Commons Area on February 3.

RUMMAGE SALE MEETING: February 24th following Second Service with a light lunch provided.

DROP OFF ITEMS: February 24th -28th

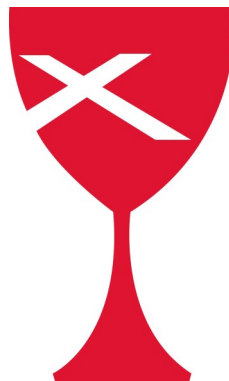
LARGE ITEM PICK UP: February 25th- 28th

GUIDELINES: No broken electronics or appliances; no CRT TVs or monitors; no personally recorded audio or video. Please try and box items that go together and tape remotes to the electronics they go with.

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.

CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH? Stream it live at www.fcchsvtech.weebly.com



FEBRUARY 2019

Birthdays	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Campbell Blair, Judith Hodge 3 Jodi Crockett & Kathryn Shrout 5 Cowan Wilson IV						1	2
6 Don Coburn 7 Charles Herber, Michelle Givens, & Valerie Parks 10 Lisa Fitzgerald 11 Matthew Brown 14 Ben Burger, Mike	3 11:30 am Chili Cook-off 11:45 am Nominating Committee Meeting TBA Youth Super Bowl Party	4 10 am Quilters 5:30 pm ECM Board Mtg	5 5:30 pm Personnel Mtg	6 9 am Emmaus 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Adulting Bible Study • Men's Bible Study • Phoebe Circle • Kids Bible Study • Women's Bible Study • Youth Project Pack Food 7 pm Chancel Choir	7 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study 5 pm Convener Meeting	8 Regional Transformation Event - Birmingham	9 Regional Transformation Event - Birmingham
17 Holly Ahlbin, Brandon Rutledge & Jackie 19 Shelby Gillroy 20 Adler James Turner 23 David Suggs 25 Shea Brennaman, Evan Sexton, & Velma Strong 26 Kelsey Beckman & Tom Craig	10 11:30 am Valentines Lunch	11 9:30 am Esther Circle 10 am Quilters 5:30 pm Christian Ed	12 5:30 pm Elders' Meeting	13 9 am Emmaus 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Adulting Bible Study • Men's Bible Study • Youth/Kids Bible Study • Women's Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	14 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study 10: am Elizabeth Circle 6 pm Board Meeting	15 5:30 pm Parents' Night Out	16
	17 11:30 am Community Outreach Meeting	18 Presidents Day Church Office Closed 10 am Quilters	19	20 9 am Emmaus 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Adulting Bible Study • Men's Bible Study • Youth/Kids Bible Study • Women's Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	21 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study	22	23 Rummage Sale Facility Set-Up
	24 Rummage Sale Drop-Off Begins	25 Rummage Sale Prep Rummage Sale Drop-Off & Large Item Pick-Up	26 Rummage Sale Prep Rummage Sale Drop-Off & Large Item Pick-Up	27 Rummage Sale Prep Rummage Sale Drop-Off & Large Item Pick-Up 9 am Emmaus 6 pm Kids Group 7 pm Chancel Choir	28 Rummage Sale Prep Rummage Sale Drop-Off & Large Item Pick-Up 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study		