

ATTENDANCE	3/01	3/8
First Service Worship	31	30
Sunday School	19	23
Second Service Worship	87	74
Children's Church	8	8
Young Disciples	NA	5
Total Worship	126	117

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, March 12**, at [Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:noon_publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

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# The Journey

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## “NO SECRETS KEPT”

It has been said that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the best kept secret within the denominations of America. Our focus on ecumenism, hospitality, social justice, and personal education as well as the autonomy of all sections of the church make for an interesting mix of ideologies and theologies. However, being the best-kept secret denomination is not a compliment. It means that those who are not associated with our church know nothing about us. Perhaps this is because when members of the Christian Church are asked about the values on which we base our faith we do not know how to answer because of our diversity.

Our former General Minister and President, Rev. William Chris Hobgood, writes “As different as we may be, as Disciples we share the most important thing-our belief in God and our confession of faith in Jesus Christ.” He suggests that Disciples have five covenantal values that define us as a denomination. These five values are:

- The confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior.
- The hospitality of the Lord’s Supper.
- The call to ministry for all believers.
- The love of unity.
- The justice of God that orders all our actions.

As the season of Lent continues and as we look forward to the Easter season, our personal focus should turn from inward reflection to outward realization of our faith and practices. A part of the glory of Easter is the call of the great commission, to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. For many of us this means doing something that can make us uncomfortable, sharing our stories of faith with others. We cannot let something so important to us remain a secret. We have to tell others how our relationship with Christ has transformed us, how our congregation has supported us, and how we have grown as Christians through the work of our leaders in our church, region, and beyond.

It is my hope that you will reflect on the covenantal values of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) so that the next time you are called on to share about your denomination you will be prepared. But I also hope that you will not wait until someone asks you. Our church should not be a secret, everyone in Huntsville, Alabama and beyond should know who we are and what we stand for.

“Through Jesus Christ, we come to know real connection with God, with each other and with the world.”

Thanks be to God, Amen.

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  
MARCH 15**

**Scripture** **Psalm 23**  
**Sermon** "I Am His Little Lamb"

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Justin Givens & Margaret Vann  
10:30 Sabrina Beckman & Mike Lash

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Bev Williamson

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Gayle Herber & TBA  
Carl & Carol Jones  
10:30 Roberta Shivers & Marilee Keim  
Mary Ann Anderson & Abby Allen  
Lynn Abernathy

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Rick & Kay Shrout

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is in honor of  
Chase Jones' birthday  
by Carl & Carol Jones

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*Jesus and Bartimaeus*  
Nancy Woodall, Ty Davis  
& Macey Johnson

**YOUNG DISCIPLES WORSHIP**

Meets second and fourth Sundays

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

Nancy Waites

**AV SUPPORT TEAM**

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

**CWM BLESSING BOXES DUE**

Ladies, the money you have collected for the Blessing Box ministry is due in March. This money is used by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to help fund small loans for needy women around the world to help them get started in a business to benefit their families. Please make your donation either through your group's treasury or in the church offering noting Blessing Box in the memo line.

Thank you for your generous donation!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Charles & Mary Kate Yarn on the birth of their son, Charles Presh III. The proud great grandparents are Jim & Jean Patterson.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

—Please give in March—

**Community Outreach**



**Food  
Pantry**

Please remember to bring a non-perishable item, or several, for the food cart outside of McMains Hall on a Sunday. Pick your own Sunday and make it a habit. Let's help keep the pantry full at the Huntsville Assistance Program.

**(No glass containers, please)**

Thank you,

**CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH?**

Stream it live at: [www.twitch.tv/fcchsv](http://www.twitch.tv/fcchsv)

**BRIDAL SHOWER for  
Alyssa Baldwin & Andrew Burton**

**SUNDAY MARCH 22  
FOLLOWING SECOND SERVICE  
COMMONS AREA**

**Money Tree Available  
Registered at:  
Amazon & Target**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jordan & Kelsi Green on the birth of their daughter, Miss Scarlett Emilia, on February 27. Rick & Kay Shrout are the proud grandparents. Kathryn Shrout is the proud great grandmother.

**SEVERAL OPEN DATES FOR  
FOOD BASKETS**

The 2020 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is now up and 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. The donated funds go to our Community Outreach ministry.



**GAME NIGHT**

Thank you to everyone who helped and brought games in making the All Church Game Day a success!!! Lots of prizes won so that means lots of game and Bingo winners!! A BIG BIG thanks to Mr. Rick Davis for his great job in calling BINGO! Kudos, Rick!



**NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY  
CENTER - HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM**

During March, Christian Women's Ministries is sponsoring the collection of items for baby baskets for the National Children's Advocacy Center. Each year, approximately 20 baskets are distributed to the new mothers attending classes for caring for new born children. The baskets provide needed items and a gift of support to these struggling mothers.

The suggested items for collection are: 3 month size sleeping attire, baby wipes, shampoo, pacifiers, bibs, diaper rash cream, socks or booties, and receiving blankets. Monetary offerings are also welcome.