

ATTENDANCE	2/23	3/01
First Service Worship	32	31
Sunday School	15	19
Second Service Worship	81	87
Children's Church	6	8
Young Disciples	6	NA
Total Worship	125	126

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, March 5**, at Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org

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# The Journey

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## TAKING UP SOMETHING FOR LENT

On February 26 we entered the season of Lent at our Ash Wednesday service. As a community, we opened ourselves to God, asked forgiveness for our sins, and then marked ourselves with ashes as an act of contrition. In this 40 days, not counting Sundays, Christians will engage in a time of penitence in which we bring before God the brokenness and evil in our lives and in the world. Yet, Lent is also a time of spiritual renewal and preparation in which we focus our faith so we can truly appreciate the Paschal Mystery shown during Holy Week. During the Lenten Season it has become customary to give something up for these 40 days. To do away with an aspect of our lives that we will miss so we can experience, in a small way, the temptations and testing that Jesus felt not only in the wilderness but also on his final journey to Jerusalem. Unfortunately, when we give up something for Lent it is usually a habit that we should have already gotten rid of or a practice whose absence will not inhibit our lives.

That is why I like to suggest that Christians take something up for Lent. This practice brings forth the ideals of renewal and self change that are so crucial to the season. Some options might be; resolving to pray twice a day, reading the scripture in a study Bible once a day, performing an act of charity or volunteerism, attending Lenten services, such as the Maundy Thursday service on April 9 or the community Good Friday services, there are many options. These acts encourage the development of a deeper communion with God as we realize that we are in need of forgiveness, redemption and the new life that our Savior offers.

For the last few weeks the scripture lessons for Sunday have focused on the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the power of his teachings. Common in each of these scripture lessons is the understanding that our faith calls us to action. As we take up our cross and walk with Christ we are called to strengthen our lives of faith, provide justice, proclaim peace, encourage hope, and love one another. It is my hope that Lent can be an opportunity to center our lives on these ideals so we can become closer to God and to each other. 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 8**

**Scripture** Genesis 12:1-9  
**Sermon** "A Blessing for Others"

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Kerry Williams Nancy Woodall  
10:30 Andy Herron & Sabrina Beckman

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Bev Williamson

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Linda Hooker & Marilee Keim

10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Tré Davis  
Marie Bittle  
Bev Williamson

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Lynn Abernathy

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is in honor of  
Jonathan Shrout's birthday  
by Rick & Kay Shrout

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*Jesus and the Children*  
Pastor Laura, Penny Jackman  
& Troy Davis

**YOUNG DISCIPLES WORSHIP**

Meets second and fourth Sundays

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

Nancy Woodall

**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!



**CONDOLENCES** to the family of Rev. Dr. John Jackson, Senior Minister Emeritus, who passed away on March 1. Funeral plans are not decided at the time of this publication.



**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,  
Community Outreach Committee

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

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

**THE YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE  
IS FAST APPROACHING!**

Drop off will continue through Wednesday, March 4, at 7:00 PM. Pick up can be arranged by contacting the church office at 256-881-0150.

Volunteers are needed to sort, price, and conduct the rummage sale. Sign up in the church Narthex on the poster board or by following this link [www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949AFA728A1FD0-fcchsv](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949AFA728A1FD0-fcchsv)

For questions contact Alyssa Baldwin @ 205-706-0478 or [alyssa@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:alyssa@fcc-hsv.org)

**NOTE:** No CRT TVs, No broken electronics, No personally recorded videos or music, Non functional appliances have to have a note attached with the known repair.

**CONDOLENCES** to the family of FCC Participant Bobby Chaney who passed on Tuesday February 25.

**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.

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS  
OR GROUPS MARCH 4.**

**GET READY!**



COMMUNITY OUTREACH will be collecting monetary donations for Habitat for Humanity in March. Please consider giving generously to this most deserving project.

**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.

March 2020

Birthdays

- 2 Jan Mackenzie & Melissa Turner
- 3 Rebecca Blackman
- 4 A.J. Barr
- 6 Penny Jackman
- 9 Dorothy J. Montgomery
- 11 Sandra Austin, Jackie Sameck, & Jonathan Shrout
- 12 Chris Barr
- 13 Bud Hooker, Chase Jones, & Lauren Killough
- 14 Paige Brown
- 16 Andrew Collazzi
- 17 Caroline Herron & Phil Williams
- 18 Patti Allen
- 24 Michele Ammons
- 26 Jania Johnson
- 27 Josie Craig
- 31 Glenda Luft

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9 am Rummage Sale Prep Rummage Sale Drop-Off & Large Item Pick-Up	<b>2</b> 10 am Quilters Rummage Sale Prep Rummage Sale Drop-Off & Large Item Pick-Up	<b>3</b> 6 pm Personnel Committee Rummage Sale Prep Rummage Sale Drop-Off & Large Item Pick-Up	<b>4</b> No Wednesday night meal or small groups Rummage Sale Prep Rummage Sale Drop-Off	<b>5</b> 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study Rummage Sale Prep	<b>6</b> 8 am - 5 pm Rummage Sale	<b>7</b> 8 am - 12 pm Rummage Sale  <i>Remember to set your clocks one hour forward when you go to bed.</i>
	<b>8</b> <b>2 am Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> 3 pm Pickelball	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Esther Circle 10 am Quilters 11 am Conveners' Meeting	<b>10</b> 5:30 pm Elders' Meeting	<b>11</b> 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Men's Bible Study • Kids & Youth Bible Study • Men's Bible Study • Phoebe Circle • Women's Bible Study • Young Adults Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study 10: am Elizabeth Circle 6 pm Board Meeting	<b>13</b> 9 am Emmaus	<b>14</b>
	<b>15</b> 11:30 am Mission Family 3 Leadership Meeting 3 pm Pickelball	<b>16</b> 10 am Quilters	<b>17</b> 6 pm Christian Education 	<b>18</b> 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Men's Bible Study • Kids & Youth Bible Study • Men's Bible Study • Women's Bible Study • Young Adults Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study 	<b>20</b> 9 am Emmaus	<b>21</b>
	<b>22</b> 11:30 am Alyssa Baldwin Bridal Shower • Community Outreach Meeting 3 pm Pickelball	<b>23</b> 10 am Quilters	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Men's Bible Study • Kids & Youth Bible Study • Men's Bible Study • Women's Bible Study • Young Adults Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>26</b> 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study	<b>27</b> 9 am Emmaus	<b>28</b> 9 am Property Work Day 
	<b>29</b> 3 pm Pickelball	<b>30</b> Spring Break 10 am Quilters	<b>31</b> Spring Break				