



The Journey

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WHAT LENT IS ALL ABOUT

The words caught me unprepared, which might not be a bad thing: sometimes we shy away from that which might in some way call us to change, so sneaking up on me was probably the best way to maximize impact. Reading through a devotion for Lent, I was confronted with this quote from “The Imitation of Christ,”

“Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.”

Hmmm. Words such as these give me a new wound right between my eyes where I have been struck by their truth. If I were to say that I have an addiction (and we all do), I would say that it is to an anger, a profound frustration, that the world is not fair. And it is not fair because many people seem to be so deeply self-interested that they cannot and do not have the ability to consider the needs of others. Thomas a’ Kempis has exposed my frailty in wanting others to be like I wish them to be instead of doing the hard work of realizing that I am not who I want and need to be.

But this is what Lent is all about, isn’t it? Facing our own inadequacies and seeking grace to become more...acknowledging our weak spots and praying that God might equip us to be stronger. As we approach the third Sunday in Lent, I am praying for you, that your journey is profitable, even if painful, and that you are moving more and more toward being the person God has created you to be.

May we all meet at Easter morning as new people, the ones we were meant to be all along today.

Brad

THANK FOR CARING!

Thanks to everyone that was able to respond to the urgent need to lend a helping hand in the deep, deep Mountains of Eastern Kentucky.

The founder of Big Creek Mission, Kevin Rogers was so grateful we were able to lend a helping hand. With supplies from church members, ECM families and money from FCC Community Outreach and the church youth group, we completed filled my truck with cleaning supplies, clothes, food and shovels.

Thank you all so much.

God Bless you, John Hall

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LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday Service

April 13

Procession of Palms

9:30 am Service

10:30 am Light Brunch
and Egg Hunt



Maundy Thursday Service

Communion and

Tenebrae Service

April 17 at 7:00 pm

Easter Service

April 20

9:30 am Service



HUNTSVILLE LEARNING CENTER FUNDRAISER

The Outreach Committee asks you to support the Huntsville Learning Center this month. It is a faith-based organization that serves students Kindergarten through 9th grade in underserved communities. The program focuses on academic support, personal growth, and character development. Students are bussed from their schools to the center to receive a snack, enrichment activities, and help with their homework from 3-6 p.m., Monday-Thursday. They also have a summer camp for students which keeps them engaged and inspired during the summer break as well.

Rev. Alyssa and I recently visited the center before the students arrived. We were able to see each classroom and visit with the teachers. We met with the leadership and heard them speak to their hopes and goals for the center. We came away most impressed with this organization. You can learn more at www.hsvlc.org

Please give generously to this worthy by noting HSVLC in the memo line of your check or through PayPal on our website at fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give.

Thank you in advance for your donation.



The annual Easter Egg Hunt activities will be on **Palm Sunday, April 13**, following worship service. We will be serving a light brunch for children and families followed by the Easter Egg Hunt.

On Sunday, March 23, at 3:30pm, Anne Vasil, of the Greater Huntsville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, will play a recital on our wonderful Allen organ at First Christian Church. The event is free and open to the public. **Bring a friend and we hope to see you there**



CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday, April 5, 8:00 am - Noon

Volunteers are needed to help "spruce up" the church inside and out prior to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Please contact the office, office@fcc-hsv.org or 256-881-0150, to sign up so we will know how many people to expect.

March Pantry Needs

Cereal (Critically Low)

Shelf Stable Milk (Dollar Tree \$1.25)

Spaghetti Sauce (canned or plastic please)

Mixed Veggies (canned)

Rice (1-lb bags)

Ramen Noodles

Toilet Paper

Saltines

Tuna

HUNTSVILLE
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MATTHEW 25:35



ATTENDANCE

Mar. 5: Ash Wednesday: 45

Mar. 9: Worship Service: 68

Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 51

Mar. 16: Worship Service: 102

Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 22