



The Journey

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UNDER THE BIG TOP

This Sunday, August 10, right after worship, I'm calling you to join others **UNDER THE BIG TOP**, an event to introduce you to and invite you into the ministry teams here at First Christian. This will be an Onboarding Circus-themed gathering, complete with circus treats and hot dogs, to help you connect your gifts and passion with places of ministry in, through, and beyond FCC.

I know, I know. I can hear your groans from here.

Let me be clear: this is not yet-another-trick to get you to do the work of the church that has been designated and prioritized by other people you may not even know. This is the invitation to put to use the gifts of your life, given to you by God, for the sake of others. And if you're looking for a catch, here it is: in helping others, you are truly helping yourself. As long as your gifts are unrealized and unused, they will bring you no joy. In fact, their very presence in you, latent as it is, will be that nagging little voice telling you endlessly that you've forgotten something.

But in using your gifts and engaging your passions in ministry, you will release the joy that is simply waiting for you to make the move. Everyone has a passion, a Something that they must do before all is said and done, a Something that brings fulfillment, wholeness, and yes, joy. You have a passion, and so I want you to come together on August 10 to explore exactly what that is and how you might apply it in ministry. Plus, as I said, there will be hot dogs. How can you turn that down?

Grace to you,

Pastor Brad



Picture Removed

Three generations of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) joined the "Welcome Quilts" class amidst the immense beauty of the land of Ghost Ranch Conference center in Abiquiu, New Mexico in mid-July. There they were joined by ten others in making 63 small lap quilts. The quilts will be taken to the US border by First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe and Las Placitas Presbyterian Church this fall to be distributed to those in need.

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."

- Hebrews 13:2

Photo Left to Right Clara Reed-Lee,
Eleanor A. Lee, & Lorraine Lyter-Reed

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The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 14**. Email to: publisher@fcc-hsv.org

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**LONG TERM
PRAYER CONCERNS**



Frank Ahlbin, father of Jon Ahlbin
A.J. Arisco, relative of Pam Clasgens
Alan Brennaman
Ken Brown
Grace Carter, friend of Cameron & Diane Douglas
Chad Cegelski, nephew of the Seward's
Judy Chaney
Christy Denton, mother of Chris Clark
Vonda Dihm
Pam Gilliland
Bud & Linda Hooker
Lane Ingram, friend of Jean Patterson
Katherine Jordan
Stephen McCreary
Lisa Miller, niece of Monty Love
Becky Love Roberts, sister of Monty Love
John Robinson
Tommy Ross & Madisyn Magistiados, friends of
Chris & Rhianna Clark
Mary Spencer
Hillary Hettinger Steiner
Helga Tucker, Rhianna Clark's grandmother
Jay & Cynthia Wright, parents of Holly Ahlbin

Long term prayer concerns are published once a month in the *Journey*. Call the church office at 256-881-0150 or send requests to publisher@fcc-hsv.org. **Please** keep the church office informed of the status of individuals you put on the list.

CONDOLENCES to the family of Bryan Frank Bergeron, Jr. who recently passed.

REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Madison Christian Church, Madison, AL
First Christian Church, Robertsedale, AL
Grace Christian Church, Helena, AL

ATTENDANCE

July 20: Worship Service: 86
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 24
July 27 Worship Service: 102
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 91
Aug. 3 Worship Service: 83
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 14



THE AUGUST OUTREACH PROGRAM

Since May of 2020, Shower Up has been supplying the homeless of Huntsville with showers, hygiene supplies, survival gear, socks and more. Their volunteers also shower their clients with grace, hope and love. Their Kohler shower trailer has 7 shower suites and offers Huntsville's only ADA shower unit.

Please consider giving to this wonderful service. You can support this organization with donations made by noting "ShowerUp" for any amount, by check to FCC or our PayPal account by clicking on the Donate button on our website at fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give

**A GREAT TIME AT THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND
NONAGENARIAN BIRTHDAY PARTY!**

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HUNTSVILLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEEDS

Shelf-stable milk, cereal, crackers, jelly, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce in cans (NO glass containers), toilet paper, & bar soap. The drop-off cart is located in the Narthex. Thank You!

Community Outreach (CO) is asking for regular donations of hygiene products such as: sanitary pads, tampons, and/or period underwear (period-proof underwear is a relatively new period product that looks and feels like regular underwear.). The donations will support girls who do not have funds to purchase these products. The donation site is located in the church Narthex.

Please consider helping with this needed project.