



The Journey

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NAME THAT TUNE

Do you remember that TV Game Show of yesterday (and I mean a long time ago) entitled, "Name That Tune?" "Yes! I can name that tune in 6 notes!" And the bidding goes on with who can name the tune in less notes.

Let's put a new twist on that old show. In our game, there is no 'bidding' for the opportunity to guess the song titles, based upon the cue given by the show's host and upon your ability to select the appropriate song title from listening to fewer melodic notes than your opponent. For our game, carefully read the selected portions from 3 actual letters written to church leadership. Without cheating (i.e. don't look at the answers somewhere below), then guess what songs in which the writer makes reference. Be careful! You may be surprised! (Answers at end of article.)

1. "What's wrong with the inspiring hymns with which we grew up? When I go to church, it is to worship God, not to be distracted with learning a new hymn. Last Sunday's was particularly unnerving. While the text was good, the tune was discordant."

2. "Was it the organist's idea or yours that our peaceful worship service was shattered by the new hymn last Sunday? The music was sacrilegious; something one would expect to hear in a den of iniquity, not a church! Don't expect me even to attempt to sing it next time!"

3. "Pastor, I'm no music scholar, but I feel I know appropriate music when I hear it. Last Sunday's new hymn, if you could call it that, sounded like a sentimental love ballad one might hear crooned in a saloon. If you persist in exposing us to rubbish like this in God's house, don't be surprised if many of the faithful look for a new place to worship. The hymns we grew up with are all that we need."

The above article was given to me by a blessed, elderly, highly respected church organist, pianist, musician many years ago and she thought it to be funny. "Imagine someone writing that to church leadership," she said. Then she would say quite often, "Remember every song, no matter how old, was new once."

Personally my faith and worship of God, even my fellowship with others around me at church, is not threatened by leaning new praise songs during worship. I like to learn new things. It truly enriches my life to hear the Good News of Jesus for the "first time" all over again, in new and inspiring ways.

See You Sunday,

Pastor Cameron

Answers to the above:

1. *What a Friend We Have in Jesus, from an 1890 letter to the minister*
2. *I Love to Tell the Story, written in 1874*
3. *Just As I Am, letter dated 1865*

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, July 20**, 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, JULY 23



Sermon Scripture John 14:1-14
Sermon "Six Reasons Not to Pray"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

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

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Gayle Herber

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Eddie & Valerie Parks
Ann Thompson & Margaret J. Vann
10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Elaine French
Ruth Lackey & Bev Williamson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Diane Douglas

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is in memory of Rebecca Denise Ball's birthday by Matt, Karen, & Stan Ball and in honor of Sally & Walker Wilson's birthdays by Jeanne Derington.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

The Good Shepherd
Mary Ann Williams, Ty Davis, and
Cara Sexton

YOUNG DISCIPLES (Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

Who Is The Greatest?
Karen Ball & Matthew Beutjer

Volunteers needed to serve in our Youth Sunday morning program from 9:15-10:15. Curriculum is biblically rooted and will allow for their spiritual growth and maturity in our Youth. Please consider volunteering.

Please contact Pastor Linda

SUMMER BLAST!

Last year we fed 60 people 25 pizzas, fruit & cookies. We played several bingo games and everybody won and got to pick out a special gift. Everybody also went home with a gift bag filled with all the items we had collected. All of this was made possible due to your generosity. Please drop off your items in the basket located in the Commons Area by July 30th.



Jill Hall
Community Outreach

HOW TO GIVE ON LINE

Miss church, but would still like to give your tithe or offering? You may give online through PayPal by going to the church website <http://fcc-hsv.org/who-we-are/how-to-give/> and scrolling down to the donate button. (You may also go to www.fcc-hsv.org and scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the "How to Give" link.) You may designate your tithe or offering for the General Fund or specify a particular church ministry/fund. You may also designate if you would like this to be a recurring or single donation.



ATTENDANCE	7/9	7/16
First Service Worship	46	42
Sunday School	27	43
Second Service Worship	69	116
Children's Church	7	10
Young Disciples	6	NA
Total Worship	128	168

NEW GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT ELECTED

Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens was elected Sunday night to serve as the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. She is the first African-American to hold this post and the second woman to lead the denomination.



Hord Owens comes to the position in a time of renewed emphasis on the issues of race, particularly in the United States. Her election comes on the 50th anniversary of the Merger Agreement uniting the African-American and largely white branches of the American-born denomination. She is currently pastor of a predominately white congregation in the Chicago area.

"We need to stop demonizing differences as deficiencies," Hord Owens says. "We should seek to understand, to work through our differences in priorities, opinions, methods, and goals. This will not be easy, but imagine what an example this will be for the world if we can bridge the gaps in politics, identity, geography and theology."

Hord Owens' resume includes more than 20 years in corporate America leading diverse teams in data management before she entered seminary. For the last 15 years, she has been the dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School, shepherding a varied student body in both background and theology.

The election of Hord Owens follows the 12-year tenure of the Rev. Sharon E. Watkins, who was the first female to lead a mainline denomination in the United States upon her election in 2005. Hord Owens' term is six years with an option for re-election in 2023 for an additional six-year term.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was born out of the Stone-Campbell Movement, part of the Great Awakening on the American frontier in the early 1800s. The denomination is congregationally governed, meaning each congregation appoints its own leadership and determines its own mission and support. There are 32 regional bodies that support congregations as well as relate to the general ministries of the denomination. (More information on structure: <http://disciples.org/our-identity/our-structure/>)

Please join MF4 and the Young Adult Group for a baby shower to honor Baby Girl Herron following the 10:30 service on Sunday, July 30th in the Commons Area. Caroline and Andy Herron are registered at Target and the nursery theme is green.



Thanks,
Holly Ahlbin

MISSION FAMILY UPDATES

Mission Family 1

Add Rev. Cameron & Diane Douglas

Mission Family 2

Michelle Ammons children are Serenity & C.W. Holland.

Add Gaylia Roberts

Add Chase Volinski

Change Beth Wright to Mike & Mary Beth Wright with children Jena Louise & Noah

Mission Family 4

Add Muriel Pinkham

Change Joyce Skinner to Troy & Joyce Skinner with child Maisie Claire

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.

FCC ON LINE

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

MISS A SERMON? See previous sermons at www.fcc-hsv.org/sermons/