



# *The Journey*

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## **Safety Notice!**

No one should enter the church from Tuesday, March 27, 6:00 pm until Wednesday Morning due to asbestos removal.

## **EASTER**

Easter is well on its way. By the time you receive this newsletter it will almost be here. If you are like my family you are still in the midst of preparations, dying eggs, making sure the baskets are in order and finalizing plans for the meal. However, I do not want us to skip the importance of Holy Week. We have already begun with the celebration of Palm Sunday, but that day is also a reminder that the cross is on the horizon. As we travel through the week we journey with Jesus to the upper room for an intimate meal, we move to the garden and pray for the cup to be taken, we see Jesus arrested, tried, tortured, and then travel to the cross on Good Friday. There is pain and sorrow in Holy Week. We have to remember that our reconciliation with God did not come without sacrifice.

The same might be said about the Easter season because the celebration of Easter is more than one day. I always think that after Easter is over my schedule will miraculously clear and I will have more time, but I am always mistaken. For many, Holy Week and Easter have become times of stress just like the Advent and Christmas season. We become so wrapped up in details that it is easy to forget what Easter means. We are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but also the knowledge that God's covenantal promises are kept, our sins are forgiven, we are renewed and transformed, and can find new life through Christ.

The Easter season, or Eastertide, continues until Pentecost; our joy is so great that we must continue rejoicing! In reality every Sunday is a mini-Easter, an opportunity to give thanks for the love of God, the presence of Christ, and the support of the Holy Spirit. The celebration of Easter is only the beginning for we are called to live in the image of Christ and work to provide a vision of the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Perhaps what we need is a change of focus for Easter. It is not one day of worship and family celebration; Easter is an experience that changes our lives every day. The miracle of Easter reaches out and fills us to overflowing so that we cannot help but spread the good news of Jesus Christ. It is my desire that the message of Easter and the glory of Eastertide will continue to strengthen your faith, encourage your actions, and give you hope for the future. Amen.

*Pastor Paul*

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, March 22**, at Noon [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto: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.

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

Sermon Scripture                                    John 20: 1-18  
 Sermon    “Seeing is Believing”

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

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

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Rick Shrout

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15    Linda Hooker & Margaret Vann  
           Nancy Waites & Anita Wood  
 10:30   Sabrina & Hayley Beckman  
           Lynn Abernathy & Nancy Woodall  
           Marie Bittle

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Rick & Kay Shrout

**SUNDAY’S FOOD BASKET** is Open

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*Children worship with families on Easter Sunday*

**YOUNG DISCIPLES**

(Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

**AV SUPPORT TEAM**

Technical Director - Chuck Herber  
 Assistant Director - Michael Smith  
 Sound- Michael Smith & Malcolm Landreth  
 Stream Operator- Michael Smith

| ATTENDANCE             | 3/18 | 3/25 |
|------------------------|------|------|
| First Service Worship  | 29   | 52   |
| Sunday School          | 20   | 40   |
| Second Service Worship | 94   | 144  |
| Children’s Church      | 8    | 19   |
| Young Disciples        | NA   | NA   |
| Total Worship          | 131  | 215  |

**LILIES FOR THE EASTER SEASON**

If you would like to honor a friend or remember a loved one with an Easter Lily for our sanctuary, please make a \$15 donation to cover the cost of a lily, and list your donor information on the signup sheet posted on the flower sheet across from McMains Hall. Make your check payable to FCC, write “Easter Lily” in the memo line, and drop it in the offering plate or church office. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret J. Vann at [triliumjv@att.net](mailto:triliumjv@att.net) or 256-533-4213.



**HABITAT HOME NUMBER 25**

**IS IN PLANNING STAGE FOR OUTREACH IN MARCH**

Our twenty-fifth Habitat Home is being planned. As soon as the slab is poured we will start building the walls in the warehouse. Schedules and sign-up sheets will be posted on our bulletin board outside of the parlor. Be on the lookout for more details. If you cannot help with the physical activity, can you spare a \$25 donation for our 25th home? Prayers for the workers and family will be most welcome.



Your Habitat Committee

**Give Your Community Life  
 Give Blood to LifeSouth**  
 First Christian Church  
 Sunday, April 8, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
 All donors will be entered to win a  
 TUNDRA 50 YETI cooler!

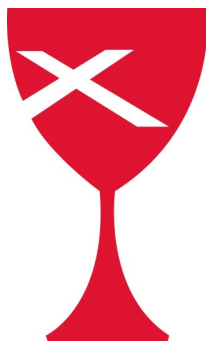
The 2018 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is located across the hall from McMains Hall. Remember a friend, anniversary, birthday, or other special occasion. Donations are \$25.00 with checks made out to First Christian Church and Food Basket on the notation line.



APRIL  
BIRTHDAYS



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|----|--|
| 1  | Peyton Patrick   |
| 2  | J.B. Hodge   |
| 3  | Jack Montgomery  |
| 4  | James Blackman   |
| 7  | Beverly Cannon & Dr. Brian Roberts                                     |
| 9  | Janie Clasgens, Andrew Herron,<br>Linda Mayne, & Margaret J. Vann      |
| 10 | John Paul Hampton, Brenda McDowell,<br>Virginia Prozan, & Alice Watson |
| 11 | Matt Ball, Gaylia Roberts, Jennifer Spain, &<br>Terry Sullivan         |
| 13 | James Mason  |
| 14 | McKenzie Williams  |
| 15 | Pam Clasgens   |
| 17 | Sharon Blackman, Craven Gibbs,<br>& Michael Smith                      |
| 18 | Braly Beutjer  |
| 20 | Christy Clasgen & Karen Coburn   |
| 21 | Janet Sholes & Mark Stiles   |
| 22 | Macey Johnson & Mary McMahon Langevin                                  |
| 23 | Quilla Rice & John Robinson III  |
| 24 | Neal Salisbury   |
| 25 | Linda Hooker & Chip Volinski   |
| 27 | Chris Blackman & Michael Blackman                                      |
| 29 | Sarah Brockway & Sue Seward  |



LENT & EASTER SERVICES



**Maundy Thursday Service**  
March 29 at 7:00 pm

**Good Friday**  
March 30

Noon Service with Pastor Paul at the  
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America  
228 Church Street

- or -

“Stations of the Cross” Noon at the Aldridge Creek  
Greenway entrance Mt. Gap.

**Easter Services**

April 1

8:15 am Casual

10:30 am Traditional



**LONG TERM PRAYER  
CONCERNS**



Please remember to keep the  
following individuals in your prayers.



- Dan Ball, father of Matt Ball
- Christopher Brewer, grandson of Jan Mackenzie
- Steve Brown
- Thomas Burns, father of Karen Ball
- John Busby, brother-in-law of Monty & Dinah Love
- Carroll Keller, brother of Walt Ketter
- Iness Kellogg
- Carey Link, friend of Margaret Vann
- Bobby & Janis Moore
- Joyce Neighbors
- Jo Thomason
- Lynn Ursery, former member
- Mack Vann

Long term prayer concerns are published once a month in the *Journey*. Please keep the church office informed of the status of individuals you put on the lists.