



The Journey

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AN EXCITING TIME

Sometimes life can be stressful, there is too much going on, things seem to be changing so fast that your head spins, and you wonder when it will all get back to normal. I can remember a week, when Abby was just a baby, where everything that could go wrong seemed to go wrong. Our car broke down, so we were down to one vehicle, we were getting ready for Vacation Bible School in the church, and I was helping to lead the food drive for our Benevolent Ministries.

Toward the end of the week it was my turn to take Abby to day care in the morning. Most of you know that I am not a morning person; it takes a long time for me to wake up, get moving, and for my brain to start functioning. That day Abby woke me up earlier than usual, so I got her dressed and ready for the day, fed her breakfast, and while she was watching TV I got ready. I was doing well on time, I had everything prepared, and things were going great. I picked Abby up, went out the door, put her in her car seat, and looked in my pocket for the car keys, only to find they were not there.

Of course I ran back into the house and looked where I normally put them and they were not there. I looked in the kitchen, the dining room, the bedroom, the bathroom, the refrigerator (yes, my keys have shown up in the refrigerator a time or two), I looked all over the house, but could not find them. Finally I decided to go back outside to see if I had dropped them, and there they were sitting on the front seat of the car where I had put them after I unlocked it to put Abby in her seat.

Sometimes in the business of life we forget our actions and do not look at and appreciate what is right in front of us. The past few weeks have ushered in a great deal of change at First Christian Church but we have already seen positive results. Our Evangelism committee has been busy and there are visitors and prospective members coming every Sunday who are excited about what we are doing and want to be a part of our community of faith. We are looking forward to church camps, the youth mission trip, and our own Vacation Bible School in July. This is an exciting time to be a member of First Christian.

Let's keep this excitement through the summer and beyond, keep inviting new people to experience the joy of our community, and thank God for what is right in front of us: a wonderful church family that is working for God and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor Paul

THANK YOU , THANK YOU

Because of the generosity of First Christian Church, CWM and Community Outreach were able to send Grateful Life Church hundreds of hygiene products and money to buy more if they need it. Thank you so much for supporting this project.

CWM and Community Outreach

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, June 7**, 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, JUNE 10

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
 Sermon "Are We in Church or in Christ?"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Mark Stiles & Frank Fitzgerald
 10:30 Mike Lash & Dale Thomas

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Gayle Herber

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Lisa Fitzgerald & Margaret Vann
 Rick Shrout & TBA
 10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Marie Bittle
 Troy Davis, Sr. & Tré Davis
 Marilee Keim

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Dinah Love

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is given in memory of Bob Edgeton by Delores Edgeton

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Story Time
 Michelle Givens, John Hall, Brianna Jackson

YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Off until August 12)

AV SUPPORT TEAM

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

ATTENDANCE	5/27	6/3
First Service Worship	51	42
Sunday School	35	37
Second Service Worship	80	87
Children's Church	5	7
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	136	136

SNACKS & DHR

Community Outreach is continuing its June project of providing individual drinks and snacks for DHR to have on hand to give to children who must be in the office. Sometimes children are there awaiting foster placements or to visit parents or for some other reason not of their making. They might be there for several hours and a snack is desperately needed. We can either donate individual snacks (crackers, goldfish, granola bars, etc) and/ or drinks (juice, Capri Sun, etc.) or make a financial donation and Community Outreach will shop for you. You can make a difference in the comfort level of the children who are confused and often frightened.



Ladies of the Church,
 You are invited to a Bridal Shower for
 Katherine Boles
 Sunday, June 17th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Registered at
 Bed Bath & Beyond
 Williams Sonoma
 Lawren's
 Brooks & Collier



CONDOLENCES to the family of Brenda Stroud who died Wednesday, May 30.

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

1 Peter 4: 10

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED

One way you can literally serve others is to serve Communion on Sundays. **Please contact Gayle Herber if you are interested in serving Communion.**

“The Lord’s Supper or Communion is celebrated in weekly worship. It is open to all who are followers of Jesus Christ. The practice of Holy Communion has become the central element of worship within the Disciples tradition.”

disciples.org/our-identity/communion-and-baptism/



CANE RIDGE DAY 2018 SET FOR JUNE 23

The trustees of the Cane Ridge historic site (<http://www.caneridge.org/>) invite you to a day of music, fellowship and fun on Saturday, June 23. Registration begins at 9:30 am on site. Speakers will include both the Rev. Dr. Rick Lowery, president of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, and the Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, former General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Download the event flyer: <http://disciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Cane-Ridge-Day-Flyer-2018.pdf>

The Cane Ridge Meeting House in Paris, KY, is the birthplace of the Stone-Campbell Movement, part of the Western Great Revival on the American frontier in the early 1800s. Barton Stone was the pastor of the congregation in August of 1801



when more than 25,000 people gathered at the site. The movement grew into a partnership with others in 1804 that

produced the “Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery.” The movement is the ancestor of three streams of Protestant Christianity - the Christian Church-Churches of Christ (also known as “independent”), the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Church of Christ (non-instrumental).

The site opened for the summer on April 2. For more information, contact James Trader at curator@caneridge.org



Coming July 16 - 20, 9 :00 - 11:00 am