



# The Journey

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## FUN WITH OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

The past two weeks have taken me out of my comfort zone, but in a good way. Two weeks ago I traveled with the youth group and several adults from our congregation to Black Mountain, North Carolina to participate in a Mission Trip sponsored by Christmount, our national campground for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Every year they invite youth groups from all over the country to join with the Asheville Youth Mission team, who works with a network of care groups in the Asheville, North Carolina area to provide mission stations for young people who want to serve.

This year our group worked at The MANNA Food bank, a private, not-for-profit service organization that links the food industry with over 200 partner agencies in 16 counties of western North Carolina. MANNA is an acronym and stands for Mountain Area Nutritional Needs Alliance. We also worked at several local sites for food pickup, including a free farmer's market, and the Veteran's Restoration Quarters, a comprehensive residential program that addresses every area of restoration in the lives of homeless veterans including shelter, meals, job training, alcohol and drug rehabilitation etc. Our youth worked very hard at all of these organizations and also talked to those they were serving to build relationships and connect with them. The staff at Christmount and at the Asheville Youth Mission were so appreciative and impressed by the work that was done that we have a standing invitation to come back and help them again.

This past week I was the storyteller for our Vacation Bible School, *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*. It was wonderful to see all of the young people from ECM, our church and the community who came to learn about their relationship with Christ for a whole week. They were able to sing, play, create some wonderful crafts and every day they heard a new story from the Bible about how Jesus rescues us from loneliness, worry, struggles, when we do wrong (or sin), and powerlessness. On Sunday July 22nd we heard from our children, youth and teachers about how special last week was and how their lives were changed by the experiences they had. I hope you were able to attend.

It is my hope that our mission trip will become an annual event for our youth just as Vacation Bible School is for our children. The Christian Education Committee and the Youth leaders and volunteers have worked very hard to make all of these events possible. Please thank everyone who participated and remember that the Children and Youth Group of First Christian Church appreciates the support that you give to each and every one of their events throughout the year.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

*Pastor Paul*

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, July 19**, 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.

**SUNDAY, JULY 29**

Scripture Ephesians 3: 14-21  
 Sermon "Christ in the Church"

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Dale Thomas & Justin Givens  
 10:30 Bob Senn & Andy Herron

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Nancy Woodall

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Donna Blair & Lisa Fitzgerald  
 Chuck & Penny Jackman  
 10:30 Carolyn Brown & Nancy Woodall  
 Ruth Lackey & Tré Davis  
 Nancy Adams

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Dinah Love

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is given in honor of our  
 Vacation Bible School volunteers.

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*Story Time.* Chuck Jackman, Pastor Laura  
 West, & Joe Allen

**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	7/15	7/22
First Service Worship	44	NA
Sunday School	32	NR
Second Service Worship	84	NA
10:00 Unified Service	NA	129
Children's Church	NA	NA
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Total Worship	128	129

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** at First Christian Church. Sunday, July 29, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**FCC VISITOR MINI LOAF CAKES**

Can you help make visitor cakes on a scheduled basis? See the easy recipe below. Contact Lee Boles (leeboles@aol.com) if you can provide 5 of these mini loaves occasionally to keep a supply of ten on hand in our parlor freezer for FCC visitors.



**Visitor Cakes** (Makes 5 mini-loaves)

- 1 box butter or yellow cake mix
- 1 sm. instant chocolate pudding mix
- 4 eggs
- 1 c. oil
- 8 oz. sour cream
- 1 c. mini-chocolate chips

Mix first five ingredients well. Stir in mini chocolate chips. Pour into 5 lightly sprayed disposable aluminum mini loaf pans. Bake 30-35 minutes on a cookie sheet at 350 degrees. Cool completely. Double wrap in plastic wrap and tape the ends. Freeze well.

**SUMMER BLAST FOR THE AQUARIUS CLUB**

Summer Blast is on July 30. Time is running out to collect Bingo prizes for the party. We still need your help in collecting hats, small toiletry items, pens, small note pads, costume jewelry, socks, books, flashlights, men's belts, cards, etc. Cash donations will always be appreciated. If you wish to volunteer the day of the event to help players with Bingo or to serve pizza, please call Jill at 256 883-1193.



Jill Hall and Community Outreach

**CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH?** Stream it live at: [www.twitch.tv/fcchsv](http://www.twitch.tv/fcchsv)  
**MISS A SERMON?** See previous sermons at: [www.fcc-hsv.org/sermons/](http://www.fcc-hsv.org/sermons/)

### 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. Call Pastor Laura, 256-881-0150, if you have any questions.



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



1	Brian Pung
3	Anna Pung
4	Sandra Wilson
6	Peggy Sington & David Wright
7	Mary Propes
9	Mike Lash
10	Rick Davis
12	Gary Gibbs & Mary Spencer
13	Mary Beth Wright
14	Geordie Kennedy
15	Stephanie Beutjer & James Cannon
16	Betty Landrith & Tom Vann
18	Roberta Shivers
20	Carolyn Brown, Miranda Belle Herron, Leona Lipscomb, & Nancy Woodall
21	Jasmine Blue & Wana Orr
22	Cindy Roberts
23	Terrie Pung & Ella Roberts
24	Katherine Mackenzie
25	Jacob Black, Chris Chandler & Ruth Lackey
26	Chris Sanford
27	James Ahlbin
28	Leonard Patterson & Kay Shrout
31	Cecelia Tumminello

“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/](http://disciples.org/our-identity/communion-and-baptism/)

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.

