



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

ATTENDANCE	7/16	7/23
First Service Worship	42	61
Sunday School	43	58
Second Service Worship	116	104
Children's Church	10	9
Young Disciples	NA	8
Total Worship	168	182

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# The Journey

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## PRECIOUS TREASURES

“One night in ancient times three horsemen were riding across a desert. As they crossed the dry bed of a river out of the darkness a voice called, ‘Halt.’

They obeyed. The voice then told them to dismount, pick up a handful of pebbles, put them in their pockets and remount.

The voice then said, ‘You have done as I commanded. Tomorrow at sun-up you will both be glad and sorry.’ Mystified the horsemen rode on.

When the sun rose they reached into their pockets and found that a miracle had happened. The pebbles had been transformed into diamonds, rubies, and other precious stones. They remembered the warning and they were both glad they had taken some and sorry they had not taken more.”

So what does this story have to do with you and me? It seems to me that the journey of life may feel like a desert at times and spiritually what once was a flowing river of life is now a dry riverbed. Yet I believe there is opportunity for God’s voice to call us to pick up the ‘stones and pebbles,’ i.e. fragments of life, we find all around us. Once that river flow smoothed the sharp edges of life and the resultant fragmented pebbles became rounded. Now the riverbed of your life is paved with those smooth stones and pebbles, those fragments of life still there. Pick them up!

Remember life. Cherish the events of life and contemplate them savoring God’s presence. I truly believe with spiritual care, and spiritual disciplines such as prayer, those fragments (pebbles) will become treasures for you. It’s your choice to fill your pockets with those pebbles and see the treasures of God’s love, the treasure of God’s mercy and the hope of life now and eternal.

I am inviting you to stay with us at worship and savor the spiritual discipline of prayer. Learn to pray more effectively. Awaken in the “sunrise” of your spirituality and find the treasure that your life and God’s love has wrought. What may seem like just another thing to do, like making yourself pray daily, can make you spiritually rich beyond belief and bless you now and always. Join us in worships this Sunday and see what God can do.

See You Sunday,

*Pastor Cameron*

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, July 27**, 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 30**

Sermon Scripture  
Sermon

Matthew 6:5-13  
“The Lord’s Prayer”

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Frank Fitzgerald & Roger Sameck  
10:30 Mike Lash & Jan Mackenzie

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Mary Ann Anderson

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Jackie Sameck & Nancy Waites  
Linda Lykins & Donna Blair  
10:30 Nancy Adams & Marie Bittle  
Gayle Herber & Roberta Shivers

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Gray & Theresa Killough

**SUNDAY’S FOOD BASKET** is in honor of

Pastor Douglas & Diane  
by Bobby Riggs

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*The Good Shepherd and the Lost Sheep*  
Pastor Laura, Brady Johnson,  
Tre’ Davis and Cara Sexton

**YOUNG DISCIPLES** (Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

**A Memory Quilt**

The “Cathedral Window” Quilt displayed in the Narthex was made by Carolyn Brown and her daughter, Suzanne, while on a World Cruise for 111 days. They left Los Angeles in the middle of January and returned the middle of May.

As they docked in the different ports of call and went sightseeing, they also looked for material for the quilt squares. The quilt tells a story of where they visited.

Dear FCC Congregation,

There is music on the horizon. As we anxiously await our newly called senior minister, Pastor Paul Allen, it is time to get back to singing.



Michael Beutjer has agreed to continue to volunteer as the choir director for second service. First Service will remain the same. Michael will plan and lead choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, lead hymns and the choir on Sundays.

There will be a choir retreat on August 12th, 10-2pm, at the Beutjer home, 11024 Everest Circle. Lunch will be provided. During this time, Michael will go over music for Sunday, August 13th, and sing through the music we will be singing in the future. We will begin a series of songs based on the stained glass windows in our sanctuary. This will be a great time to re-energize and reconnect after our break.

The FCC choir will be preparing and singing two anthems a month. On the other Sundays, small ensembles will play and sing music. The following schedule will begin in August: every other week choir rehearsal from 7-8 and on the other days choir rehearses from 7:00-7:30 and the band/ensembles will rehearse from 7:30-9:00. Occasionally there will be opportunities for the choir or individuals to sing with the band. Let Michael Beutjer know if you play an instrument or would like to sing in the small ensembles or choir. **NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!!!**

Music is a vital and sacred asset to the worship service. Your continued support of the music program makes our service fuller and more spiritual. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us. We look forward to creating more fantastic music.

Thank you,  
Michael and Stephanie Beutjer  
mbeutjer@me.com/sbeutjer@me.com



**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, Leona Lipscomb, & Nancy Woodall
21	Jasmine Blue & Wana Orr
22	Cindy Roberts
23	Terrie Pung & Ella Roberts
24	Katherine Mackenzie
25	Chris Chandler & Ruth Lackey
26	Chris Sanford
27	Henry Waites
28	Leonard Patterson & Kay Shrout
31	Cecelia Tumminello



**CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS**



Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

- Christopher Brewer, grandson of Jan Mackenzie
- Steve Brown
- Jeanne Derington
- John & Mary Dorough
- Mickey Guthrie, friend of Lisa Fitzgerald
- Carey Link, friend of Margaret Vann
- Joyce Neighbors
- Jean Patterson
- Tom Paul, son of Doris Paul
- Mona Qualls
- Sara Stubblefield
- 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.

**SUMMER BLAST!**

Summer Blast is on July 31. 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 accepted. If you wish to work the day of the event to help players with bingo or to serve pizza, please call Jill at 256 883-1193 to volunteer.



**AUGUST 2017**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 8:30 am Emmaus	<i>3</i> 5 pm Conveners	<i>4</i> 10 am Evangelism	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> 10:30 am Promotion Sunday 11:30 am MF 1 Cookout 12 pm Young Adults Outing	<i>7</i> 10 am Quilters	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 8:30 am Emmaus 7 pm Community Outreach	<i>10</i> 6:00 pm Board Meeting	<i>11</i> 8 pm Family Movies in the Park	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> 9:30 am Kids/Youth Info Meeting 11:30 am Pastor Cameron Farewell Reception	<i>14</i> Pastor Paul Allen's First Day 10 am Quilters 5:00 pm Kids Task Group	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 10:15 am ECM Wednesday Worship	<i>17</i> 11:00 am Vintage Vagabonds	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 10:30 am Nursery/Toddler/ Preschool Mini-Mission
<i>20</i> 9:30 am Kids & Family Meeting 11:30 am Pastor Paul Allen and Family Welcome Reception	<i>21</i> 10 am Quilters 1 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	<i>22</i> 5:30 pm Elders' Meeting	<i>23</i> 10:15 am ECM Wednesday Worship	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 8 pm Family Movies in the Park	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 11:30 am MF 2 Leadership Mtg. 5 pm Kids Lucky Duck Scavenger Hunt & Ice Cream	<i>28</i> 10 am Quilters	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 10:15 am ECM Wednesday Worship	<i>31</i>		