

ATTENDANCE	2/16	2/23
First Service Worship	34	32
Sunday School	32	15
Second Service Worship	95	81
Children's Church	10	6
Young Disciples	NA	6
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>125</b>

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, February 27**, at Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org

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# The Journey

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It is the end of February and we are already talking about Lent. Ash Wednesday seems to catch me off guard every year, no matter how early or late it is. It seems strange to move from the anticipation, joy, and wonder of Christmas into a time of contemplation, prayer, penance, and self-denial. However, Ash Wednesday is February 26, and we have to recognize that just as our times of worship can bring celebration they can also call us to deep thinking, spiritual renewal, and the understanding that faith often means sacrifice.

Lent is the time in which we reflect on the brokenness and evil within our lives and in our society. For many this means that Lent is a time of gloom and depression, but the ultimate goal of this season is to remind us that God can overcome all of these obstacles, forgive our sins, restore our broken souls, and transform us through the glory of Christ. These forty days should look and feel different. The Sanctuary does not look the same, the music changes, and the Sermons hold unique themes. Yet through it all we remember what is coming, Easter and the triumph this celebration will bring. You cannot appreciate the light unless you know and experience darkness.

Our Ash Wednesday service this year will be on Wednesday February 26 at 6:00 pm. There will not be a meal that night so we can concentrate on the service and the messages it holds. During this service, we will perform the ceremonial imposition of ashes on the foreheads or hands of worshipers as a sign of human sin and mortality. This ancient tradition, going back at least to the tenth century, communicates the human condition before God. We will also share in the communion meal that evening, symbolizing the redemption from sin and our new life with Christ.

During Holy Week, First Christian Church will be holding a Maundy Thursday Service beginning at 7:00 pm on April 9. This is a different kind of service in which candles and scripture passages are used to lead us on the journey that Jesus took to the cross.

It is my hope that during Lent you will take the time to look deeply within yourself, recognize what needs to be transformed within you, ask God for forgiveness, and rededicate your life to the good news that is Jesus Christ. Let us enter this season together and as one family discover what God has in store for our lives and for the life of the church. Thanks be to God, Amen.

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  
MARCH 1**

**Scripture** Matthew 4: 1-11  
**Sermon** "Tempting Isn't It"

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Monty Love & Sabrina Beckman  
10:30 Justin Givens & Margaret J. Vann

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Bev Williamson

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Kathi Luzar & Nancy Waites

10:30 Joe Allen & Elaine French  
Roberta Shivers  
Lynn Abernathy

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Dinah Love

**SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET** is in memory of Marvin Lash, father of Mike Lash & Ray Love, father of Kyle Love by Mission Family 3.

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*Lenten Puzzle*  
Chuck Jackman, John Hall & Brianna Jackson

**YOUNG DISCIPLES WORSHIP**

Meets second and fourth Sundays

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

Mary Ann Anderson

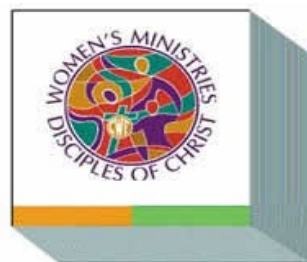
**AV SUPPORT TEAM**

Technical Director - Chuck Herber  
Assistant Director - Michael Smith  
Sound - Malcolm Landreth

**CWM BLESSING BOXES DUE**

Ladies, the money you have collected for the Blessing Box ministry is due in March. This money is used by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to help fund small loans for needy women around the world to help them get started in a business to benefit their families. Please make your donation either through your group's treasury or in the church offering noting Blessing Box in the memo line.

Thank you for your generous donation!



**Food Pantry** Please remember to bring a non-perishable item, or several, for the food cart outside of McMains Hall on a Sunday. Pick your own Sunday and make it a habit. Let's help keep the pantry full at the Huntsville Assistance Program.

Thank you,  
Community Outreach Committee

**CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH?**

Stream it live at: [www.twitch.tv/fcchsv](http://www.twitch.tv/fcchsv)



**ASH WEDNESDAY  
SERVICE WITH  
IMPOSITION OF ASHES  
FEBRUARY 26, 6:00 PM**

**THE YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE  
IS FAST APPROACHING!**

Drop off will be at FCC beginning on Sunday, March 1, at 9:00 AM and continue through Wednesday, March 4, at 7:00 PM. Pick up can be arranged by contacting the church office at 256-881-0150.

Volunteers are needed to sort, price, and conduct the rummage sale. Sign up in the church Narthex on the poster board or by following this link [www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949AFA728A1FD0-fchsv](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949AFA728A1FD0-fchsv)

For questions contact Alyssa Baldwin @ 205-706-0478 or [alyssa@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:alyssa@fcc-hsv.org)

**NOTE:** No CRT TVs, No broken electronics, No personally recorded videos or music, Non functional appliances have to have a note attached with the known repair.

**SEVERAL OPEN DATES FOR  
FOOD BASKETS**

The 2020 sign up chart for **FOOD BASKETS** is now up and 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. The donated funds go to our Community Outreach ministry.

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS OR GROUPS  
FEBRUARY 26 AND MARCH 4.**

Dear church family, thank you so very much for the wonderful "phantom" baby shower and your generous gifts. We are truly blessed by your generosity, love, and support as we prepare for the arrival of Baby Green. Your gifts will be used towards a stroller, car seat, and items needed for the nursery. Also, thank you to those who hosted and helped with the shower. We really enjoyed the pictures of the beautiful set up and our only wish was that we could have been there in person. First Christian Church in Huntsville will always be my church home and we look forward to attending services and seeing everyone whenever we are in town. We are excited to share this wonderful church family with our new addition.

Love, Kelsi (Shrout) and Jordan Green

**NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY  
CENTER - HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM**





During March, Christian Women's Ministries is sponsoring the collection of items for baby baskets for the National Children's Advocacy Center. Each year, approximately 20 baskets are distributed to the new mothers attending classes for caring for new born children. The baskets provide needed items and a gift of support to these struggling mothers.

The suggested items for collection are: 3 month size sleeping attire, baby wipes, shampoo, pacifiers, bibs, diaper rash cream, socks or booties, and receiving blankets. Monetary offerings are also welcome.

March 2020

Birthdays

- 2 Jan Mackenzie & Melissa Turner
- 3 Rebecca Blackman
- 4 A.J. Barr
- 6 Penny Jackman
- 9 Dorothy J. Montgomery
- 11 Sandra Austin, Jackie Sameck, & Jonathan Shrout
- 12 Chris Barr
- 13 Bud Hooker, Chase Jones, & Lauren Killough
- 14 Paige Brown
- 16 Andrew Collazzi
- 17 Caroline Herron & Phil Williams
- 18 Patti Allen
- 24 Michele Ammons
- 26 Jania Johnson
- 27 Josie Craig
- 31 Glenda Luft

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9 am Rummage Sale Prep Rummage Sale Drop-Off & Large Item Pick-Up	<b>2</b> 10 am Quilters Rummage Sale Prep Rummage Sale Drop-Off & Large Item Pick-Up	<b>3</b> 6 pm Personnel Committee Rummage Sale Prep Rummage Sale Drop-Off & Large Item Pick-Up	<b>4</b> No Wednesday night meal or small groups Rummage Sale Prep Rummage Sale Drop-Off	<b>5</b> 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study Rummage Sale Prep	<b>6</b> 8 am - 5 pm Rummage Sale	<b>7</b> 8 am - 12 pm Rummage Sale  <i>Remember to set your clocks one hour forward when you go to bed.</i>
	<b>8</b> <b>2 am Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> 3 pm Pickelball	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Esther Circle 10 am Quilters 11 am Conveners' Meeting	<b>10</b> 5:30 pm Elders' Meeting	<b>11</b> 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Men's Bible Study • Kids & Youth Bible Study • Men's Bible Study • Phoebe Circle • Women's Bible Study • Young Adults Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study 10: am Elizabeth Circle 6 pm Board Meeting	<b>13</b> 9 am Emmaus	<b>14</b>
	<b>15</b> 11:30 am Mission Family 3 Leadership Meeting 3 pm Pickelball	<b>16</b> 10 am Quilters	<b>17</b> 6 pm Christian Education 	<b>18</b> 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Men's Bible Study • Kids & Youth Bible Study • Men's Bible Study • Women's Bible Study • Young Adults Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study 	<b>20</b> 9 am Emmaus	<b>21</b>
	<b>22</b> 11:30 am Alyssa Baldwin Bridal Shower • Community Outreach Meeting 3 pm Pickelball	<b>23</b> 10 am Quilters	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Men's Bible Study • Kids & Youth Bible Study • Men's Bible Study • Women's Bible Study • Young Adults Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>26</b> 9:30 am DISCIPLES Study	<b>27</b> 9 am Emmaus	<b>28</b> 9 am Property Work Day 
	<b>29</b> 3 pm Pickelball	<b>30</b> Spring Break 10 am Quilters	<b>31</b> Spring Break				