



THE QUESTION OF ME

A tired old preacher joke:

One day a Baptist, a Roman Catholic, and a Methodist were discussing a serious question of the faith.

The Baptist replied, "The Bible says..."

The Roman Catholic offered, "The Pope says..."

And the Methodist said, "Well, it seems to me..."

Who is this "me" on whom we base our actions, reactions, and even our beliefs? That is the question of Lent, the season in which we consider whether the "me" we know is the "me" God knows we are capable of.

Henri Nouwen wrote, "The mystery of the spiritual life is that Jesus desires to meet us in the seclusion of our own heart... **to make our own deepest self known to us.**"

We all look to different sources for validation of what we believe and how we behave. Sometimes the most dangerous place to find this authority is in the "me" with which we identify, because this "me" is a shallow self, built on emotions, preferences, and biases. Which, in turn, means we are relying on a "me" that is not rooted in Christ. This easily leads to demonizing people who don't think/believe/act the way we do.

I'm seeing people do just this, as we navigate through divisive and difficult days. Which is why, on more than one occasion in the last few weeks, I have challenged you to struggle with God in these days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Struggling with God is exactly what it will take for us to let go of any understanding of God, ourselves, and others that is less than what God desires. Perhaps the issue isn't with others, but with us, with "me."

Taking Lent seriously opens us to a holy fellowship that is receptive and respectful of other perspectives. Seizing this opportunity will also open us to moments of spiritual growth that make us more the "me" God has created us to be. And that is exactly what Lent is all about.

Pastor Brad

HEALTH ESTABLISHMENTS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS



HEALS in Huntsville stands for Health Establishments at Local Schools. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing accessible quality school based Primary Health care for children. HEALS aims to make a significant difference in the lives of many children by offering on site medical dental and optometry care through collaborative efforts with local school systems and the medical community.

Your gifts to HEALS extend help to the children of our community. You can note HEALS for any amount on your check or whatever your preferred method of donating to First Christian Church.

Thank you,
Outreach Ministry

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The **deadline** for *Journey* submissions is **9:00 a.m. Thursday, April 2**. Email to: publisher@fcc-hsv.org

Alabama NW Florida-Meridian Regional Assembly

April 24 - 26, 2026

First Christian Church

1705 Taylor Road

Montgomery, AL 36117

[Get Directions](#)

Register now for Regional Assembly! A link to online registration for the event is [here](#). Early Bird registration (\$40 vs. \$60 for Adults) ends March 26.

Friday 3-5:30 PM Registration Check-In

Friday-7 PM We will gather for worship Friday night at FCC Montgomery with service led by our Associate Regional Minister Timothy O'Neal.

Saturday-9 AM The Assembly will begin with worship, led by our Hispanic Fellowship. We will hear powerful preaching from Rev. Roberto Rodriguez Sierra, and we will install Rev. Timothy O'Neal as Associate Regional Minister.

A Business Session will follow worship.

Saturday - Noon - All Assembly Lunch

Saturday-1:30 PM A group pilgrimage to the Equal Justice Initiative. There will be a time of reflection back at the church.

Saturday-6 PM - All Assembly Dinner



IT'S A GIRL! Congratulations to Miles & Kathrine (Boles) Stumb, and big sisters Mae & Anne Miles, on the birth of Mary Frances Lee Stumb on March 10th. Duffy & Lee Boles are the proud grandparents.



THE FOOD BASKET THE FOOD BASKET is given in honor of Matt Ball's birthday by Karen Ball.

ATTENDANCE

Mar. 8 Worship Service: 89
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 61
Mar. 15 Worship Service: 91
Small Groups (During week & Sunday): 13

REGIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Ministers under care
Primera Iglesia Cristiana Hispana,
Ft. Walton Beach, FL
First Christian Church, Birmingham, AL



Our 30th Habitat Home was started on Thursday, February 26. We are building the walls in the Habitat Warehouse over the next few weeks. When completed, we will move them out to the slab in Habitat Village off Meridian Street.

All volunteers are required to attend an online safety briefing. The briefing schedule is posted on our Habitat Bulletin Board outside the Parlor.

Come out and enjoy this wonderful outreach ministry of our church.

Bob Senn,

Mr. Habitat for FCC.

THANK YOU

My sister (Rebecca "Becky" Love Roberts) has asked me to thank the church and my family would like to express our sincere gratitude for the prayers offered on her behalf. She has now had two years of clear PET scans. The cancer is gone! She is busy volunteering for her church and being a busy grandma. We believe in the power of prayer and have faith that God's will shall be done.

Monty & Dinah Love

LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday Service, March 29

Procession of Palms

9:30 am Service

10:30 am Light Brunch and Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday Service, April 2

6:00 pm Communion and Tenebrae Service

Easter Service, April 5

9:30 am Service



March Pantry Needs

- Canned Fruit (Dollar Tree \$1.25)
- Shelf Stable Milk (Dollar Tree \$1.25)
- Spaghetti Sauce (canned or plastic please)
- Jelly (Dollar Tree \$1.25)
- Spaghetti Noodles
- White Rice (1-lb bags)
- Chef Boyardee
- Ramen Noodles
- Saltines
- Cereal

HUNTSVILLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MATTHEW 25:35