



# The Valley Voice

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Dear Friends, the recognition and gift to me on October 29 was a nice surprise. I appreciate being a part of Valley and its ministry and hope we can continue a long time sharing in the gift of Jesus in our lives and community. And, with my bout with vertigo, I thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement. Thank you for your caring. Peace, John Gregory

## BLESSING OF THE GREENS



The Blessing of the Greens is a joy-filled worship service highlighted by adorning our sanctuary with signs symbolizing the mighty acts of God in the gift of Jesus the Christ. Together we share with Christians everywhere the sacred memory of when heaven came down to the earth, where the eternal touched the temporal through the birth of a babe lying in a manger. Come worship with us and bring a friend Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.



## Planted on December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Many years ago, the little branch from the Nunnelly's back yard came to us as Valley's mitten tree and he has once again felt the cold snap of the beginning of the Christmas season. As he awakens from a deep sleep, yawns and stretches out his branches, he is reminded of all the mittens, hats and scarves that have hung from his branches for all these many years now. Yes, his baling wire and duct tape are still holding strong ready for another year of giving warmth and blessings for some little cold fingers in our community. Let's fill his branches with Valley's love with mittens, hats, scarves and coats again this year. All decorations will be given to the Greater Birmingham Ministries to be distributed to families in need of winter clothing.

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## THE FOUR MONTHS OF FILIPINO CHRISTMAS



Everyone is cordially invited to the AAA December gathering at Valley on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. Joy and David Weaver, missionaries to the Philippines, will be our guest speakers. The title of their program is "The Four Months of Filipino Christmas." They will share how the people celebrate Christmas and the many colorful traditions of this special season. They also will prepare a Filipino meal for us to enjoy. A love offering basket will be available to help defray expenses of the meal. Come celebrate with us!

## THE SOUNDS OF ADVENT



Valley Christian Church is pleased to announce a special musical series the first three Fridays in December (8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>). "The Sounds of Advent" will include selections of Advent and Christmas music both traditional and contemporary. Eve Harman and John Neville will begin the series on the 8<sup>th</sup> followed by the Tucker String Band on the 15<sup>th</sup> with Melodi McDill concluding the series on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will begin this joyous event with a brown bag lunch in the parlor at 11:30 am. The musical performances will start in our sanctuary at 12:00 noon and conclude by 12:20 pm. Everyone is cordially invited to bring a friend and help us get into the spirit of this blessed season of love.

## COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL ALABAMA

If you liked Kathryn Strickland's presentation this past Sunday and would like to contribute to her work, here is the address where you can send a contribution:

Community Food Bank of Central Alabama  
107 Walter Davis Drive  
Birmingham, AL 35209



Silence, Hush, Stifle, in other words, Shush the "Church Mouse" is quietly scurrying around in and out of the pews looking for some "Christmas Cheese" for the Valley Staff. Please make the check out to Valley Christian Church with a reference to Staff Gift. Either place it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, or give it to Stewart Draper.

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