



# The Valley Voice

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Our sanctuary will be beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. If you would like to be a part of this by placing a poinsettia in the sanctuary, please call Jane at the church office or place your name on the registration pad on Sunday. You may indicate someone to honor or to remember. Each plant is \$13.50. Please make check out to Valley Christian Church with a reference to poinsettias. They will be in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 on the following 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.

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## CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN DECEMBER



The Chancel Choir will present a series of beautiful Christmas music throughout December. On December 10<sup>th</sup> the Choir will present an enchanting song that brings in the Season of Advent titled "We Wait." On Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Choir will present a combination of beautiful Advent numbers that includes "Noel Alleluia", "Tiny Miracle", and "O Come to Us, Emmanuel." On Christmas Eve the Choir will bring us joy in a special Christmas song titled "Birthday in a Manger." The Season of Christmas will begin with "Let the Whole Creation Cry" to be presented on December 31<sup>st</sup>. These tidings of joy in music promise to bless your heart and soul as we journey in the Season of Advent to Christmas. Bring your entire family, friends and neighbors as we proclaim the goodness of God in Scripture and song.

## PEACE SUNDAY DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>



This Sunday we will be observing Peace Sunday. In this day and time, we all need to have more peace in our lives. We encourage each of you to come fellowship and worship as we come together to pray for peace for God's world.

## MITTENS AND TOYS



Last day to bring mittens and toys for the Mitten Tree is this Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for giving!

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST



*Prayers (continued)*

**Russell Fountain**

**Thomasine Glenn**

**Bill Gwaltney**, Johnson City, TN, Ginny Guindon's dad

**Michael Hodges**, Dana Stuckenschneider's brother

**Midge Hoke**

**Ellen Phillips**, Episcopal Place #1, 1112 26<sup>th</sup> Street South, Apt. 406, Birmingham 35205

**Flora Richardson**, Fairhaven, L2, Room 7215, 1424 Montclair Road, Birmingham 35210

**Sherry Sims**, Gary Edge's cousin

**Dana Stuckenschneider**, home

**Robert & Ruby Wilkes**

Each year we set aside two Sundays in December to take up a Special Day Offering we call "The Christmas Offering." These monies are used to enhance and support the various ministries of the Alabama-Northwest Florida Region. This year we have set as a goal \$550.00. Please give as God leads you in the support of the vital ministries of our Region.

*Save the Date*

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Work Day, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon  
Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Cabinet Meeting, 11:45 a.m.  
Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Men's Lunch, Magnolia Café @ 11:30 a.m.  
Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, Voice Deadline

**NOTE:**



The Elders will **not** meet in December. The next Elders' Meeting will be on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Gary or Lola if you need an Elder.

**THE CHURCH MOUSE**



Silence, Hush, and 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.

*New Address*

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**AAA**



Our January AAA event will be a trip to the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge near Decatur, AL on Thursday, January 4, 2018. The reason for this early date is that waterfowl numbers and sandhill cranes are at their peak during the first half of the month.

We will begin our visit at the Visitor Center where a park ranger will give us a short talk and orientation. From there it is a walk of about 100 yards to the Wildlife Observation Building, which has a large glass-enclosed room with seating and scopes for viewing wildlife. Wear warm clothing for the walk and bring binoculars if you have them.

We will leave the church in the van at 8:00 a.m. and eat lunch at Big Bob's Barbecue in Decatur at 11:00 a.m. Our talk by the park ranger is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. followed by a visit to the Wildlife Observation Building. We have scheduled events so that we will get home before dark.

Everyone is welcome to go with us. Please sign the reservation list on the desk near the elevator if you would like to go!



**Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.**

**Kyle Byrd**, William Byrd's brother

**Matt, Akira, Cerys and Tia Cutcliffe**, son and grandchildren of Marilyn Cutcliffe

**Noah Edge**, Ashville, NC, Gary Edge's son

**Lorene Edge**, home, Gary Edge's mother

**Roy Evans**, Jean Thrasher's brother