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WHAT DOES ASH WEDNESDAY MEAN?



Ash Wednesday gets its name from a ceremony - a rite or ritual - that takes place in many liturgical churches on a Wednesday six weeks or some 40 days (not including Sundays) before Easter. During Ash Wednesday services, worshipers come forward and the pastor or priest makes a mark in the shape of a cross on each person's forehead. This mark is made of ashes. In a dramatic way, these ashes reflect God's judgment and condemnation of sin, our total dependence on God, our humiliation and repentance. It is the reason we need a Savior; our sins have put a wall between us and God.

On Wednesday evening February 14th, at 6:30 pm we will gather for our annual Ash Wednesday service here at Valley. Come and share in this service of confession and forgiveness.

WORK DAY

February 17, 2018
9:00am – 12:00pm



We are coming into the home stretch. Most of the cleaning is done except for dusting the blinds in the fellowship hall. We will need a couple of people to paint a few things:

1. Window sills in the nursery
2. Nursery door to the toddler room
3. Nursery restroom door
4. Fellowship hall steps and handrails
5. Two outside doors.

All the supplies are at the church and ready to go. Just wear your painting clothes and come join us. Even if you cannot paint, it takes two on a team to get a job done. We would love to see some new faces, so please put this work day on your calendar.

Thanks, Peggi

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"THE BRICK ROAD TO THE CROSS"

A Lenten Brown Bag Study
Fridays 11:30 am – 12:30 pm



This year's Lenten Bible Study is based upon important lessons of Easter that come from people who met Jesus on the road to the cross. On this road we encounter the ones whom Jesus met: Malchus, a Centurion, Cleopas, Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, Barabbas, Simon of Cyrene, and Mary Magdalene. These people who met Jesus on the way to the cross give us a unique perspective on one of the greatest events of human history.

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| Feb. 16 | <i>On the Brick Road with Malchus</i>
Matthew 26:47-56 |
| Feb. 23 | <i>On the Brick Road with a Roman Centurion</i>
Matthew 27:54 |
| Mar. 2 | <i>On the Brick Road with Cleopas</i>
Luke 24:13-35 |
| Mar. 9 | <i>On the Brick Road with Nicodemus
and Joseph of Arimathea</i>
Matthew 27:57-61 |
| Mar. 16 | <i>On the Brick Road with Barabbas</i>
Matthew 27:15-26 |
| Mar. 23 | <i>On the Brick Road with Simon</i>
Matthew 27:30-32 |
| Mar. 30 | <i>On the Brick Road with Mary</i>
Matthew 28:1-10 |

Bring a Friend and Let's Walk This Brick Road to the Cross!

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST

WIND IN THE WILDERNESS



Jesus brought a ministry of justice. Love and compassion we get real easy, but justice! The Kingdom of God was not a heavenly futuristic vision. It was a message and action for people when they met Jesus. The prophets prepared the way and Jesus, learning from them, made the Kingdom real through his ministry.

Come, learn more about this reality with the Lenten study each Sunday at 9:15 beginning on February 18. Justice is not a word frozen in Jesus' day. Justice is a word and ministry that must be alive today. And, we are the disciples that must share the ministry of Jesus.

More Than WE Can Imagine



No tornados, hurricanes, or floods right now, however, the Week of Compassion is still at work and WE are a part of that ministry. The Week of Compassion is preparing for future storms and also doing much more: helping people and communities rebuild and re-hope their lives; helping people better their living conditions; teaching and showing the Christian faith; teaching people to clean water, improve sanitation, plant crops, educate children, etc.

"Around the World and Around the Year" we minister to God's people in many ways through our financial gifts to Week of Compassion. It is because of our giving, with many other Disciples of Christ, that we comfort, heal, teach and rebuild many people in many lands of this earth.

Our special offering will be received this month. Let your Valentine gift be a gift to the Week of Compassion. Watch, listen, and give and keep alive the presence of Jesus. Our goal is \$1,200. Let us give "More Than WE Can Imagine."

Dates to Remember



Sunday, Feb. 11th, 11:45 am - Cabinet Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 13th, 11:30 am – Men's Lunch @ Johnny Ray's
Thursday, Feb. 15th, 6:00 pm – BVM Eat-Out @ Niki's West - All Welcome
Saturday, Feb. 17th, 9:00 am-12 noon, Workday
Sunday, Feb. 18th, 11:45 am – Elders' Meeting
11:45 am – Security Team Meeting w/Sgt. Evans, Mountain Brook Police Department in the sanctuary
Monday, Feb. 19th, VOICE Deadline

AAA



Our next AAA event will be lunch at the Olive Garden Restaurant at the Galleria on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. We will leave the church by van at 11:00 a.m. and plan to eat about 11:30. Everyone is invited to join us for this time of food and fellowship. We have several trips planned for later after the weather improves.

Please sign the reservation list on the table near the elevator if you plan to go. Invite your friends to join us!

PRAYER LIST



Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

Sister Mary Bell, Macedonia Christian Church

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

Russell Fountain

Thomasine Glenn, Macedonia Christian Church

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

James Hammett, Terry Nunnelly's brother-in-law

Michael Hodges, Dana Stuckenschneider's brother

Midge Hoke, % James Hoke, 1104 West Joy Lane, Ft. Pierce, FL 34945

Ellen Phillips, Episcopal Place #1, 1112 26th 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, Macedonia Christian Church



Dear Valley Family, Thank you for your generous monetary gift. It will be very helpful to me in the coming year as I will put it towards outings with friends, monthly bills, and other essential items. It means a lot to me and thanks again for your generous gift!

Sincerely,
Lauren Simon

New Address

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