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An outstanding line-up of speakers will be a part of the 2018 Regional Assembly on April 27-29, 2018, at Valley Christian Church, Birmingham. Each of these special guests will focus upon the Assembly theme, "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other."



**Rev. Terri Hord Owens**, General Minister and President, will be our preacher during the Friday evening service, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Hord Owens was elected to serve as leader of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) during the 2017 General Assembly in Indianapolis. She has years of experience in the corporate world and in higher education as well as several years of service as a local church pastor.



**Rev. Gilberto Collazo**, President of Hope Partnership, will be our preacher during the Saturday morning service, which begins at 9:00 a.m., and also a workshop leader at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Rev. Collazo served for years as a part of the New Church Ministry Team in Church Extension prior to his call six years ago to serve as President of Hope Partnership. Rev. Collazo served as a local church pastor for 17 years prior to relocating to Indianapolis and has led numerous workshops and consultations with congregations.



**Rev. Rebecca Littlejohn**, Pastor with Vista La Mesa Christian Church in La Mesa, California, will be a workshop leader at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and also a speaker at the women's luncheon on Saturday. Prior to Rev. Littlejohn's call to her current ministry in 2011, she served as pastor with First Christian Church, Anniston, for 11 years. Rev. Littlejohn serves on the Board of Disciples Peace Fellowship and has previously served on the Board of Disciples Home Missions. She served as Chairperson of the Committee on the Ministry in Alabama-Northwest Florida. She has been called on to lead retreats and workshops, both in Alabama-Northwest Florida and beyond.



**Rev. Gary Edge** serves as Pastor with Valley Christian Church, Birmingham, the host congregation for the 2018 Regional Assembly. Rev. Edge will be preaching in the closing worship service of the Assembly on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. He began his current ministry in 2007 following his service in several other pastorates including First Christian Church, Tuscaloosa. Rev. Edge has served as a Regional Officer and on various committees within the Region. On many years he has served as a camp director and counselor.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST

## ASSEMBLY PREPARATIONS

We will have a training run-through this Sunday, April 15th, after church. If you have not already volunteered, but would like to help, you are welcome to join us.

Carolyn will have sandwiches so we can all eat before we start. We will talk about the tasks people signed up for and discuss shifts for all volunteers and how-to's like changing paper towels and toilet paper for those who are helping.

Thanks in advance to all our volunteers and if you're not able to be with us, we covet your prayers and support.

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### AAA



Because of preparations for the Regional Assembly, AAA will not meet in April. We have an interesting program arranged for May, however, and hope that everyone will join us.

The May event will be a trip to Earthborn Pottery in Leeds, AL. We will be going there on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, leaving the church by van at 9:00 a.m. We were unable to schedule this event on Wednesday, so please mark this change on your calendar.

Earthborn Pottery is owned by Tena Payne, a dedicated and accomplished potter since the 1970s. She collaborated with Chef Chris Hastings to design and create plating for his famous Hot and Hot Fish Club in 1997. Earthborn Pottery now offers design and creation services for chefs nation-wide.

After our tour of the pottery we will eat lunch at Laney's Restaurant in Leeds. A list for reservations will be available on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Plan now to join us!

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### RUTH



Ruth is an excellent study in the meaning of love.

Beginning in May, I will teach a Bible study from the book of Ruth. The study will begin on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. and we will meet each Tuesday until May 29<sup>th</sup>. Bring a friend and let's uncover the depth and wonder of God's gift of love. Bro. Gary



Saturday, April 14, Work Day, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
Sunday, April 15, Elders' Meeting, 11:45 a.m.  
Thursday, April 19, BVM Eat-Out @ Niki's West, 6:00 pm  
Sunday, April 22, Communion to Shut-Ins  
Monday, April 23, Voice Deadline

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## LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS



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

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

**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

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

**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**, Macedonia Christian Church

Current prayer concerns are listed on the back of the weekly Sunday bulletin for approximately one month. Long-term prayer concerns are published once a month in *The Valley Voice*. Please keep the church office informed of the status of individuals on the lists.