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**Dates of Interest:
August 2026**

**August is for Donations of
School Supplies**

- **August 1 - Oliver /Able
Wedding**
- **August 2 - Elders'
Prayer & Elders' Meeting**
- **August 8 - AAA trip to
Watts' Lake House**
- **August 9 - Joint
Worship Service with
Church of Grace and
Mercy,
Keven Robinson, Pastor**
- **August 12 - DW
Men's Luncheon**
- **August 14 - Jackie Ivey
and Danny Cox Wedding
Rehearsal and Dinner**
- **August 15 - Jackie Ivey
and Danny Cox Wedding**
- **August 17- VOICE
DEADLINE**
- **August 20 - BVM Dinner
Paw Paw Patch**



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A Word From the Pastor

I like driving, there is no doubt about that, and I have spent my share of time on the open road. Sometimes I take the interstates as they can get me from place to place fairly efficiently and there are almost always some sort of services available as gas stations, hotels and other services litter the landscape near the exits.

But if I have a choice, I will almost always choose another route, a US Highway or even smaller less traveled roads, especially when time is not an issue. While they may not have the amount of services found along the interstates, I do find the scenery and, quite often just the serenity of these roads, more than make up for the lack of conveniences.

That is the beauty of our network of interstates, highways and roads, there is something for everyone and there is almost always more than one way to get to our destination.

But as we also all know, with the amount of roadways in our country, there is the constant need for maintenance and upkeep that can throw a wrinkle into our plans as we may have to slow down, take detours or even wait patiently for the flag person to let us proceed on our way.

I bring this up because I think in many ways, this mirrors our lives. Sometimes we are out there on the interstates of our lives trying to get as much done as quickly as possible with the knowledge that there will always be more to do and our time is at a premium.

At other times we may venture onto a back road, taking things a bit more slowly, paying attention to the things right around us and cherishing the time we do have to give them.

And at other times we may find ourselves in the middle of a construction zone where things are happening that we have little or no control over, causing us to change course, revisit our plans or just wait patiently as we try to figure out what to do.

The good news is no matter which road we take, what obstacles we face or how long it takes to get there, we have a traveling companion who will be always by our side providing encouragement, guidance and even pointing us in the proper direction. This is the beauty and wonder of our Lord as there is no place He can't be found, no place He hasn't already been and no place He won't go with us because of His steadfast and unending love for each and every one of us. He has seen it all, done it all and overcome it all and in Him we cannot find a more reliable guide and traveling companion. And one more thing, when we choose to bring Jesus along, to listen for and to His guidance and instruction and to put our complete faith and trust in Him, it won't matter where we have been, what detours we faced, or even how long we have had to wait, our destination will be in full view, a destination prepared for us through His life, death and resurrection and one that will quite literally be out of this world.

So, yes, I like driving and feeling the freedom of the road, but it is nothing compared to the freedom I find in Christ my Lord, the very One who has paved the way for me and all who profess His name to redemption, salvation and everlasting life.

Praise be to God!

**Pastor Rick Malugani
Senior Minister
Valley Christian Church
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JULY 2026 AAA – ANCIENT EGYPT PRESENTATION

Valley Seniors' AAA's Ancient Egypt presentation by Tom Cain was a wonderful armchair safari, to travel back in time to the early civilization of Egypt. We had a good glimpse into the world many of us have never seen, only studied in history class. It was amazing to see the structures of the tombs and an explanation of how they were built. The land of the Nile is fascinating, and we learned about its early culture, the many pharaohs, and Cleopatra, and we saw pictures of the golden splendors in the kings' tombs, taking them into the afterlife. We really enjoyed Tom's presentation and hope we will have the good fortune to see the pictures of his next adventure to the Northern Lights in Iceland next Spring. After our travels to Egypt, Jean Thrasher treated us to a very delicious spaghetti lunch with several church people preparing the salad, garlic bread, and several desserts, and to top it all off, Carolyn Nunnelly designed the tablescapes with a miniature pyramid, palm trees, and even water for the camels on the sands of the Egyptian desert. Many thanks go to everyone who helped to bring this event to us at Valley!

Peggi Zinser

***“The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy, and with my song
I praise him.” Psalm 28:7 NIV***



AUGUST 2026 DONATION BASKET

For the month of August, the Outreach Department is asking for back-to-school items for both Greater Birmingham Ministries and Grace Klein. The Dollar Tree and Walmart have everything that the schools are requesting: loose-leaf binders with paper, pens, markers, wipes, notebooks, and construction paper. Please bring your items, and we will see that they are delivered to GBM and Grace Klein.

Thank you, Peggi Zinser



BLANKET SUNDAY

The Disciples Women thank everyone for supporting the recent Blanket Sunday at Valley. Enough funds were received to supply Church World Service with 72 blankets that will help bring comfort to people in their time of great need. Thank you for being a blessing to them!

Ginny Guindon

***“And when we take your gifts to those who
need them, they will thank God.”***

2 Corinthians 2:11 NLV



THE LAKE IS CALLING!

Smith Lake, that is. On Saturday, August 8, 2026, Jan and Bill Watts have invited Valley Folks to their lovely home on Smith Lake, 696 County Road 175, Crane Hill, AL 35053, for a day at the lake. We will relax on the Watts' porch overlooking the lake, enjoy a delicious lunch courtesy of Jan and Bill, and later, have an opportunity for swimming and/or boating. The van will leave the church at 9:30 AM. If you will be driving, please plan to be at the Watts' lake house by 11:00 AM. Please give Peggi Zinser 205.983.2492 your reservations by Friday, July 31, 2026, if you plan to go, either by van or car. Valley Folks are asked to supply drinks and desserts. There is a sign up sheet for drinks and dessert on the table outside the office. Everyone is welcome! Thank you, Lola Kiser.



“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”

Matthew 11:28-29 KJV