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**DALE C. BRAXTON AND OTHER
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST LEADERS
TO VISIT GHANA ON AUGUST 12-26, 2018**



Please be in prayer for our Associate Regional Minister and Pastor of Snow Hill Christian Church, Mt. Willing,, **Rev. Dale C. Braxton**, as he travels with other leaders in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on a two-week trip to the African country of Ghana. This trip to Ghana is being taken in collaboration with the Africa Office of Global Ministries, a joint partnership between the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. Messages of support and encouragement for Rev. Braxton as he makes this pilgrimage may be sent to him via email (braxtondale@hotmail.com).

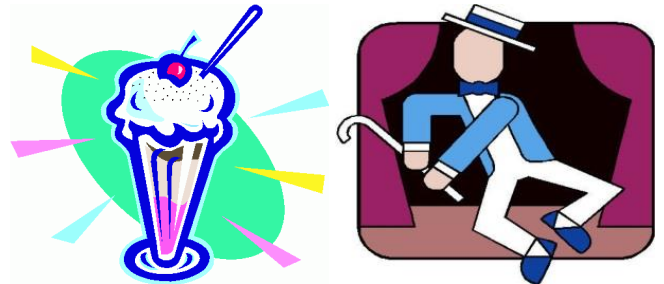
DISCIPLES WOMEN'S STUDY (continued)

Much of Jesus' teaching was in parables, stories that are sometimes only one or two sentences long.

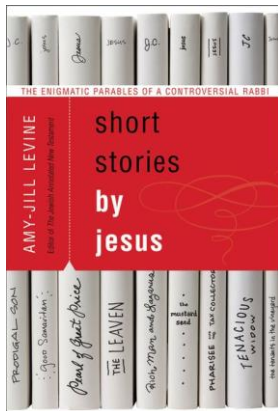
We have usually interpreted them in the context of our Christian heritage, some 2,000 years later. Professor Levine helps us imagine what these stories would have sounded like to people who had no idea that one day Jesus would be recognized as divine, be crucified and rise from the dead.

Our first study includes the "Lost" parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son (Prodigal Son). We invite you to join us on Wednesday, August 8th, 5:30 p.m. for this challenging study.

PARTY TIME



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S STUDY



Disciples Women are beginning a study of the book *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*, written by Amy-Jill Levine, University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Professor Levine is a member of Congregation Sherith Israel, an orthodox synagogue in Nashville, but she is often quite unorthodox. (continued on next column)

Gary and Stephanie are returning to us, and we are ready to celebrate. The party is on for this coming Sunday, Aug. 12, at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be homemade ice cream, snacks and hot dogs followed by a talent show, and we've invited Macedonia to join in the fun. If you can help with food or have a talent act, please add your name to the sign-up poster located on the table beside the elevator. Bring friends with you to the party!

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST

AAA



Our next AAA event will be a tour of the Golden Flake Potato Chip Plant in Birmingham on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. The van will leave the church at 10:15 a.m. After the tour we will have lunch at Niki's West restaurant.

Everyone is welcome! Please sign the reservation sheet on the desk near the elevator and pick up the instruction sheet for the tour.



Saturday, August 11th, 9:00 a.m.- 12 noon, Work Day
Sunday, August 12th, 11:45 a.m. – Cabinet Meeting
Tuesday, August 14th, 11:30 a.m. – Men's Luncheon,
Johnny Ray's
Wednesday, August 15th, 6:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
Thursday, August 16th, 6:00 p.m. – BVM, Niki's West,
All welcome!
Sunday, August 19th, 11:45 a.m. – Elders' Meeting



Thank you to all those who participated in our Human Rights Seminar last Saturday and/or helped in preparing for it. There were approximately 30 people in attendance representing six churches from District II. Many thanks to Rev. Dale Braxton and Commissioner Carnell McAlpine for leading this event.

Our next seminar will be about Homelessness as it affects women and children, Saturday, October 20, 2018, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Save the date and plan to come!

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS



Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

Michael Beeson, Dana Stuckenschneider's brother

Kyle Byrd, William Byrd's brother

William Byrd, Sr., William Byrd's father

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

Russell Fountain

Thomasine Glenn, Macedonia Christian Church

James Hammett, Terry Nunnelly's brother-in-law
Midge Hoke, % James Hoke, 1104 West Joy Lane,
Ft. Pierce, FL 34945

Hattie Belle Lester, Spanish Fort, AL

Ellen Phillips, River Highlands, Apt. 301,
1851 Data Drive 35244 **(New)**

Bobinell Ricci, home

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

Shirley Shaw, Jan Clark's sister, at River Highlands Nursing Home

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.