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RECONCILIATION OFFERING



The Reconciliation Special Offering is to be received on September 30 and October 7. This special offering funds the Disciples' effort to address racism in our society and within our Church. The money donated during this offering provides programs for leadership developments and grants for anti-racism, pro-reconciliation projects.

John Neville

WOMEN'S RETREAT



The annual Disciples Women's Retreat is fast approaching, so for more information, pick up a registration packet near the elevator. The retreat location is Camp Chandler in Wetumpka, AL on September 28th-30th. Pat Donahoo, Executive Director of Disciples Women Ministries, will be the featured speaker on the theme of "One in the Spirit". Come join us for this spiritually-uplifting event! See Ginny Guindon for additional information.

ACTIVE SHOOTER WORKSHOP

Yesterday some of the Security Action Team traveled to Snow Hill Christian Church in Fort Deposit, Alabama for a workshop on "Worship Without Worry", an active shooter seminar. It was a very informative workshop put on by the Insurance Board, which is Valley's insurance company. We met Don Taylor, our agent, and also Gerald Sink, the Director of Loss Control. He came down all the way from Ohio to conduct the workshop for us.

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ACTIVE SHOOTER WORKSHOP (continued)

Over the next few months the Security Team will be implementing our #1 Goal of Prevention of an aggressive intruder. We will be working with both Mt. Brook Police and Mt. Brook Fire Department in making plans for the safety of both congregations, visitors, groups that use our facility and our staff. I am sure that everyone by now has heard the phrase Run, Hide, Fight – in our case running might not be the best avenue to pursue. Hide and fight might be best for us.

The Security Team will be putting in place procedures and policies for Valley. There will be a plan for us to put in place and we will practice several times throughout the year – just in case. If anyone has any suggestions, please get in touch with either Peggi Zinser or Ed Guindon. Thank you.

SEEING THE FACE OF GOD IN HOMELESSNESS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN



HERE WE GO AGAIN – Another example of Valley "Breaking Out of These Brick Walls". On Saturday October 20th from 9:00-11:30AM the Education Department will host another seminar concerning important issues facing our community. There are several very informative speakers lined up that you will not want to miss:

One Roof, Ascension, First Light, and Jessie's Place

Our Giving Tree will once again be in the sanctuary, from Sunday, September 30th through Sunday, October 14th, and we want to fill the branches with items requested from the organizations that will be attending. There is a list on the table next to the elevator; take one and help fill the needs of these women and children. Thank you, Education and Outreach Departments.

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