



The Valley Voice

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SHORT STORIES BY JESUS

Short Stories by Jesus is the current study book for our Disciples Women's group. Each chapter contains a discussion of one or more of the short stories told by Jesus, known to us today as parables.

On Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor we will be studying the story of the "Good Samaritan". All women are invited to read Luke 10:25-37 and join us for this interesting discussion led by Sarah Draper.

Who were the Samaritans? Who are the Samaritans in today's world? Who are our neighbors? Which characters do you identify with? Think about these questions and join us as we study one of the best known short stories told by Jesus.

A WALL OF REMEMBRANCE



Near Florence, AL there is a wall built by Tom Hendrix as a memorial to his great-great grandmother, Te-lah-nay, a young Yuchi Indian girl who was forced from her home by the U. S. government and made to walk to Oklahoma as part of the Trail of Tears. For us it is a wall of remembrance, a wall of reconciliation, a wall of repentance, a wall of sorrow, a wall of hope, a wall of prayer that there will never be another Trail of Tears.

We will leave the church by van at 8:00 a.m., travel to the Wall for a short talk at 11:00 a.m. by Mr. Trace Hendrix, son of Tom Hendrix, and then view the memorial wall. Lunch will be at Ricatoni's in Florence.

Invite your friends to go with us. Please sign the reservation list on the table by the elevator if you plan to go. This will be a new and unusual event. Come and enjoy it!

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OUR SEMINAR SERIES



Approximately thirty people from six different Disciples of Christ Churches in District II attended our recent seminar on sewage disposal problems in Black Belt counties of Alabama. Our Associate Regional Minister, Rev. Dale Braxton, and Commissioner Carnell McAlpine from Lowndes County led this discussion, helping us to understand the problems of sewage disposal which citizens in these counties face.

Municipalities there are either unable or unwilling to address the issues. Because the soil there does not percolate, septic tanks and sewage systems are very expensive to install, \$8,000-\$10,000 for individual systems. This is prohibitive for many families with low incomes. In the meantime children play in areas contaminated by raw sewage, and health and justice problems continue.

The suggestion was made that we write Senator Doug Jones and Congresswoman Terri Sewell about these issues. Sample letters to them will be on the table near the elevator on Sunday. If you would like to express your concern, please sign giving your name and address. We will mail the letters for you.

Our next seminar will be about homelessness involving women and children on Saturday, October 20, 2018, 9:00 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST



Saturday, September 8, Work Day, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon

Sunday, September 9, Board Meeting, 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, September 11, Men's Lunch, Johnny Ray's,
@ 11:30 a.m.

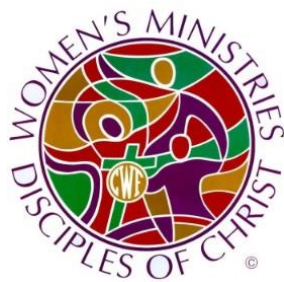
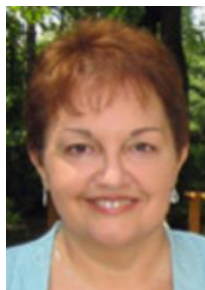
Wednesday, September 12, Disciples Women, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 16, Elders' Meeting, 11:45 a.m.

Women's Retreat Update

Camp Chandler in Wetumpka, AL

September 28-30, 2018



Saturday, September 29 activities begin at 9:00 a.m. with "One in the Spirit" speaker Pat Donohoo, followed by annual business meeting, morning workshops (choice of two), then lunch.

In the afternoon, we will be privileged to hear the Harmony Hill Chorus, a 12-member award-winning ladies group which is part of Sweet Adelines International. In addition, the schedule includes more workshops (choice of two), ice cream social, a performance by the New Bethel Praise Dancers, Bad Girls of the Bible study, as well as opportunities for recreation. You may choose to participate in the activities which interest you or just relax.

Morning Workshops:

- Caregiver Resources
- Cyber Safety
- Helping an Older Adult Stay Independent

Afternoon Workshops:

- Care Resistant Behaviors
- QPR Suicide Gatekeeper training
- Memory Screening
- Craft Workshop

Early bird registrations must be submitted online (<http://alnwfldisciples.org/>) or postmarked by Friday, September 7th. If you're interested in attending Saturday only (\$75 early bird registration, after that it's \$100), please contact Ginny Guindon for information, including transportation. We will return to Birmingham after supper.

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, Asheville, NC, Gary Edge's son

Lorene Edge, home, Gary Edge's mother

Roy Evans, Jean Thrasher's brother, home

Russell Fountain

Thomasine Glenn, Macedonia Christian Church

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

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

Jeff Kelly, Ginny Guindon's brother-in-law, Durham, N.C., recovering from lung transplant

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

Guy Stewart, special person in life of Debbie Stewart, daughter of Pat & Billy McDaniel

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.