



The Valley Voice

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"THE THORNS SPEAK!"

A Lenten Study with a Brown Bag Lunch
Friday 11:30 – 12:30

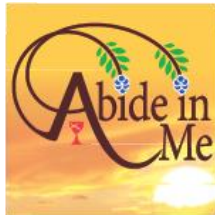


April 12 The Thorn of Unfinished Business
"It Is Finished, Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit"
Luke 23:43-47

April 19 **A Cross of Thorns**
Good Friday Service
(12 Noon)

Bring a Friend and Let Us Prepare for Easter!

PALM SUNDAY



On Palm Sunday, 4/14th, and Easter Sunday, 4/21st, we will collect the Easter Special Offering which funds many general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) including Disciples Women, Disciples Home Missions, Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries. We have set a goal of \$650 for this Special Offering. Thanks in advance for your generosity!
Cindy Neville

WEEK OF COMPASSION

\$325 was donated for the Week of Compassion collection for the recovery effort following the Lee County Tornado. When added to the \$1,255 collected for Week of Compassion earlier this year, that brings Valley's 2019 total to \$1,580 or \$38 more than 2018's total. Thank you!
Cindy Neville

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From the joy of Palm Sunday, to the mystery of the Last Supper, to the darkness of the Crucifixion, and finally to the wonder of Easter morning, there will be several opportunities to worship, contemplate, and celebrate the meaning of the most high and holy week in our faith. When we have felt the weight of gloom on Maundy Thursday, the dark cross of Calvary on Friday, and then Christ's last words "It is finished", we are more than ready to celebrate the greatest news the world has ever heard on Sunday morning: "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (I Corinthians 15:20).

As this glorious day approaches there will be several opportunities to worship and fellowship at Valley and Macedonia.

* On Palm Sunday we will celebrate with Palms and songs of Hosanna provided by our choir as we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

* On Maundy Thursday we will gather at Macedonia Christian Church at 6:00 pm for a fellowship meal and a special worship service remembering the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples.

* Beginning at 8:00 pm following the Maundy Thursday service, we will begin a 24-hour prayer chain in observance of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. You may sign up for a time to pray on the Prayer Chain chart in the Parlor.

* On Easter Sunday morning at 8:00 am you are invited to a special early worship service led by Valley and Macedonia celebrating the resurrection of our Lord. Then we will continue the celebration with an Easter breakfast provided by the men of Valley.

* Finally, at our 10:30 am service, the Bell Choir and our Chancel Choir of Valley will lead our worship with an Easter Special "The Bells of Easter!"

We hope everyone will join us for all these special events which will lead us to that glorious Good News of our faith: "He has risen! He has risen indeed!"

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST

EASTER GIVING PROJECT



For our Easter giving project, Valley will be collecting new socks and sneakers/tennis shoes (sizes 9 to 12) until Easter Sunday to donate to the men entering the shelter/faith-based ministry at The Foundry in Bessemer. Thank you for giving to these men in need!

Cindy Neville

CONSIDER NOW THE PINE TREES!



God has given us such a marvelous creation! We at Valley have become even more aware of that since our own pine trees were inadvertently harmed. Out of this unfortunate event, we are learning. It is renewing my faith to observe the example of our trees! Our 76 pine trees are striving with all their being. They are not sitting around giving up! As I watch them day by day, I am amazed at their will to live. Our botany consultants all tell us the same thing: Have patience! The trees will put out new growth and strive to live! As you watch your trees, notice that on the tips of the branches, you can see small sprouts beginning to grow! Our experts tell us that we cannot yet know for sure which trees will survive, but as long as a tree is flexible in the breeze, it has a good chance; even if it appears to us to have no pine needles! We are in watching, waiting, and praying mode for several more weeks. Come outside, make friends with your trees, and be inspired! -Linda Reeves. (Email me lindareeves906@gmail.com if you would like more specific information.)

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, April 10th, Disciples Women, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 13th, Work Day, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Sunday, April 14th, Cabinet Meeting, 12:00 noon

Monday, April 22nd, **Office Closed**

Tuesday, April 23rd, Voice Deadline

Wednesday, April 24th, AAA trip to Blackberry Hill Alpaca Farm, leave at 9:30 a.m., tour at 11:00 a.m.

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

Nancy Chism, Stephanie Edge's mom, 14120 Bone Camp Road, Coker, AL 35452 (home), fell recently.

Matt, Akira, Cerys and Tia Cutcliffe, son and grandchildren of Marilyn Cutcliffe

Mary Dodson, River Highlands, Memory Care, Room 17, 1851 Data Drive, Birmingham, AL 35244 (mother of Gary Dodson, our recent visitor)

Lorene Edge, home, Gary Edge's mother

Roy Evans, Jean Thrasher's brother, home

Russell Fountain

Thomasine Glenn, Macedonia Christian Church

Midge Hoke, % James Hoke, 1104 West Joy Lane, Ft. Pierce, FL 34945. Celebrating her 100th birthday on May 18th. Invitation on bulletin board.

Hattie Belle Lester, Bay Ridge at Westminster Village, Skilled Nursing, 500 Spanish Fort Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527

Brandon Ligon and family, Jamie Ligon's nephew

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