



# The Valley Voice

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## TEACH ME THY PATHS



In this beautiful springtime, God's Footstool Swamp is blooming again! If you walk the trail (only one eighth of a mile!) you will see 4 types of fruit-bearing plants, a tiny herb garden, many bulbs (including 3 types of lilies), azaleas, hydrangeas, an abelia, a rhododendron, a trillium, a fern, Solomon's seal, and beautiful wild flowers of all colors! You will delight in the fragrance of the Honeysuckle. You can also experience our new Meditation Area. This latest addition was a joint effort by Fiore Garden Designs, Linda, Russell and Gary. A sign with some poetry from Psalm 143 is coming soon. Thank you to all who have donated plants, and to all who have worked on the trail, the stone cross, the plants; and to those who have offered encouragement! A special thanks to all who have prayed for the trees! We often receive compliments from the community, and we see people walking the trail and enjoying the playground. Valley's outdoor area is a ministry to the community in ways that we will never fully know. Enjoy the trail yourself, and add our known and unknown trail walkers to your prayer list!



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## BLANKET SALE



The Disciples Women's Blanket Sale will be held on Sunday, May 12, 2019 and Sunday, May 19, 2019. You may honor or remember someone you held in a blanket, someone who held you in a blanket, or someone important in your life. Blanket donations are five dollars each. Gifts will be sent to Church World Service to provide warm blankets to people in need, including those stricken by natural disasters. We invite everyone to participate in this and all of our Disciple Women's projects.

## AAA

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.*

On Wednesday, May 22, 2019, AAA will visit the Auburn Veterinary School of Medicine for a tour of their facilities. The van will leave the church promptly at 8:00 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. tour. Lunch will follow at a local restaurant.

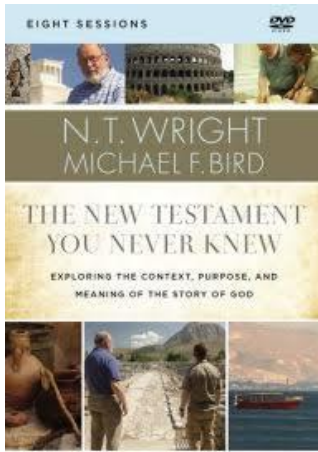
We thank Stuart Price and Gary for arranging this event. Stuart is a Disciple and has been the Moderator of the Alabama-Northwest Florida Region of the Christian Church (*Disciples of Christ*). Many of us know him.

Everyone is welcome to go with us. Please sign the list on the desk near the elevator if you would like to go. This promises to be a very enjoyable and interesting event as we learn about medical care for our beloved pets and other animals. Friends and visitors are welcome!!

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## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



The Adult Sunday School Class is beginning a new series using a video-based study entitled *The New Testament You Never Knew* by leading New Testament scholars, N. T. Wright and Michael Bird. The video will take us on a tour of the of the New Testament story, from Galilee to Golgotha, from Jerusalem to Rome. We will look at who Jesus is, the real meaning of His death and resurrection, the expansion of the church in the Greco-Roman world, the debates and setbacks along the journey, and the way Christians can live out the story of the New Testament in our own lives today.

Everyone is invited to our sessions at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday morning. We always have a meaningful and challenging study!



Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Work Day

Monday, May 13, 10:30 a.m., Disciples Women

Tuesday, May 14, 11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch, Johnny Ray's

Thursday, May 16, 6:00 p.m., BVM Eat-Out @ Niki's West. All are welcome!

Sunday, May 19, 12:00 noon, Board Meeting

Monday, May 20, VOICE Deadline

## 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

## LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS (continued)



**William Byrd, Sr.**, William Byrd's father

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

**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**, Gary Edge's mother, Lafayette Extended Care, P.O. Box 152, Lafayette, AL 36862

**Roy Evans**, Jean Thrasher's brother, home

**Thomasine Glenn**, Macedonia Christian Church

**Midge Hoke**, % James Hoke, 1104 West Joy Lane, Ft. Pierce, FL 34945. Celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 18<sup>th</sup>. (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 of the status of individuals on the lists.