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Monday through Friday

Spring Worship Schedule

Sunday Service

June 12 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service

June 19 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service

June 26 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service

July 3 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service

July 10 10:30 a.m.

Dates of Interest:

- June 14 - Flag Day
- June 19 - Father's Day
- June 20 - Voice Deadline
- June 23 - Summer Begins
- June 25 - Regional Convocation Workshop Tuskegee
- June 29 - AAA-Cook Museum Decatur
- Monday, July 4th Office Closed for 4th of July.

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A Word from Your Pastor

In the month of June, John Gregory and I will be sharing sermons about three mountains in the Old Testament. These mountains of scripture are high peaks that teach important lessons about God.

While these mountains are tall, they do not compare with Mt. Calvary in the New Testament. They do not compare with it in spiritual height. Mr. Calvary is Mt. Everest for the Christian.

On its summit God showed the mighty act of mercy and forgiveness. Our relationship with God was repaired through the death of His Son, "who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29)

Standing on this mountain, the view into the future is magnificent. We see the promise of eternal life. We know that "in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:37-39)

Therefore we need to climb Mt. Calvary each day for on that summit our lives are filled with fresh hope and confidence. Thanks be to God!

God Bless You, Edd

Three Mountains in the Bible

God loves mountains. On mountains in the bible God revealed to people His will and love. During three Sundays in June we will travel with God on three mountains in the Old Testament.

May the following mountains of scriptural history bring us closer to God. May they help us have a mountaintop experience with the Lord! The schedule for these mountain sermons are as follows:

Sunday June 12 "Mount Moriah: God Provides" Genesis 22:1-14

Sunday June 19 "Mount Sinai: The Law of God" Exodus 20:1-17

Sunday June 26 "Mount Carmel: Making a Decision" 1 Kings 18:16-39

Invite a friend to worship as we encounter God on several important mountaintops. Invite a friend as we: Lift up our eyes to the Hills—where does our help come from? Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2

Life in the Valley

Prayers, Joys and Concerns

- Jean Thrasher joined the church on Pentecost Sunday. She has been a longtime friend and Christian worker and we now welcome her as a member of the church.
- The Dove Release on Pentecost Sunday lifted our spirits. There were 48 people present for this worship service. Butch Glass did let Peggi know that all the doves did return home safely.
- John and Jane Churchill's granddaughter, Hartley had her tonsils out at Childrens' Hospital recently but had to be re-admitted because they could not stop the bleeding. Please pray for Hartley.
- Our prayers are with Sara Simon, Terry Nunnally, Judy McMillan and other friends that have Covid.
- John Gregory will bring the message on Sunday, June 19th. Edd will be away on a family reunion in the Smoky Mountains.
- Andrea Clark's cousin's husband, Keith Howell, has passed away unexpectedly at home recently. Please pray for the family.
- Sara Simon's grandchild Acadia Simon's grandfather, Len Hamilton, passed away unexpectedly in the hospital recently. Please pray for the family.
- Peggi Zinser had a joy that her family, her two daughters Leslie and Christie and her granddaughter Taylor attended church at Valley on Pentecost. What a blessing to see these lovely children of Peggi's!
- Ginny Guindon says that her daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and Spencer Johnson are doing much better from their bout with COVID. Thank you so much for your prayers.
- A big thank you to all who helped with the Education Seminar "The Church and Senior Adults". Three departments joined to work on it and it was enjoyable and a great success. The audience participation was great!
- For the month of June the Food Pantry item is canned meat.

A Thank You

A schoolteacher who asked her students to bring to show-and-tell a symbol of their faith. One student said, "I'm a Catholic, and this is a rosary". Another student said, "I'm Jewish, and this is a star of David". Finally a third child said, "I'm a Christian (Disciple of Christ), and this is a casserole". This story is funny, but it also shows what people do when someone in the church family is hurting. We often bring food as a symbol of our love and support during such a difficult time. And in times of joy at Valley Christian Church, people bring wonderful food to share in the parlor after morning worship. As a church we are grateful for these acts of kindness. Thank you members and friends of Valley for providing

food in times of support and in times of joy. We are all grateful for your love.

A Month of Love

In a sermon recently I encouraged you to dedicate June as a month of love. A month to express your Christian love to another person. The following is the timetable and instructions for this experience.

- The second week of June 12 - 18, write a letter to a person. It might be a letter of love or thanks or encouragement or apology or reconciliation.
- The third week of June 19 - 25, is the week to make a phone call to that person.
- The fourth week of June 26 - July 2, pray for the person by placing the name of the person on a piece of paper and holding it over your heart.
- The first week of July 3 - 9, make a visit to the home of the person.

This will be a great experience for those who take it seriously and really commit to it.

June AAA Event

On Wednesday, June 29, 2022, AAA will visit the Cook Museum of Natural Science in Decatur, Alabama. This museum provides a hands-on experience about nature, animals, environment, etc.. Located inside the museum is Nature's Table where we can enjoy healthy food. The van will leave the church at 9:00am for the trip. You can make your reservations by calling Marilyn in the church office by Friday, June 24, 2022. Entrance fee is \$17 for seniors and \$20 for other adults. Mark your calendar and join us! Visitors are welcome!

Search Committee Appointed

On May 15, 2022 the Valley Christian Church (VCC) official board voted to approve a search committee to seek a pastor for the congregation. The committee consists of the following seven members:

- Beth Collier-Deacon and Treasurer
- Stewart Draper-Elder and Trustee
- Ginny Guindon-Deacon and Financial Secretary
- Sara Simon-Elder
- Ted Stuckenschneider-Elder and Trustee
- Jim Taylor-Member at large
- Peggi Zinser-Assistant Treasurer

The committee's initial meeting was on May 23, 2022 to organize and be oriented to duties by Rev. John Mobley (now-retired Regional Minister) and Rev. Dale Braxton, Interim Regional Minister. The initial work will include preparation and conducting of a congregational self-study survey in the coming weeks. More information will be communicated soon concerning a date for the survey.

Please join the search committee in prayer for discernment and leading by the Holy Spirit as we begin this important process in the life of VCC. - Ginny Guindon, Search Committee Chairperson