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A PUBLICATION OF VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ) Birmingham, Alabama



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Spring Worship Schedule

Sunday Service

July 31 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service

August 7 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service

August 14 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service

August 21 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service

August 28 10:30 a.m.

Dates of Interest:

- August 6 Valley Work Day
- August 7 Food Pantry Sunday - Dried Beans /Peas
- August 15 Voice Deadline
- August 20 "Climate Change" Seminar
- August 24 AAA trip to Cathedral Caverns in Woodville, Alabama
- August 28 Senior Adult Sunday
- August 29 Voice Deadline

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A Word from Your Pastor

A grandfather was talking to his grandson about how he felt about a crisis in his life. He said, "I feel as if I have two wolves fighting in my heart. One is the angry and impatient one and the other wolf is the loving and patient one." The grandson asked him, "Which wolf will win the fight in your heart?" The grandfather answered, "the one I feed." I feel this story applies to our lives at Valley. We all wrestle with the question in life of "which wolf do I feed?" Is it the wolf of restlessness and a lack of patience? Or is it the wolf of compassion and patience? I feel my job as your Interim Minister is to help you as a church to choose love and patience. To turn to the word of God and hear the Lord say in Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God." This word of God will help us be less anxious in our spiritual journey together. It will help us be patient as we grow the church to the glory of God. God Bless You, Edd

The Psalms

There are 150 Psalms in the Old Testament. These Psalms are the prayers of the people of Israel. They contain all the emotions of the people of Israel. Words of struggling believers who felt alone and abandoned. But they are also words of joy, thanksgiving and praise. The sermon series for August will center around some of these Psalms. I hope that the following Psalms will speak to us the things of God.

- Sunday August 7 Psalm 139 "The Irrational and Consistent Presence of God"
Rev. Jim Brooks
- Sunday August 14 Psalm 23 "In the House of the Lord Forever"
- Sunday August 21 Psalm 56 "Put My Tears in Your Bottle"
- Sunday August 28 Psalm 137 "Singing the Lord's Song in a Foreign Land"

Outreach Committee Disbursement of the 2021 Living Endowment Fund

Greater Birmingham Ministries	\$737.65
Christian Services for Children of Alabama	\$732.50
Firehouse Shelter	\$732.50
Alabama Arise	\$492.50
Alabama Children First Alliance	\$492.50
Christmount Christian Assembly	\$492.50
Community Food Bank	\$492.50
Faith in Action Alabama	\$492.50
Total	\$4,665.15

We celebrate at Valley these ministries of outreach that we provide to help those in need.

August Education Seminar

On Saturday, August 20, 2022 the Education Department is sponsoring a seminar entitled "Climate Change" led by Professor Jim McClintock from the Biology Department at UAB. The program will begin at 9:00am for about an hour, followed by a time of fellowship and discussion. Professor McClintock has done extensive work and study in the area of climate change and in view of current events his talk will be of special interest. Everyone is invited. Come and bring a friend!

Life in the Valley

Prayers, Joys and Concerns

- Margaret Cox has Covid but it is a very mild case and we hope she is out of quarantine soon. Our prayers are with everyone who has Covid.
- A grateful thank you to John Neville who filled in quickly for Margaret this past Sunday and we did not have to go without music.
- The Guindon's have a joy that their family is growing with a new granddaughter in January 2023! The proud parents are Brad and Becca Johnson as well as big brother Scotty.
- The Guindon's also have a joy that Naaman Fatkins has recovered from his illness and is now out of quarantine, out and about and back to work. Thank you for your prayers!
- The Financial Office has a joy that Andrea Clark's former employer, Jane Pearson, MD, donated a Xerox copier to us. We needed it and appreciate her kindness and generosity!
- Edd and Mary Pat will be traveling on the World's Longest Yard Sale on August 4th—7th. The yard sale goes from Gadsden, Alabama to Hudson, Michigan. They will be lucky just to reach Tennessee.
- Rev. Jim Brooks will bring the morning message on Sunday, August 7 while the Spencers are "shopping until they drop" on the World's Longest Yard Sale.
- Please be in prayer for Ann Johnsey, who is having surgery at St. Vincent's on Tuesday.
- Mary Ellen and Bill Caughran's last Sunday in leading our music ministry is Sunday, July 31. We will honor Mary Ellen and Bill in the parlor following morning worship.
- The church staff had a celebration lunch of Chinese food with Mary Ellen on Thursday, July 14 in the parlor.
- Edd and Marilyn will both be on vacation Monday, August 8 through Thursday, August 11. Lola will answer the phone on Monday and Marilyn will pick up any messages from voicemail during the week. Or you may feel free to call Marilyn at 205-413-9662 or 205-403-0481.
- The Food Pantry items for Food Pantry Sunday (August 7th) and the month of August are dried beans and peas.

Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism committee met to discuss the upcoming projects for the rest of the Summer and Fall. Pastor Edd met with us with encouragement and ideas to move us forward. We are obtaining addresses of new move-ins in the 35243 zip code and will be sending out information on our church and our community activities through December.

We are planning an off-site Blessing of the Pets at River Run Dog Park in the Fall, Carolyn is checking with Mt. Brook on the regulations, more information to follow on this. The web-site and the picture gallery by the awning door are out of date and we are looking for more up-dated pictures, if you have any please get them to us so we can bring everything up to date.

Lola is working on getting materials ready for visitor packets to give out when we have a visitor and also to pass out in our neighborhoods. Edd wants to have a neighborhood Halloween Party again for Cherokee

Forest like we did several years ago. We would like to get on Next Door for the local area if someone knows how to do that let Peggi know and she will give them the information she has concerning this.

Peggi Zinser- Chair

Katelyn Clark and Jonathan Richardson Wedding

Together with their families, Katelyn Clark and Jonathan Richardson invite you to share in their wedding celebration on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 4:00 in the afternoon at 2109 Pinehurst Drive, Gardendale, Alabama. Please join them afterwards for dinner and dancing. Wedding details, registry and RSVP can be found at this link:

www.zola.com/wedding/clarkrichardsonwedding

Search Committee Update

The Search Committee is working on our profile with the information from the surveys that were submitted at the Town Hall Meeting. The committee is completing the data on our church to find out what's important to us in looking for a new minister. We want to be able to tell our story about our congregation, our members and what we do as a congregation. The profile data will be drawing from our history in the community, looking at our property and what facilities we have and how we use them as we minister to others.

Noland Bequest

Thanks to the family of Joan Noland for the very generous bequest of \$25,000 from her estate to be invested in the Valley Christian Church Living Endowment Fund. Valley also received a \$25,000 bequest from the estate of Terry Noland in 2020 which was invested in the Living Endowment Fund as well. We greatly appreciate the continued love and support from the Noland family as expressed in these gifts in memory of Terry and Joan.

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Christmas is nearer than you think and so is our Advent Devotional Booklet! This year the title will be "Letters to the Christ Child". Each devotional will be a letter you would write to the Baby Jesus, covering whatever you want to tell him. We will post a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board soon. Devotionals should be turned in to the office or Lola Kiser by November 1, 2022 to allow time for printing and distribution of the booklets by the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022. Thank you very much for your interest and help. Merry Christmas! - Lola Kiser

August AAA Event

Our August AAA event will be a trip on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 to Cathedral Caverns State Park and a tour of the cave there. The park is a recreation area and natural history preserve located near Woodville in Marshall County. The cave, the park's main feature, was developed as a tourist attraction in the 1950's. We will leave the church by van at 8:15am for an 11:00am tour. Reservations are required and are \$15 per person. They do accept credit cards. We must have reservations given to Marilyn by Wednesday, August 17. The tour is about 1.5 miles round trip and requires 90 minutes walking time. A golf cart is available for 2-3 people if needed. There are some steep hills but no stairs. We will eat lunch afterward. Join us for a fun day!