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DISCIPLES WOMEN RESPOND TO HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF

The Disciples Women group purchased and delivered items this week to provide aid to hurricane victims in the Carolinas and in the Bahamas. The City of Birmingham, Summit Media and Christian Relief Services sponsored the collection at Boutwell Auditorium September 9 through September 12.

If you've been moved by the loss brought by Hurricane Dorian and feel compelled to help, please consider giving to the Week of Compass to assist with relief efforts. Make your check payable to Valley Christian Church and designate "Hurricane Dorian Relief." We will collect contributions through 9/22. Thank you!

SECURITY TEAM UPDATE – FIRE SAFETY IN THE CHURCH BUILDING

The team is working on four areas of security for Valley Christian Church. Number one is Fire Safety, two is Weather safety, three is Medical Emergency and four is Active Shooter. This week we started with the Fire Safety. The security Team Leaders, Ed Guindon, Stewart Draper and Peggi Zinser had a very informative meeting with Mtn. Brook Fire Chief Rhudy. He went over all the safety aspects of evacuation in case of a fire in the church. Chief Rhudy suggested that each month we have a fire safety tip on the bulletin board and in the VOICE. Since October is Fire Safety Month we will have a fire drill at the end of that month with instructions on how to evacuate and where the designated meeting area will be. The tip for the month of September is: Keep all doors closed at all times, this helps to keep the fire from spreading.

AAA TRIP

Sign up now for our AAA trip to historic Mooresville, AL on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. Mooresville is the first town incorporated by the Alabama Territorial Legislature on November 16, 1818.

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After a tour of Mooresville we will have lunch at the nearby Greenbrier Restaurant. Following lunch we will visit the historic Decatur Union Passenger Depot which was built by the Southern Railway in 1905 and is a symbol of Decatur's rich railroad heritage. The Union Depot was the result of the joint use by two railroads, the Southern and the Louisville & Nashville.

The van will leave the church at 8:30 A.M. Everyone is invited to join us!

CONGRATULATIONS

Rebecca Guindon McWhirter successfully completed her recent board exam, fulfilling the requirements to be a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner.

CELEBRATING the ministry of Gary Harold Edge October 6, 2019 12 noon

We will celebrate 12 years of Gary's ministry here at Valley and 48 years as a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with a luncheon after worship on October 6. The church will purchase fried chicken as requested by the honoree. Bring a covered dish with a little extra. We may have some special guests that will come. The church mouse is also receiving a love offering for Gary. Make your check payable to Valley and in the for line put "Edge love offering".

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

It's that time of year again-time to prepare our Valley Advent Devotional Booklet. We have all heard of events and program entitled "Christmas in Song" or "Christmas in Music". Following that tradition, our Advent Booklet will be entitled "Christmas in Words" Each devotional will be written around a word associated with Christmas. Some of the words will be found in the Christmas story in the Bible. Others will be suggested by the actions or emotions of the individuals in that story. Or you may tell us what a word means to us today as we celebrate Christmas.

Advent begins this year on Sunday, December 1, so we will appreciate receiving the devotionals by Sunday, November 3, to allow time for preparation of the booklet for availability on December 1. Each devotional should be 250 words or less in length and may be sent to the church office or given to Lola Kiser. The sign-up list will be on the bulletin board near the office next Sunday.

Please give prayerful consideration to participating in this Christmas project. We appreciate your help very much.

Lola Kiser, Editor

PICNIC! PICNIC!

The annual BVM picnic sponsored by Valley and Macedonia Christian Churches will be at Macedonia on Saturday, October 12, 2019 beginning at 12 noon. We will eat about 1:00 P.M. The picnic will feature Thomasine's famous fried fish and Robert's great hot dogs and hamburgers. We invite folks to bring their favorite picnic dishes for everyone to enjoy.

There will be games for all ages. Recruitment is already underway for the traditional horseshoe contest!! Bring your favorite games to play.

Everyone is invited; guests are always welcome. We would like to reach out to our neighborhood friends by offering them an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship!



Saturday, September 14th, 9:00 am-12:00 noon
Work Day

Sunday, September 15th, 1 2:00 noon
Board Meeting

Thursday, September 19th, 6:00 pm BVM Eat Out
Niki's West

Monday, September 23rd VOICE deadline

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS



Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

Michael Beeson, Dana Stuckenschneider's brother

William Byrd, Sr., William Byrd's father

Nancy Chism, Stephanie Edge's mom, 14120 Bone Camp Road, Coker, AL 35452

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)

Roy Evans, Jean Thrasher's brother, home

Thomasine Glenn, Macedonia Christian Church

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

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.