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A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

There was a little boy who was taken to the dentist. The dentist discovered that he had a cavity that would have to be filled. "Now young man", asked the dentist, "What kind of filling would you like for that tooth?" "Chocolate please", replied the little boy. We wish that all of our fillings would be chocolate. But life does not work that way, especially during the season of Lent for the Lord. Lent is the season we reflect on the suffering and passion of our Lord. Lent is a period when we take a special look at the cross. A look not at an empty cross, but one bearing upon it the body of our Lord. And the message is clear. It is the one who hangs nailed to the cross who brings us salvation. Therefore, during Lent of February 26 through April 11, may we remember as He died for us, so we are to live for Him. May we remember as He offered His body as a dying sacrifice to us, so we are to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to Him. God Bless You, Edd

SERMON SERIES FOR LENT

The words of a dying person are always significant but never more so than when that person is Jesus, the Son of God. During the holy season of Lent, we will lift up the last words of Jesus from the cross. Our reflection upon those words will help us to understand who Jesus is and why He died, and why the gospel is such good news. In the following sermons, may we together hear God's message of enduring love.

- Sunday, March 1 "Father, Forgive Them"
- Sunday, March 8 "Behold Your Son"
- Sunday, March 15 "Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise"
- Sunday, March 22 "My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"
- Sunday, March 29 "I Thirst"
- Sunday, April 5 "Father Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit. It is Finished."

EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLES

During Advent, we light candles celebrating the birth of Jesus. During the worship services of Lent, we will extinguish candles remembering the death of Jesus. Our Lenten candles will be extinguished by the Deacons.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Beginning on Sunday, February 2, there will be a Children's Moment in worship. This special time to share the love of God with children will take place every Sunday in the early part of worship following the Invocation Prayer.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th AT 6:00PM

Lent begins Wednesday, February 26th. It is the season when we reflect on the suffering of our Lord. A season to consider ways that we can suffer for our Lord and carry our own personal cross for His glory. We will gather in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, February 26th at 6:00pm. This service will include music, meditation on the sounds of the passion and walking forward to receive the mark of the cross on our foreheads. Invite a friend to this service and all of our Lenten services as we proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

Lent is the season of forty days which begins on Ash Wednesday in preparation for celebrating Easter on Sunday, April 12th. The following is a schedule of our worship services for Lent.

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| Wednesday, February 26 th at 6:00pm | Ash Wednesday Worship Service |
| Sunday, March 1 st | First Sunday of Lent |
| Fridays, March 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th and April 3 rd at 11:30am | Brown Bag Lunches followed by Lenten Worship Services on the Cross in the Sanctuary at 12:00noon |
| Thursday, April 9 th at 6:00pm | Maundy Thursday meal followed by Maundy worship and Communion at 7:00pm |
| Thursday, April 9 th at 8:00pm till Friday, April 10 th at 8:00pm | 24 Hour Prayer Vigil |
| Friday, April 10 th at 12:00noon | Good Friday Worship Service outside by the cross |
| Sunday, April 12 th at 8:00am | Easter Sunrise and Breakfast at Macedonia |
| Sunday, April 12 th at 10:30am | Easter Worship at Valley |

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YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Attention all young adults! Please join us for a NEW bible study starting March 1st 2020! More details to follow soon!

REACHING OUT TO VISITORS

Beginning Sunday March 1st, a visitor and member card will be in the bulletin. This will help us identify visitors with addresses so that we may call on them.

Also, a letter is being sent to our Cherokee Neighbors lifting up all of our special Lenten Services. Our hope is that some of them will join us as we worship God in this holy season.

HOLY BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP CLASS

A class for holy baptism will be offered after church on Sunday, March 22nd and Sunday March 29th. This class will be led by Edd and will last for thirty minutes. This class is for children, grandchildren, youth and adults who are considering baptism. Also, if you are an adult and want to rededicate your life and be baptized, then this class can be a wonderful opportunity for you. Holy Baptism will be on Easter Sunday, April 12th in morning worship. Please contact Edd if you are interested.

A VISIT TOGETHER

During the months of February and March, I would like to visit in the homes of members and friends of Valley. An Elder of the church will be coming with me.

If it is not convenient to visit in your home, then we could get together for lunch at a restaurant.

My reason for these visits is to get to know each other better. I would love to hear about you and your family, your jobs, your hobbies and your life. I will share some of my life with you too.

I will call and make appointments because I know your time is valuable.

Looking forward to our moments together. God Bless You, Edd

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

We are in the process of preparing the 2020 Yearbook for Valley. In order to have correct information and get the yearbook out quickly, we ask that you send corrections or updates to the church office by the date of your Leap Year Celebration, February 29, 2020. This will be your gift to us and will be much appreciated! Many thanks for your help.

AAA – BIRMINGHAM HOLOCAUST EDUCATION CENTER MUSEUM TOUR

On Wednesday, February 19th the van will leave the Church at 9:30am for a AAA trip visiting the Holocaust Educational Center Museum at Temple Emanuel on Highland Avenue for a tour at 10:00am. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, the most notorious concentration camp in Poland, by one of our Allies, the Soviet Union, on January 27, 1945.

Approximately 6 million Jews were killed during the Holocaust. This exhibit explains their unspeakable suffering and also makes us aware that this should never happen again. We will have a guide who will

give us a tour and tell the story of her Father who is a Holocaust survivor. This will be a very informative and timely event for our seniors' trip. After our tour we will eat lunch at the Fish Market. AAA also commemorated another anniversary in December with our visit to Montgomery for our 200th anniversary year as a state.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE RECOGNITION THANK YOU

Dear Valley, Thank you very much for the 2020 Lifetime Christian Service Recognition and for the trust you have placed in me. This is a lifetime task and I promise to continue this work as long as possible. Working with each of you has been my pleasure, and I look forward to our continuing ministry together at Valley Christian Church. Sincerely, Lola F. Kiser

Thank you Valley Christian for the Christian Service Recognition for 2020. We are a blessed church to have so many creative and talented people that we call family. This sacred community is dedicated to serving all God's people in not just one way, but multiple ways here at Valley and I am very honored to be among them. I sincerely appreciate the recognition. Thank you very much, Peggi Zinser

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I could fill this page with thank yous. There is no way to adequately acknowledge my gratitude for the Christian Service Recognition. You have truly blessed my life with this special recognition. May God continue to bless you all. Sincerely, Tim Devine



SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 15, 2020 | 1:30 PM

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