



The Valley Voice

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WELCOME!!

We welcome Kohler and Beth Collier as new members here at Valley. Kohler was baptized by Brother Gary on October 2, 2019 and Beth transferred her membership from another church. Both have worked tirelessly on many projects here at Valley. WELCOME Kohler and Beth!

LETTER FROM BROTHER GARY

Dear Church Family and Friends:

What a blessing you are! Thank you so much for the wonderful gift of your love and gracious kindness in putting together a great celebration for my retirement. You are so creative and the whole experience was one of joy and laughter. Stephanie and I will never forget it.

It is so hard to believe that I have had the honor to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in the pulpit for over 40 years. Of course ministry never ends and I am looking forward to the "best yet to come."

Thank you so much for the gracious Love gift. We will be thinking of you as we use this gift to fill our bucket list!

Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead as God will lead Valley Christian Church in the continuing blessings of the ministry of love and vision for the community and the world.

You are in our hearts always!
Stephanie and Brother Gary

THANK YOU

A very special 'thank you' to all who helped to make the retirement celebration for Gary & Stephanie a wonderful success. Thanks to Peggi Zinser for planning the program, to Ginny Guindon and the Fellowship committee for setting up the lunch, to Carolyn Nunnally for the decorations, and to Stewart Draper, Peggi Zinser, Jamie Ligon, Margaret Cox, Carolyn Nunnally, Ed Guindon, The Valley Swingers, Lola Kiser, John Gregory for participating in the program. A job well done by ALL.

WHAT'S IN A WORD??

Our Advent Devotional Booklet this year will be entitled "Christmas in Words". Each devotional is to be written about a word tht has special meaning at Christmas.

Some of the words are joyous, traditional words and some express an element of negativity. All reflect emotions we sometimes feel at Christmas. The authors of these devotionals are either members of Valley or friends with close ties to Valley.

If you are writing a devotional, please email it to the church office or give it to Lola Kiser by Sunday, November 3rd to allow time for preparation and distribution of the booklets on Sunday, December 1st, the first Sunday of Advent. Each should be limited to 250 words, plus or minus a few!

Thank you very much for your interest and participation in this important project.

THE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Stewardship Campaign kickoff was this past Sunday with the theme of "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." As Christians we are called to commit our hearts and resources to serve God. Here at Valley we have a multitude of ministries that communicate that God is our priority. Envelopes with letters and Estimate of Giving cards were distributed on Sunday or you will receive these in the mail soon if you were not in attendance on 10/06. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to the ministries at Valley in 2020. You may mail or bring your completed Estimate of Giving card to our Sunday, 10/27, service to be blessed.

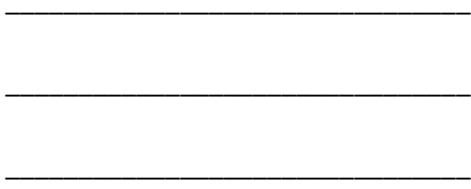
HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF/WEEK OF COMPASSION

A total of \$1,425 was donated for Hurricane Dorian relief/Week of Compassion. Great job Valley!

2020 BOARD OFFICERS

On October 20, 2019 the nominating committee will be passing out to the congregation the slate of officers for 2020 in preparation for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on December 1, 2019 after worship. The congregation will vote to approve these nominees; however, should you want to nominate someone else please first contact the person and get their approval before bringing this to the committee's attention. Thank you very much – Peggi Zinser – Nominating Committee Chair

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OCTOBER AAA EVENT



Our October AAA event will be a trip on Wednesday, October 23 to Cheaha State Park for lunch. By that time the trees should be colorful and the weather cooler. The van will leave the church at 9:30am for lunch at 11:30am. Please make your reservation by signing the list on the desk near the elevator. We are very pleased that several members of Anniston Christian Church will be joining us for this event.

Mark your calendar now to enjoy this AAA fall outing. Visitors are always welcome!

DECEMBER AAA EVENT

Our December AAA event will be a trip to Montgomery for a holiday tour of the First White House of the Confederacy and the State Capitol. We need at least 15 people to go in order to get the tour. A schedule of events is below. Please sign the reservation list on the desk near the elevator if you plan to go.

Date: December 11, 2019

Leave the Church: 8:30am

First White House Tour: 10:00am

Lunch: 11:30am – 1:00pm

Capitol Tour: 2:00 – 3:00pm

Back at Church: 5:00pm

No fee for either tour

OCTOBER FIRE SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

“Know the Fastest Way Out of the Building”

FIRE SAFETY MONTH

The Security Team of Valley Christian has four areas of safety we will be implementing in the next several months – Fire, Weather, Medical Emergency and Active Shooter. Since October is Fire Safety Month, we have invited Mountain Brook Fire Chief Lee Rhudy to our service on October 20th. He will be instructing us on the best way for us to exit the building in case of fire along with several safety precautions for our church. Please plan to attend so that we may all be prepared in case of a fire emergency. Peggi Zinser

CONTACT INFORMATION HAS CHANGED

Ed Guindon's new cell number is 205-709-6626.

Naaman Fatkins has a new address and cell number
2413 Arlington Avenue South, Apartment B
Birmingham, AL 35205
205-837-5018

DISCIPLES WOMEN

The next meeting of Disciples Women will be on Monday, October 21, 2019, 10:30am at the church. We will be beginning a new study using the book “Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent” by Amy-Jill Levine, who is Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University. She is an internationally renowned scholar and teacher as well as the author of numerous books.

Those of us who have known many Advents will find in this study new life and meaning in the familiar Christmas stories from the Gospels. Professor Levine is not only thoroughly immersed in her own Jewish traditions but is also very knowledgeable about our Christian beliefs. As an outsider, she sees great value in the Gospel stories and will help us as Christians to appreciate them even more. Her challenging questions are “What does this text mean to me at this moment in this place?” and “What has this text meant to others in my life, in my church, in history, in the world?” Come and learn!!

CONTINUING 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