



# The Valley Voice

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## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

We have a new system provided by Zoom for our teleconference worship on Sunday mornings. The quality of sound is much better and you will have no trouble in connecting. The following are the new numbers you will dial to connect with your church family. Two numbers are offered just in case one is busy.

Please dial: 1-312-626-6799 or  
1-346-248-7799

When prompted for a Meeting ID enter  
867 5713 3623 #

So, dial in between 10:15am and 10:30am and announce yourself.

We are getting better at this new way of worship. Soon we will be together again in the Sanctuary to worship our Lord.

## PASTOR'S VIDEO MESSAGES

Please click on the following link to go to the Pastor's weekly Video Messages on Valley's website.  
<http://vccbhm.org/pastors-video-messages/>

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May 1 – Stephanie Edge
- May 10 – Marilyn Ireland
- May 12 – Edd Spencer
- May 15 – Brett Simon
- May 18 – Midge Hoke
- May 20 – Jean Thrasher
- May 29 – Jan Watts
- May 31 – Sarah Draper
- May 31 – Jessica Guindon

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- May 7 – Russell and Linda Reeves
- May 10 – Bill and Mary Ellen Caughran
- May 20 – Kohler and Beth Collier

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please call or email the church office so that we may have a record of your special day.

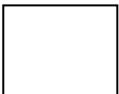
## NEW LOCKS AT VALLEY

To improve the security at Valley, we are having all of the locks in the church re-keyed. If you need to come into the building before the virus lockdown ends, you will either need to come by the church during normal office hours, 8 am – 12 noon on weekdays, or make arrangements with Marilyn Ireland or Ed Guindon (205-709-6626) to get a new key some other way. Please plan to return your old key to Marilyn when you pick up your new one.

## LIFE IN THE VALLEY

- Marilyn Cutcliffe's granddaughter Cerys is recovering well from surgery.
- Sympathy is expressed to the family for the loss of Dee Moss. Dee was a close friend of Ted Stuckenschneider.
- Dana Stuckenschneider is resting at home after outpatient surgery.
- We say praise the Lord – Midge Hoke will be 101 years old on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Have you filled out your 2020 Census Form? Go online to [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) or call 844-330-2020, or respond to the mailed census to your home.
- Pray for the Search Committee as they are interviewing with an interested candidate.
- Appreciation is expressed to all church members who wrote inspirational thoughts for The Valley Voice newsletter.
- Pray that we can be back in church soon.
- Gary Dodson sent a donation and note to all church members, "Hope to come back to visit soon after all this Corona is somewhat over – Love and Thanks, Gary Dodson".
- Valley financially supports the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Alabama Northwest Florida Annual Fund. This fund supports starting new congregations and strengthening existing congregations.
- Valley is having a work day on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for outdoor work to trim spring growth. We can work at a distance from each other.
- Valley is in the top ten list of special ministries within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Alabama-Northwest Florida. Well done good and faithful servants of Valley.

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### A MOTHER'S DAY THOUGHT

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. The following thought by Mary Korzan shares the love of a mother through the eyes of a child. Happy Mother's Day.

- When you thought I wasn't looking you hung my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another.
- When you thought I wasn't looking you fed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.
- When you thought I wasn't looking you baked a birthday cake just for me, and I knew that little things were special things.
- When you thought I wasn't looking you said a prayer, and I believed there was a God that I could always talk to.
- When you thought I wasn't looking you kissed me goodnight, and I felt loved.
- When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt – but that it's all right to cry.
- When you thought I wasn't looking you smiled, and it made me want to look that pretty, too.
- When you thought I wasn't looking you cared, and I wanted to be everything I could be.
- When you thought I wasn't looking – I looked... and wanted to say thanks for all those things you did when you thought I wasn't looking.

### AN APPRECIATION OF SERVICE

We are grateful for the ministry of Marilyn Ireland. During this time of being sheltered in place, she continues a significant contribution to our church family.

Thank you Marilyn for providing the Voice Newsletter, the Sunday morning bulletin for our home worship services, the 2020 Yearbook and church directory, the email notices, the Lenten Devotional booklet, the website upkeep, the organizing and filing away materials of church business and all the other secretarial duties you provide for the church.

You are there when we need you. We value your ministry among us.

With heartfelt gratitude, we put into words in this Voice newsletter what has been on our hearts. God Bless You, Members and Friends of Valley Christian Church.

### WORDS FOR YOUR FAMILY

In the life of our church, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> is Christian Family Week. A week to lift up the joy of family in our homes and the joy of our church family.

We can celebrate this week with words that communicate love and encouragement. Consider using some of the following words on care notes to your family and church family. Words that we like to hear.

- ✓ I am proud of you.
- ✓ Way to go!
- ✓ You are very special to me.
- ✓ I trust you.
- ✓ Well done.
- ✓ You are a joy.

- ✓ You are such a good listener.
- ✓ You light up my day.
- ✓ I am praying for you.
- ✓ You are wonderful.
- ✓ Please forgive me.
- ✓ What can I do to help?
- ✓ I love you.
- ✓ I missed you today.
- ✓ I can always count on you.
- ✓ I knew you could do it.
- ✓ Hurray for you!
- ✓ You are so responsible.

### PERSONAL POSTURES OF PRAYER

During our time of being sheltered at home, we have more time to pray. The following are postures of prayer that you might consider using as you lift up your prayers to Almighty God.



This posture is for giving thanksgiving, praise, blessings, benedictions and general prayers.

Name something that you are thankful for or can give praise.



This posture symbolizes humility and submission.

Name something that you need to submit or surrender to God.



This posture is for desperate and personal penitence and intercessory prayer.

Name something which you feel desperate.



This posture is now the norm for prayer – although sitting for prayer was not prevalent until after the invention of pews during the Middle Ages.

Pray to God anything that is on your heart.

### A PRAYER FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD

O Lord, our Good Shepherd, who leads us by still waters and into green pastures, we thank you for the times in our lives when life is good and everything seems to happen for the best. Teach us also to remember that you are with us at all times, even when the waters are not still and the pastures are not green and life is filled with fear, concerns and difficulty. Help us to remember in moments of difficulty, that misfortune may strengthen our sense of your presence and power. In the name of the Good Shepherd. Amen.

