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BLANKETS OF HOPE

You may purchase a blanket in memory or in honor of someone who held you in a blanket or someone you held. With all the disasters we are having in our world today **the need is great**. The blankets are \$5 each. We will have a table in the narthex on Mother's Day for you to make your purchases.

PENTECOST OFFERING

Each year the Pentecost Offering is taken in Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) throughout the United States and Canada to support the planting of new churches. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering have allowed the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to reach more than 45,000 people for Christ and train 1,300 individuals to start more than 730 new churches. One half of the gifts provided to the Pentecost Offering stays in the region where the donor lives and one half goes to Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation to fund the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church pastors, spouses and core team members. This year's offering, theme "Setting Tables in New Places", will be taken Sundays, May 20th and May 27th. On the first Pentecost 2,000 years ago the church was born and it grew in leaps and bounds. Let's keep the church growing as we give generously in 2012.

MIRACLE DAY

Do you believe in miracles?? Have you ever been part of one?? You can be on Saturday, June 9th at Madison Christian Church in Huntsville. There'll be work for everyone, and when the day is over a miracle will have occurred in the transformation of the church and grounds.

Registration for this event will be on Sunday, May 20th. Join several hundred other disciples from our Region in a day of work and fellowship!

ALZHEIMER'S

Our next series in "Exploring New Frontiers" will address Alzheimer's disease. Our speaker will be Dr. Jane Pearson, a practicing neurologist at St. Vincent's Birmingham. She has been in practice here since 1978. Dr. Pearson will tell us about signs, symptoms,
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treatment of Alzheimer's as well as recent research and tests for the disease. We will meet on June 10th, at 1:00pm and there will be plenty of time for questions.

CROP WALK RECAP

On Sunday afternoon, April 29th, Valley had ten walkers in the annual CROP Walk: Naaman Fatkins, Ed and Ginny Guindon, Terry and Carolyn Nunnely, Linda Reeves, Sara, Rick and Lauren Simon, and Carol Speed. We were one of several churches, schools and other community groups participating. As we walked, we were encouraged to think of others who must walk as much as we did (and more) daily just to obtain the necessities to live, such as water. All of us finished the 3.1 mile walk, and we turned in \$808 to help with Church World Service's and Greater Birmingham Ministries' ongoing efforts to find solutions for poverty and hunger. We're expecting a few more donations to add to that figure and will report a final total later. Thank you for your contributions and support.

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

This was the theme of the 2012 Regional Assembly held at New Hope Christian Church in Letohatchee, AL. Rev. Bruce Barkhauer, Minister of Faith and Giving, in his sermon "The Choice is Ours..." and Rev. Dr. Pablo Jimenez in his Bible study challenged us to make the right choices – with our resources and in our care for all of God's creation. God gave us dominion. Let us use this wisely. Betty Wright, Women Ministry Staff Person, is retiring after eleven years of service. She was honored at the Disciple Women's Luncheon and Spring Workshop. Our Region has formed a Partnership with The Evangelical & Reformed Church of Honduras and the Christian Commission for Development. Several persons from our Region have already made trips to Honduras. In the future we will be making other mission trips. A representative from each of these organizations attended the Assembly. (See brochure on bulletin board.) It is always a great blessing and joy to attend one of these assemblies. You get to see longtime friends and make new ones. Just to tempt you, in 2014 the Regional Assembly will be held at FCC, Fort Walton Beach. Make your plans to attend.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST

ACTIVE AGELESS ADULTS

AAA is a group of active adults of all ages who want to continue to learn, to enjoy fellowship with each other, and to participate fully in the world around us. The group is open to all ages of adults and to all Valley members and friends. We welcome new comers!

Our usual meeting date is the 4th Wednesday of each month or as announced. Some meetings are at the church and some involve short trips out-of-town.

On Wednesday, May 23rd, we will travel to Moundville, AL to visit the pre-historic Indian mounds developed from A.D. 1000 – 1500 on the south bank of the Black Warrior River. The city encompassed about 300 acres and 28 mounds.

The museum has recently been renovated and will be open for tours. Admission is \$8 regularly and \$7 for senior citizens.

We will leave the church by van at 9:00am on Wednesday, May 23rd, eat lunch in Moundville, tour the park and museum and return late that afternoon. Make your plans now to join us!

WE'RE COOKIN!

The Disciples Women (CWF) will be assembling a cookbook of our favorite recipes this summer and fall. Both men and women are invited to submit their favorites for inclusion. Think about your repertoire and what the rest of us would enjoy cooking and eating. More details will be available soon!

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Mac Schneider and all his family recently enjoyed a train trip to New Orleans and a cruise on the Mississippi River to Vicksburg.

Gary and Stephanie Edge, John Gregory, Andrea Clark, Katelyn Clark, Hattie Belle Lester, Debbie Sumrall and Lola Kiser attended the District II Gathering at Jeffries Memorial Christian Church on April 15th.

Hattie Belle Lester attended her family reunion in Mississippi April 26-29th.

Sarah & Stewart Draper and Gary & Stephanie Edge attended the Regional Assembly April 27-29th at New Hope Christian Church.

Daniel Neville is working with classmates on a video project for his history class. They are doing a project on Civil War prison camps. Casualty rates in Civil War prison camps were very high. About 56,000 soldiers from both sides died in prison camps. This includes about 13,000 in the infamous Andersonville Camp in Georgia. Daniel focused his research on learning about the Andersonville Camp in particular and why so many men died in captivity there.

Katelyn Clark is a member of the Regional Young Adult Council and has been participating in their presentations throughout our Region.

MUSIC NOTES

It's not too soon to start polishing your talents, because the Talent Show and Ice Cream Social will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars for a night of fun, food and fellowship on Sunday, July 15th!

ADDITIONAL DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, May 13th, Blanket Day
Thursday, May 17th, BVM Niki's West Eat-Out, 6:00pm
Friday, May 18th, Ladies' Night Out, Andrea Clark's home, 6:30pm (note change of date)
Saturday, May 19th, Work Day @ Valley, 9-12noon
Sunday, May 20th, Registration for Miracle Day
Monday, May 21st, Voice Deadline
May 21st, BVM Meeting @ Macedonia , 6pm
Monday, May 28th, Memorial Day – Office Closed

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

Anne Bailey, St. Martin's in the Pines
Marilyn Bell, Flora Richardson's friend, home
Jared Collins and wife, Janie Hubbard's family
Matt Cutcliffe, Akira & Cerys, son and grandchildren of Marilyn Cutcliffe
Jacob Daugherty, grandson of Jackie McFarland
Carl Flock, surgery on Tuesday at Brookwood
Christopher Gaye, Flora Richardson's friend, Afghanistan
Mitzi Gwaltney, Ginny Guindon's mother, chemo, TN
Mary Grace Harston, Lola Kiser's sister
Tom Horton, home
Garry Hubbard, Janie Hubbard's brother-in-law
Gloria Kelly, friend of Marilyn Cutcliffe
Dannysue LeVan, Bert Roberts' niece, Atlanta, tests
Frank McCollum, Athens, AL
Virginia Moss, Hospice, Magnolia, TX in rehab facility
Billie Jean Ruwe, John Jones' sister-in-law
Sherry Sims, Gary Edge's cousin
David Sington, Virginia Payne's son-in-law, surgery on May 15th
Nancy Jo Wexler, Janie Hubbard's sister

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations to Jessica Guindon who graduated from the University of Montevallo on May 5th! She will be leaving soon for France.

Charles Reeves, Program Director for Thunderbird Emerging Market Laboratories at Thunderbird International School of Business will be accepting an award for his program's work on behalf of women. The International Council for Research on Women is hosting an Awards Gala in Washington, D. C. on May 23rd. Honorees are Hillary Clinton, the Prime Minister of Ireland and Charles' program. This award is for his team's work with Solar Sister in Uganda.

Charles is the son of Russell & Linda Reeves, and is married to Abeba Weldetekle.

NOTE TO ALL

If you have not paid for your poinsettia or lily, please do so soon so that we can balance these accounts. Thank you!