

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

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This coming Sunday, April 19, at the end of the worship service the Pastor Search Committee will collect the Church Profile Questionnaire form. A copy of this form was mailed last week to every family to be filled out and returned on Sunday. A Committee member will be on-hand to guide members through the form and answer any questions, and additional copies will be available if needed. Although the questionnaire is optional, we greatly appreciate your input as it will help the Committee to be able to share the composition of our church family and our ministry opportunities with prospective pastors. Please do not sign the questionnaire.



SHARE THE SONSHINE

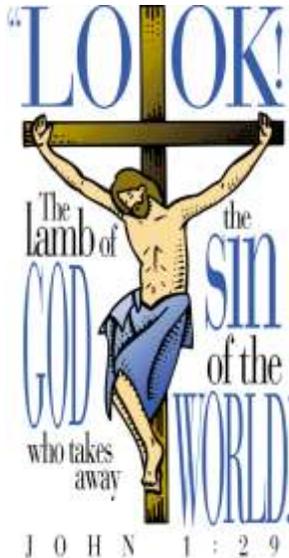
**This week:** April 12-18

Jim & Jean Green

**Next week:** April 26- May 2

Share the Sonshine with someone who does not have a church home.

*Let's Share the Sonshine!*



It's spring in North Carolina. Beautiful azaleas are blooming, pear trees are turning white, flowers are popping their heads out of the earth - and a layer of yellow pine pollen is EVERYWHERE. The pine pollen isn't one of the things that tortures those of us with allergies. That honor belongs to things like grasses and oak trees. But sometimes the pollen's so bad that you have to turn on your windshield wipers just to push the stuff off your car in order to see. It sifts through screens and covers outdoor furniture so that you have to wash the chairs down just to sit in them. It gets tracked into the house on our shoes and even our pets. My cat will literally roll in the stuff if there's a sun spot there for her to enjoy. The only relief you can really get during these days of the "yellow scourge" is a good rain. The hours after a good rain just make the earth seem brighter, fresher. The colors of spring blossoms are more vibrant. It is simply beautiful - the world's plant life looking like it should.

We have just experienced one of the most significant events in church life - Easter. During the weeks before Easter Sunday, we spend time talking about just how amazing and meaningful Easter can be for us. Much is said about exactly what happened, who was involved and what it meant to the early Christians. Since we are so far removed from those times, it can be difficult to really accept what God has done for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Honestly, I'm not sure how many of us can relate to a life without the benefit of God's sacrificial gift through Christ. Eternal life is a mind boggling concept in itself. But each of us bearing the burden of a lifetime of sin...wow. Just wow.

We don't have to imagine an earthly life without an afterlife because we have Jesus. It's like North Carolina during pine pollen season. Things start out looking clean and bright. As time goes on, these beautiful things get covered with a coating of yellow dust. The colors fade and their beauty is obscured. Then a gift from heaven, rain, comes down and revitalizes the earth. The pollen is washed away. Then things look like they're supposed to look - clean, bright and alive. God could have just said "I forgive all your sin" and let it go at that. But He chose to forgive *and* provide visual confirmation that the debt for our sins has been paid. Similarly, God could have made the pine pollen so small that there would be no need to fight the coatings of yellow dust. Sin is like the dust that permeates our lives to the point we can't really get rid of it. Rain is like the blood of Christ that cleans our souls of sin. What a wonderful reminder from God!!

*Submitted by Linda Wheeler*

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## Weekly Church Calendar

### EACH SUNDAY

- \*9:45am Sunday School
- \*11:00am Worship Service
- \*Child care provided downstairs.
- 2:00-7:00pm Kenyan Fellowship

### EACH MONDAY:

- 9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open
- 12:00-1:00pm Beginner Yoga class
- 1:00-2:00pm Crafting with a Purpose

### EACH TUESDAY:

- 6:00-8:00pm Kenyan Fellowship

### EACH WEDNESDAY:

- 9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open
- 6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups
- 1:00 and 7:00pm Bible study & Prayer
- 8:00pm Choir Practice

### EACH THURSDAY:

- 8:00pm Gamblers Anonymous

### EACH FRIDAY: 7:00-10:30pm Kenyan Fellowship

### MONTHLY: (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month)

- 6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

## Calendar of Events:

### Each Wednesday:

- 1:00pm and 7:00pm Bible study

### Fri, April 17-Sat, April 18

- Youth: 30 Hour Famine
- See Elizabeth if you need more information

### Sunday, April 19

- Guest Speaker: Dr. Dan Day

### Monday, April 20

- 7:00pm Deacons meeting

### Sunday, April 26

- 6:00pm Fellowship meal
- 7:00pm Business meeting

### Attendance 4/12

Sunday School 34

Visitors

Total 34

### Worship Attendance: 46

**Deacon for this week:** 4/19 Tom Edwards

**Deacon for next week:** 4/26 Robert Best

### Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

4/19 L & K Nunery 4/26 Christine Eller

### Properties for April

Steve Wheeler

### Ushers for April

**Robert Best** Jim Greene  
Darrell Jenkins Whitt Stallings  
*Alternate: Rudy Barden*

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

### HOME:

- Lee Snyder
- Ed & Cassie Glover
- Jean Greene
- Pam Bilbro

### REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

- Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286
- Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - W-S
- Greg Small – Wake Rehab Rm 3C07



Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank you for your continual prayers and support throughout Susan's struggle with ALS. We very much appreciate all the cards, calls, visits and other expressions of sympathy extended to us during her recent passing. We will always remember your kindness and faithfulness.

Sincerely, Frances Viano

and the family of Susan Carden



### **We are still in need of these items:**

- Canned soup
- Green beans & garden peas (have plenty of corn)
- Canned fruit, Jelly (completely out)**
- Plastic bottles of apple juice
- Canned or shelf milk
- Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti, etc
- Vienna sausages, Spam, Chicken
- Travel size toiletries, bar soap, toilet paper



### **30 Hour Famine**

### **Fri. April 17<sup>th</sup> thru Sat., April 18<sup>th</sup>**

The youth will be fasting for 30 hours in order to raise awareness for hunger and hunger-related illnesses. We will be joining Calvary Presbyterian and Emmanuel Baptist Church. We will be spending the night at Emmanuel Baptist Church. *Meet at the church at 5:30pm on Friday, return to the church by 6:45pm Saturday.* Please see Elizabeth if you have any questions.