

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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Church DEACONS Retreat

In preparation for the May 3rd Deacon's Retreat, the deacons request that the church family pray for them as they seek the Lord's will for Crabtree Valley Baptist Church. At the retreat the deacons will be working on ways our church can grow and continue to serve the Lord and this community. We need your prayers before and during the retreat that the Lord will lead us as we discuss *His work and His will for Crabtree Valley Baptist Church*. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for time slots for May 3rd.



JOIN OUR
STUDY

A new Wednesday Bible study on 1st and 2nd Samuel will begin on April 30th. In response to last month's well attended daytime study, this study will be offered at 1:00 and 7:00pm each Wednesday.

Church office contact information:

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Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen me and yet have believed." John 20:29

That just about says it all. There are countless things in life that we accept but can't actually see. We can feel a breeze but we can't see it. We see flags fluttering in the wind and tiny plants springing up in different places because seeds were carried around. We get cool because air moves across sweaty skin but we still can't see a breeze. We can't see thought but we know great minds exist as evidenced by classic literature and advances in science and technology. These things are commonplace – why, then, can't we all believe in God? That's the question for the ages. Some say that all things can be explained scientifically. Others just can't fathom something as omnipotent and omniscient as God. I am sad for them and I pray that someday, they will see.

The popular mantra for many people today is "I believe in God, but I don't support organized religion". Really? Do you believe in education but not organized schools? Modern medicine is wonderful, but hospitals ruin it for you? Truly, the most important thing is there – belief in God. Evidence of God can be seen and His existence is accepted. But without organized churches, how do you know what God wants you to know? Without religion, how do you find others who share your beliefs and yearn for more? Churches provide much more than a building in which to gather. A "church" is not a building but a collection of people who are connected by their beliefs. Sure, churches are often discredited by people who sin and deceive. All people make mistakes – even Christians. And unfortunately, Satan can infiltrate a church just as he can any other group of people. Does a handful of misguided people invalidate the service of millions of Christians? It shouldn't. For me it doesn't. Being active in an organized church helps me maintain my convictions. If I never participated in organized religion, what makes me different from anyone else? I suppose that it's possible that a person can experience God through faithful Bible study and prayer. But that's only part of the experience. It's like comparing a photograph to the actual scene depicted. It's 2 dimensional versus 3-D. Both offer a way to connect with something. It's the extra stuff that enhances the experience. For Christians, fellowship with other Christians completes the picture. God set it up that way. He gave us free will and the intelligence to decide what is right and what is wrong. He wants us to maintain the integrity of the church. I'm honored that he trusts us to do that. Maybe someday all believers will find a church home where they can study AND serve. I feel that Crabtree Valley Baptist Church is striving to be that place for many. We can all work together to reach those folks that are meant to be part of our church.

Submitted by Linda Wheeler

Weekly Church Calendar:

EACH SUNDAY

9:15-9:30am – Prayer – Ben Best classroom

*9:45am Sunday School

*11:00am Worship Service

*Child care provided downstairs.

2:30-7:00pm Kenyan Fellowship

EACH MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open

EACH TUESDAY: 6:00-7:30pm Kenyan Fellowship

EACH WEDNESDAY:

6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups

7:00pm Bible study & Prayer

7:45pm Choir Practice

EACH THURSDAY:

8:00pm Gamblers Anonymous

EACH FRIDAY: 7:00-9:30pm Kenyan Fellowship

MONTHLY: (4th Thursday of each month)

6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

Ron Stallings (Whitt's brother)

Ed Glover

Sue DeWalt

Pat Jenkins

Mildred Jenkins

Cassie Glover

Susan Carden – Frances Viano's daughter

Lee Snyder

Jean Greene

Pam Bilbro

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Van Phillips - Mayview

Lois Capps – Rex Rehab - Apex

Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286

Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - Winston-Salem

Gerry Campbell – Rex Rehab (broken knee)

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, April 30

1:00 & 7:00pm NEW Bible study begins

Saturday, May 3

8:30-5:30: Crop for the Cure

9:00-2:00: Deacon's Retreat

Tuesday, May 6

10:30am Women on Mission

Saturday, May 10

9:00am – noon Rent-a-Youth

Sunday, May 11

Mother's Day



We express our sympathy to the family of Steve Wheeler upon the death of his father, Robert Wheeler, who died Monday, April 21. A memorial service was held this past Sunday at Lakeside Baptist Church, in Richmond, Va.



Rent A Youth

Saturday, May 10, 9am-noon

Members of the Youth will be available to assist with simple jobs around your home such as yard work, cleaning windows, planting plants, washing cars, etc for donations toward their Passport Camp, June 15-20. If you would like some help at your house that weekend, please fill out one of the forms at church, or call the church office.

Attendance 4/28

Sunday School 41

Visitors

Total 41

Worship Attendance: 63

Deacon for this week: 5/4/ Beth Jenkins

Deacon for next week: 5/11 Larry Nunery

Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

5/4 Youth 5/11 Aladine Rogers

Properties for May

Darrell Jenkins

Ushers for May

Randy Walker Bobby Hayes

Walt Switzer David Jenkins

Alternate: Robert Best



SHARE THE SONSHINE

This week, April 27-May 3: Lee and Iva Snyder

Next week, May 4-10: Rick and Pam Bilbro

Pick up your copy of the March - May "Share the Sonshine" calendar on the table in the church narthex. Post the calendar (which includes addresses and phone numbers) on your refrigerator or in your datebook. *Let's Share the Sonshine!*



Thank you all for your outpouring of love and support over the past few months during the illness and death of my friend, Ben Snellings.

Sincerely, Shirley Keener