

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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Sunday, March 1
Dr. Randall Lolley

Sunday, March 8
Molly Rushing



Many thanks to all those who came to the business meeting this past Sunday night. One item of new business was to vote on a Pastor Search Committee, those committee members are: George Shore, Walt Switzer, Gene Sherwood, Elizabeth Best-Wang, Bobby Hayes, Ashley Walker and Joanne Isenhour. Please be in prayer for this committee!



Snow. I wasn't sure I'd see any this year. I was wrong. Last week I was in my hometown in Virginia and watched as 12" of cold, white precipitation fell from the sky. It was so beautiful. I had forgotten how lovely the snow is reflecting light at night. It's almost as bright as daytime. Now I know what you're thinking... *She didn't have to drive in it.* True. But it wasn't long before snow plows had cleared the street in front of Mom's house. You see, they're prepared for snow up there. They even have plow blades that attach to the garbage trucks. They may not be picking up garbage, but they certainly know the streets of the city.

I was very glad for the advance preparation for snow removal on this particular trip. I was there to visit with my mother. She had been sick with a virus and I wanted to be sure she was on the mend. Unfortunately, she became very ill one night. After observing her for most of the next day, my brother and I decided that transporting her to the hospital was the thing to do. I have never been so glad that the roads were cleared and the ambulance could travel down the streets with no worries. My brother, sister-in-law and I waited with Mom in the ER for 8 hours. When her condition was finally evaluated, she was admitted. She has been in the hospital for about a week so far.

Here's the thing – Mom hasn't really required overnight assistance thus far. Normally, she would have caregivers during her waking hours and had been able to manage the nighttime hours herself. But I happened to be there when bad things began to happen. I had debated about postponing my trip because of the weather predictions but decided that I could make it if I timed it right. When I'm there at night, I often hear Mom coughing some and that usually subsides after a while. Something made me go in to check on her and I realized that she needed assistance. It wasn't clear that she needed to be transported until after the roads were plowed. My brother and his wife were able to navigate the roads from their house (nearly 50 miles) to the hospital with little problem.

I believe that God put me there at that time for a reason. He enabled safe travel for the ambulance and for my brother in adverse driving conditions. He helped us remain calm enough to recognize how sick Mom really was. Sure, Mom is 90 years old. Her time with us is short. But it is clear to me that God has control of her life and she will leave us when her time comes. It just didn't happen to be last week. I am so grateful for a loving and compassionate Father!

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: (4th Thursday of each month)

6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday, February 25

All activities and services are canceled

Thursday, February 26

7:00pm Young Professionals group - *Canceled if the church is closed.*

Young Hearts - *canceled*

Sunday, March 1

Guest Speaker: Dr. Randall Lolley

Monday, March 2

12:00 Yoga class

1:00pm Crafting class

Sunday, March 8

Daylight Saving Time Begins (Spring Forward)

Guest Speaker: Molly Rushing

Attendance 2/22

Sunday School 35

Visitors

Total 35

Worship Attendance: 55

Deacon for this week: 3/1 Tom Edwards

Deacon for next week: 3/8 Robert Best

Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

3/1 Christine Eller 3/8 Grace Small

Properties for March

3/1 George Shore

3/8 Randy Walker

3/15 Steve Wheeler

3/22 David Jenkins

Ushers for March

Rudy Barden Ben Best

Ed Glover Frances Viano

Alternate: Whitt Stallings

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

Lee Snyder
Ed & Cassie Glover
Susan Carden – Frances Viano's daughter
Jean Greene
Pam Bilbro

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286
Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - Winston-Salem

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The "Young Professionals" group will meet Thursday, February 26th at 7:00pm for Fellowship and Bible Study. Members and visitors aged 25 and up are welcome to join us! *If the church is closed tomorrow, due to inclement weather, this group will not meet.*



The Hope Pantry is very low on food supplies!

If possible we would appreciate donations of the following items so we can be open on Monday:

Canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam)
Canned fruit
Canned soup
Canned vegetables
Cereal and grits
Packages of Instant Potatoes, Noodles and Rice
Spaghetti Sauce
Plastic bottles of apple juice
Canned or shelf milk
Jelly
Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti, etc



This week: February 22-28 A neighbor or co-worker
Next week: Mar 1-7 Al Coley

Copies of the 2015 "Share the Sunshine" calendar are on the table in the church narthex. *Let's Share the Sunshine!*