

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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BIRTHDAYS

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3703 Pembroke Pl 27612
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545 Cooper Rd 27610
- 3/8 Lois Capps Rex Rehab – Apex
911 South Hughes St Apex, 27502
- 3/8 Charles Martin
2508 West Pelican Dr
Oak Island, NC 28465
- 3/16 Walt Switzer
4504 Wingate Dr 27609
- 3/17 Pat Jenkins
3101 Cartwright Dr 27612
- 3/19 Doug Wheeler
6108 Godfrey Dr 27609
- 3/20 Louise Shore
811 Mill Greens Ct 27609
- 3/22 Eleanor Aker – Apt 203
5301 Creedmoor Rd 27607
- 3/27 Anne Jenkins
3100 Cartwright Dr 27612
- 3/31 Larry Nunery
2904 Mark Oak Ct 27610



The 2014 Sochi Olympics are over. I love to watch winter sports. It is exciting to watch people hurtle through a tube of ice at 80mph in a fiberglass sled. There were skiers that zoomed down slalom courses and snow boarders that flipped and skaters that twirled. It really is amazing what people can teach their bodies to do.

There were also fascinating pieces on Russian history and Russian life today. There was one story about Siberia and what modern life is like there. It included a reindeer pulling a sled for its master. This beast didn't look particularly different from an elk or moose. It didn't have piles of fur or any other way to survive the -20 degree temperatures. It has just evolved over the years to be able to withstand the extreme environment. Years ago, my daughter wanted a parakeet. In our research on bird care, it was suggested that we put the cage in an area free of drafts. When we went to the aviary to pick out the bird, it was in the breeder's back yard. It was protected from extreme temperatures but it was still very chilly back there. I asked him how that was possible and he said that they've never really known any different conditions. They just adapt to wherever they are. Sudden temperature changes aren't good for birds (or fish) but gradual change can be tolerated.

For some reason, my mind connected the idea of gradual change to our society today. In just my lifetime, tolerance for new ideas and behaviors has changed noticeably. When I was a child, you never saw ads for products for unmentionable areas. There weren't shows that included any explicative in the dialogue. If we had decided one day to lift all the controls for television and film, I'm sure there would have been vigorous opposition to the idea. But since these changes have taken place gradually, we have grown accustomed to them.

Is this sort of tolerance and acceptance a good thing? Probably not, but Christians can (and should) set their own standards for behavior based on Bible teachings. I am NOT a fan of the way the Westboro Church has chosen to protest against anyone who does not practice the same behaviors that they do in their church. In fact, I wish they would skip the word "Baptist" in their titles because, last time I checked, God wanted us to love and understand one another. The use of the word "church" is even a little bit far-fetched for me. They are an extreme example of intolerance. I like to think that most Christians are tolerant of many things, but can take a stand on the important stuff. We should lead by example, not protest rallies. Of course, God loves all his children, including the folks at Westboro. But He does expect us to set ourselves aside as different from non-believers. We don't have to accept all the worldly changes for our own lives. However, one thing He does expect us to understand is the difference between a person and their behavior. As we heard from the pulpit Sunday, love the person, hate the behavior. Our connection to God communicates to us where the lines need to be drawn. We just have to take advantage of it!

Submitted by Linda Wheeler

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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:

Pat Jenkins

Mildred Jenkins

Cassie Glover

Tom Haag

Jack Porter

Susan Carden – Frances Viano’s daughter

Van Phillips

Lee Snyder

Jean Greene

Pam Bilbro

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Lois Capps – Rex Rehab - Apex

Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286

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

HOSPITAL:

Eddie Sutton – UNC Burn Center

Calendar of Events

Thursday, February 27

11:30 – Young Hearts @ Milton’s Pizza on Six Forks Rd

Tuesday, March 4

10:30am Women on Mission

Sunday, March 9

Attention all members!!!

Please plan to stay after church for a congregation group photo for our directory!

Attendance 2/23

Sunday School 47

Visitors

Total 47

Worship Attendance: 66

Deacon for this week: 3/2 Beth Jenkins

Deacon for next week: 3/9 Larry Nunery

Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

3/2 Anne Jenkins 3/9 Youth group

Properties for March

George Shore Randy Walker

Steve Wheeler David Jenkins

Ushers for March

Rudy Barden Ben Best

Ed Glover Frances Viano

Alternate: Whitt Stallings



Starting Wednesday, March 5 (and continuing through April 16), join us on Wednesdays at either 1:00 or 7:00 pm for a study that is based on Adam Hamilton's "24 Hours that Changed the World." This study is an invitation to experience and understand the significance of Jesus’ final hours. Drawing on insights from history, archaeology, geography, and the Bible, this study will take us to the Holy Land and provides a deeper understanding of the most amazing day in history.



We express our sympathy to Rebecca Nassar and other family members of Mrs. Elouise Leffler, who died Saturday, Feb 22. There will be a memorial service held at Crabtree this Saturday, March 1, at noon, with a reception following the service.



SHARE THE SONSHINE

"Share the Sonshine" is a new ministry that we are kicking off in March! This ministry will focus on reaching those members who cannot easily get out and worship on Sunday mornings. You are invited to "Share the Sonshine" with these members by mailing cards, making phone calls, visiting, and praying for them during their designated week. **The "persons of the week" for March 3 - 8 are Ed and Cassie Glover. Mildred Jenkins is the designated person for the week of March 9-15. 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. The name of the "person of the week" will also be printed in the newsletter and bulletin each week. *Share the Sonshine!*