

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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Crabtree Cafe & Business meeting

Sunday, Jan 26

Menu: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, desserts and drinks.

Donations will be accepted to help the Youth attend Passport Camp.



We have added another date! Photography is now available on **Mon, Feb 10 from 2:00-8:00pm** and on **Tues, Feb. 11 from 2:00-9:00pm**. Please see Frances Viano after worship on Sunday, or call her at home (919-785-1707) to sign up for your time slot. You do not have to be a church member to have your photo taken, and you will still receive a free 8x10 photo. To submit photos for activity pages, send them to cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org



This Sunday 1/26 the focus is on Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9, Matt 4:12-23. **Next Sunday 2/2** we will focus on Micah 6:1-8 and Matt 5:1-12.

Church office contact information:

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I recently read something that really caught my attention. It was a short paragraph written to be read by the pastor at a wedding ceremony. It encouraged the couple to take a moment to enjoy the day; to reflect on how they felt and just what their day was like in general. So often, it said, we are so caught up in the preparations for the wedding that we kind of blow through the event without really engaging in what's going on. Most of us only remember fragments of the day – flashbacks (usually of things that went awry).

I think that's good advice in general. Much of our lives are spent preparing for things – school, high school, college, career, marriage, children... I happen to be the type of person that would stop to watch my child for a few minutes as they began their school day. I would watch them playing at home or sleeping in their cribs. I would watch for a few moments as the kids in high school socialized at lunchtime to better understand what was going on at the school. It was harder when they went to college but I managed to drink in the atmosphere and note their surroundings whenever I was on campus. We've only had one wedding so far, and I almost delayed the ceremony because I was caught up in watching the photographers take pictures of Jenny and her bridesmaids. (I forgot that nothing could happen until I was seated.)

Of course, there have been lots of times when I have cruised through my life on autopilot. But as I have gotten older, it has gotten easier to stop and appreciate life. I'm not ruled so much by everyone else's schedules. I am *trying* to spend less time with things that plug into the wall (television, internet, etc.) and more time plugged into the life God has given me. Part of connecting with life is connecting with God. He is at the top of the list. Often we think that once we have made a decision to become a Christian, the work is done. It is really a beginning; one that has to be nurtured and protected every day. Our faith does not grow on its own. Just like a wedding doesn't automatically become a happy marriage. In the Fall and Spring, we throw grass seed out on the ground. If we never look at it again, we don't see that it needs water, protection, fertilizer and sun. Some of the seeds will sprout on their own but generally not enough to call it a lawn. We miss out on the beauty of a lush, green lawn that welcomes us home. The decision to accept the responsibility of being a Christian is like that, too. If we only participate half-heartedly in this relationship, we miss out on the many blessings of a living connection to God. That would be a shame, now wouldn't it?

Submitted by Linda Wheeler



We are happy to announce that Yilong and Elizabeth will be taking on the role of Webmaster for our church website. If you have pictures or suggestions for the website, please contact them directly at webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org

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)

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 26

Crabtree Cafe & Business meeting

Tuesday, February 4

10:30am Women on Mission

Sunday, February 9

Exploring Membership Luncheon

Monday, February 10

2:00-8:00pm Pictures

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Attendance 1/19

Sunday School 37

Visitors

Total 37

Worship Attendance: 66

Deacon for this week: 1/26 Peninah Brown

Deacon for next week: 2/2 Tom Edwards

Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

1/26 L & K Nunery 2/2 Christine Eller

Properties for February

Randy Walker

Ushers for February

Randy Walker Bobby Hayes

Walt Switzer David Jenkins

Alternate: Robert Best



Exploring Membership Luncheon: If you are not yet a member of Crabtree Church, and would like to know more about our church, you are invited to join Pastor Nola for a casual lunch (which will be provided) in the small fellowship hall after worship on **Sunday, February 9.**

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

Shirley Keener

Louise Shore – pneumonia

Pat Jenkins

Ernie Rushing

Walt Switzer

Jetta Lewis

Mildred Jenkins

Anne Jenkins

Eleanor Aker

Cassie Glover

Tom Haag

Faye Hayes

Sue DeWalt

Pat Jenkins

Larry Nunery

Jack Porter

Susan Carden – Francis Viano's daughter

Van Phillips

Lee Snyder

Jean Greene

Pam Bilbro

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Bob Davis - Greensboro

Elouise Leffler – Crabtree Valley Rehab center - Room 412-A

Lois Capps – Rex Rehab - Apex

Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286

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

HOSPITAL:

Eddie & Heather Sutton – UNC Burn Center (Jim Weaver's niece)



When you do your weekly grocery shopping, please remember to pick up a few things for our Pantry!

Please note, even though we are able to supplement our pantry by shopping at the Food Bank – what we get, depends on what they have in stock at the time. Therefore, we still need the support of our church with donations of non-perishable items. *Thank you!*

We need the following:

Canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam)

Canned fruit, soup, corn, garden peas

Cereal, Jelly, Rice and Potatoes

Plastic bottles of apple juice, Can or shelf milk

Spaghetti sauce & noodles

Optional items: toiletries, toilet paper

(these can't be bought with food stamps)



Valentine Fellowship Dinner

Valentine Banquet Saturday, February 15

Entertainment provided by Ernie Rushing
Appetizers 5:45-6:00,
Dinner at 6:00pm
More details to come!