

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

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## BIRTHDAYS

2/1	Ellian Jenkins 8109 North Creek Run 27613
2/2	Pam Bilbro 119 Byron Place 27609
2/5	Iva Snyder 11404 Dunleith Dr 27614
2/9	Bonnie Wright 1555 Laureldale Dr 27609
2/14	Catherine Mullins 4505 Woodbury Dr 27612
2/20	Elizabeth Gyori 2620 Constitution Dr 27615
2/26	Steve Wheeler 6108 Godfrey Dr 27612



### Thought for the Week

There is an old saying that "absence makes the heart grow fonder." That saying is usually associated with a romantic relationship but it can easily be applied to the church closings during last Weekend's ice and snow storm. Going on projected weather reports, our church leaders thought it wise to cancel services last Wednesday and then again last Sunday. The consensus was that it is better to be on the side of safety than to risk injury to any of our church family.

Our inability to gather together in the Lord's house brought to mind a familiar scripture found in Hebrews 10:25 that refers to "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." We didn't forsake our assembly for lack of desire or enthusiasm. We didn't forsake our assembly because there was something more important for us to do. We didn't forsake our assembly because we just didn't want to come. We didn't assemble because wisdom told us to heed conditions that were out of our control.

The point is that we really missed being together. We genuinely wanted to assemble for Bible Study, prayer and worship. Absence from the church gathering did make our heart grow fonder. Missing church caused us to realize just how important being together in the Lord's house is to each of us.

Jesus loved the church and gave himself for it. Those of us who love the church and give ourselves for it miss it when we can't be together.

Church assembly and church fellowship is important in the growth and development of our spiritual lives. Coming together in the name of Jesus is not a duty or obligation; it is an honor and privilege. Even more, it is a blessing. Being in the company of God's committed is something we enjoy and look forward to. Being together in Jesus name we find encouragement, we share mutual concerns, we pray together, sing together, worship together and our lives are enriched by the bond of faith that binds our hearts in mutual love and purpose.

When circumstances beyond our control keep us from being together, we can truly say that absence makes the heart grow fonder. Our recent absence has deepened our appreciation for what we share together in Christ. We didn't get to meet together and we missed it.

In His Love,  
Charles

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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

### 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  
 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)

Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

### Calendar of Events:

#### Each Wednesday

6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups  
 7:00pm Bible study & Prayer  
 8:00pm Choir Practice

#### Thursday, January 28

Young Hearts going to Brig's Restaurant for lunch  
 Sign-up in the Narthex.

#### Sunday, January 31

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Benevolent offering - please come prepared to give.  
 Welcome luncheon for Andrew and Andrea McCullagh  
 Business meeting to follow luncheon

### Attendance      1/24 (closed due to weather)

Sunday School      n/a

### Visitors

Total      n/a

**Worship Attendance:** n/a

**Deacon for this week:** 1/31 Bonnie Wright

**Deacon for next week:** 2/7 Jean Glosson

### Properties for February

Randy Walker

### Ushers for February

Randy Walker Ben Best  
 Shirley Keener Walt Switzer



SHARE THE SONSHINE

**Make a call, a visit or send a card!**

**This week:** Jan 24-30 Mary Cain

Please note address for Mary:

3453 Springmoor Circle

Healthcare Center Room 103-A Raleigh, NC 27615

**Next week:** Jan 31-Feb 6 Al Coley

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

### HOME:

Sandi Robinson  
 Grace Small  
 Darrell Jenkins  
 Sue Edwards  
 Greg Small  
 Lee Snyder  
 Ed & Cassie Glover  
 Pam Bilbro

### REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286  
 Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - W-S  
 Jean Greene – Snow Hill Asst. Living - Snow Hill, NC  
 Mary Cain – Springmoor Health Center - room 103-A



### Due to inclement weather last Sunday

#### **Welcome Luncheon - Sunday, January 31**

Everyone is cordially invited to join us as we welcome Andrew McCullagh as our new Youth Leader. We will be having a luncheon for Andrew and his wife, Andrea, in the fellowship hall following the morning service. Please sign up in the narthex to help with food.



The monthly business meeting will follow the luncheon. One order of business will be to propose a change to the Church Constitution regarding new members and baptism. The idea of changing the Constitution on this matter was brought up at the November 2015 Business Conference. In order for the change to be adopted, the Constitution requires a "vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at two consecutive regular business meetings.



#### **Young Hearts Meeting – Thurs. Jan 28**

The Young Hearts are going to Brig's Restaurant for lunch at noon on Thursday, January 28. If you haven't signed up and would like to go, please call Shirley Keener.