

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

July 6, 2015

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**Wednesday, July 8 @ 7pm**

On Wednesday, July 8 during the normal prayer meeting time, Pastor Charles will be bringing a short devotion, followed by a time of discussion on how to strengthen the church. He would like to encourage everyone to attend as he is very interested in gathering everyone's input for improving the ministry of Crabtree Valley Baptist Church.



**Meet & Greet**

**Sunday, July 19 at 6:00pm**

We will be having a Meet & Greet for Charles and Gloria Allard on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. The Hospitality Committee is looking for food donations, and a sign-up sheet is available in the narthex for these items. All members and friends of CVBC are encouraged to come fellowship and get to know everyone better!



It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood. My neighborhood today offers a serene view of the ocean, complete with sea gulls, white caps and sand dunes. Yep – back at the beach! This is the last trip for daughter Jenny and Everett the dynamo before our granddaughter arrives in August.

Sarah was able to take a few days from work to enjoy the coast – and a taste of seafood. She hasn't seen sand in a couple of years so we made our way out to the shore as quickly as possible. As I gazed out across the water, a movement drew my eye to a spot on the sand not far from my chair. A small sand crab was sidling along, minding his own business. He'd skitter along for a few inches and stop; skitter along and stop. When he had found just the right spot, he started to dig. He used his claws to push the sand out of the way and his legs to balance on the edge of the hole. It was fascinating to see how this unique creature used the parts of his body to accomplish his goal. His beady little eyes rose above the sand, alert for predators and other disturbances. He worked without stopping until the only time I could see him was when he was dragging the sand out of the hole. I thought to myself, "What an oddly efficient creature! All his unique features worked together to dig this hole."

As I sat there, I realized you can see things like that all the time. No matter how odd-looking the creature, God made it that way for a reason. Birds lack hands but can fly high in the sky. The giraffe stretches his neck to reach the best leaves high in the trees. The solid white Polar bear can fade into the background of the snow and ice, while the brown bear hides in the shadows of the forest. God had a purpose for everything on Earth. All his creations have specific attributes that serve specific purposes. God gave Man a brain and heart to navigate through life. Some people are stronger than most while others can solve complex problems. Some folks have a generous dose of empathy and understanding. Often when one ability is compromised, others improve to compensate. Once again, God shows Himself in the smallest creature – a crab. I have no idea why the crab had to dig that hole in that spot at that time. But he made me reflect and marvel in the glory of God. Yes, it's a beautiful day!

*Submitted by Linda Wheeler*

### Church office contact information:

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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
- 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: (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month)**

6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

### Calendar of Events:

#### Each Wednesday:

1:00pm and 7:00pm Bible study

#### Wednesday, July 8

7:00pm Devotion and discussion (see front page)

#### Monday, July 13 – Thursday, July 16

9am - 12 noon Vacation Bible School

#### Sunday, July 19

6:00pm Meet & Greet for Pastor Charles and Gloria

#### Sunday, July 26

6:00pm Fellowship meal

7:00pm Business meeting

### Attendance                      7/5

Sunday School                      32

### Visitors

Total                                      32

**Worship Attendance: 50**

**Deacon for this week:** 7/12 Whitt Stallings

**Deacon for next week:** 7/19 Peninah Brown

### Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

7/12 Frances Viano                      7/19 Anne Jenkins

### Properties for July

7/12 Randy Walker

7/19 Steve Wheeler

7/26 David Jenkins

### Ushers for July

**Robert Best** Darrell Jenkins

Whitt Stallings

*Alternate: Rudy Barden*



*SHARE THE SONSHINE*

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

**This week:** July 5-11 Pam & Rick Bilbro

**Next week:** July 12-18 Greg Small

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

### HOME:

Cindy Bolden (upcoming surgery, 7/15)

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

### OTHER:

Pastor Search Committee

Nominating Committee



**July 13-16 9am-12 noon**

*Exploring God's Creation with Bible stories, crafts and science demonstrations!*

Contact Cheryl Walker to register or if you'd like to volunteer to help!

919-851-6976 or [chwalker@med.unc.edu](mailto:chwalker@med.unc.edu)



The VBS Mission project this year is to collect school supplies for the Wake County Health Dept Children's clinic. Please drop off basic school supplies in the collection box outside the church office.



**Currently we are running low on these items:**

Canned chicken, spam, roast beef, Vienna sausages

Canned fruit, Jelly/Jam, peanut butter

Plastic bottles of apple/fruit juice

Canned or shelf milk

Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti, etc

Spaghetti sauce

Rice, Potatoes (canned and instant)

Travel size toiletries, bar soap, toilet paper, tooth paste

Juice boxes and other snacks for kids for the summer