

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

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### SERMON SERIES FOR LENT:

#### “Giving It Up”

**March 16** – “Giving Up Control”

Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 121

**March 23** – “Giving Up Despair”

Romans 5:1-11

**March 30** – TBA,

Ernie Rushing preaching



**Our church goal: \$1000.00**

**Received to date: \$50.00**

During the month of March we will be collecting the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The national goal this year is \$70 million. Envelopes are in your envelope boxes, and there are extras in the Narthex. One hundred percent of this offering is used to support North American missionaries.

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Recently, I got a list of “20 Things to Give Up For Lent” through Facebook. It is a devotional from the pastor of The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Old Bridge, New Jersey.

Ironically, Pastor Nola will be preaching about giving up specific “vices” during Lent. I thought I’d write about a few behaviors that Pastor Nola will not be addressing on Sunday mornings.

My choice for this week is “impatience”. I’m sure this came to mind because of the hour and a half it took me to download new Windows Office software. Typically I’m a fairly patient person, but I do get a little stressed when things don’t work like I think they should. The devotional offered 3 areas where we can address our impatience: patience with God; patience with ourselves; and patience with others. Most of us tend to be pretty patient with ourselves, right? We know our limitations. We are content to function within the parameters of our “comfort zone”. Is that the kind of patience God wants of us? Or maybe He would like us to set our goals beyond what we think we can do and WORK toward those goals. Being patient with oneself is really allowing time to grow and develop to our fullest potential. Real growth happens over time. Patience to do just what we know we can does not help us to grow.

When we think of patience, most of us visualize being patient with others. The patience of a parent is repeatedly tested by their children. A spouse can be the one who “gets on my last nerve”. Most of the time, we are patient with strangers, too, right? How many times can you catch yourself saying, “just go!” or “make up your mind!” to the driver in the lane ahead of you. I’m pretty sure God would prefer that we refrain from those types of impatient behaviors. He tells us over and over in the Bible that we should put the needs of others before ourselves. In most situations, if we are patient we discover why the person is driving slowly (they are looking for a street). Perhaps writing a check helps someone to keep track of their expenditures. Patience with others is a key element in harmonious relationships.

One of the hardest areas in which to be patient is waiting for God. We know that things are supposed to happen on God’s time and in God’s way. But how often do we take matters in our own hands when we should be patient? We are often told to pray for what we want, but to expect that occasionally God will say “no” or “not yet”. We don’t want to say, “OK, I’ll wait”. We want things now, not later. When things don’t happen according to our expectations, we have a tendency to just give up. The phrase “let go and let God” comes to mind. OK, I’ll turn this situation over to you, Lord. Then later we find ourselves manipulating the situation in order to get a quicker solution. That’s kind of like taking it back out of God’s hands.

Impatience is a good thing to give up for Lent. In fact, giving up being impatient is a good thing to just get rid of altogether. It’s human nature to be impatient; to be unwilling to give up control of things. But that’s what God actually wants us to do. Controlling certain situations can help us in our daily living. But there are also times when we really need to let go this need for control. We need to allow our confidence in Him to overwhelm the impatience. Then peace can take the place of impatience in our lives.

*Submitted by Linda Wheeler*

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

6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, March 17

7:00pm Deacons meeting

### Wednesday, March 12

1:00 & 7:00pm Lenten Bible study

### Friday, March 21

6:30pm Wedding Shower for Elizabeth and Chris

### Sunday, March 23

6:00pm Fellowship meal

7:00pm Business meeting

### Fri-Sat, March 28-29

2014 CBFNC General Assembly in Greensboro

### Sunday, March 30 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Benevolence offering

## Attendance 3/9

Sunday School 37

Visitors

Total 37

## Worship Attendance: 59

Deacon for this week: 3/16 Jean Glosson

Deacon for next week: 3/23 Whitt Stallings

## Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

3/16 Aladine Rogers 3/23 L & K Nunery

## 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*



**SHARE THE SONSHINE**

**For this week, March 9-15 - Mildred Jenkins**

**For week next week, March 16-22 – Jack & Dixie Porter**

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. *Lets Share the Sonshine!*

## 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



There will be a Wedding Shower for Elizabeth Jenkins and Chris Gyori on Friday, March 21 6:30 in the Fellowship hall for all church members. They are registered at Belks and at Bed, Bath, and Beyond.



COOPERATIVE BAPTIST  
**fellowship**  
OF NORTH CAROLINA

The 2014 CBFNC General Assembly is March 28-29 in Greensboro. This is the 20th anniversary celebration of the Cooperative Bapt Fellowship and you do not want to miss it! It is a great time to have a "family reunion" with other Baptists from across the state and to share and receive ministry ideas with other churches. There will be inspiring worship services and informative workshops that are geared to many different interests. Check it out online at [www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org) or pick up a list of workshops on the bulletin board near the office. Let Pastor Nola know if you want to carpool.



A fun activity that supports a good cause is coming up on April 5! We've been praying for Frances Viano's daughter, Susan, since she was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) almost a year ago. Now our CVBC family has the opportunity to participate in the "Walk to Defeat ALS." You can help by: 1) walking; 2) bringing a chair and sitting near Frances during the walk; and 3) donating money. Sign up in the narthex to walk, to cheer, or to make a donation. We will take the church bus or carpool. See the poster near the church office or visit <http://webnc.alsa.org> for more information.