

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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**Palm Sunday, March 29
from 9:15-9:45**

*Come to church a little early and
enjoy food and fellowship!*

The Children on Mission will be serving muffins, donuts, biscuits, fruit, juice and coffee. They will also have some handmade cards available. *All funds collected will be given to the Annie Armstrong Easter offering.*

**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
SEND» NORTH AMERICA**

During the month of March we will be collecting the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. 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.

Our church goal is \$1000.00
Received: \$100.00

Church office contact information:

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Today is a beautiful spring-like day in NC. Just a few weeks ago, we were struggling with bad road conditions because of snow. Today the sun is shining and we can begin to believe that Spring is really on its way. And I happen to be writing this on St. Patrick's Day.

We typically think of St. Patrick's Day as an opportunity to have parties and parades. Irish or not, we traditionally wear green on St. Patrick's Day and do things like pinch people who aren't wearing anything green. (My research hasn't turned up any reason for this practice at all.) There is green beer to drink and things like corned beef and cabbage to eat. Shamrocks are part of the décor of any St. Patrick's Day event. But have you considered St. Patrick himself. Who was he? Why was he important? Why Ireland?

St. Patrick was born somewhere around 460 AD. He was born in Britain, not Ireland. His father was a deacon in the church and his grandfather was a priest. When he was about 15 or 16, he was captured by raiders and sold into slavery in Ireland. During his captivity, he worked as a shepherd and his faith in God grew in spite of the fact that he was surrounded by people practicing Druidism and paganism. After 6 years, he heard a voice telling him to escape, that his ship was waiting for him. He escaped and travelled 200 miles to a port and persuaded a ship's captain to take him away from Ireland. He eventually reunited with his family in Britain. At some point after his homecoming, he had a dream. The voice in the dream told him to return to Ireland. They needed him. The rest of his life he served as a missionary in Ireland. He was a humble man with limited formal education but he was able to bring many people to Christianity. He often used a shamrock to represent the Trinity when he spoke to people. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th each year, the day of his death.

So now you know. Parties, parades and objects of green are not exactly symbolic of St. Patrick and who he was. These traditions have developed over the time since his death. But his life was important to the people of Ireland. He brought Christianity to them. God put him there for that purpose and he served God well.

Submitted by Linda Wheeler



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
12:00-1:00pm Beginner Yoga class
1:00-2:00pm Crafting with a Purpose

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: (4th Thursday of each month)

6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday, March 18

1:00pm and 7:00pm Bible studies (Book of Jude)

Sunday, March 22

Guest Speaker: Dr. Roger Nix

6:00pm Fellowship Meal

7:00pm Business meeting

Monday, March 23

12:00 Yoga class

1:00pm Crafting class

Wednesday, March 25

1:00pm and 7:00pm Bible studies

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

9:15-9:45am – “Kids on Mission” serving breakfast

Guest Speaker: Molly Rushing

5th Sunday – Benevolent offering

Attendance 3/15

Sunday School 35

Visitors 1

Total 36

Worship Attendance: 55

Deacon for this week: 3/22 Walt Switzer

Deacon for next week: 3/29 Jean Glosson

Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

3/22 Frances Viano 3/29 Anne Jenkins

Properties for March

3/22 David Jenkins

3/29 George Shore

Ushers for March

Rudy Barden Ben Best

Ed Glover Frances Viano

Alternate: Whitt Stallings

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

Lee Snyder

Ed & Cassie Glover

Susan Carden – Frances Viano’s daughter

Jean Greene

Pam Bilbro

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286

Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - W-S



Sunday, April 5

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service

at Raleigh Memorial Park

7209 Glenwood Ave

Shelter, chairs and a light breakfast will be provided.



Things have been busy for the Pantry! We are still in need of these items:

Canned soup

Green beans, garden peas, mixed vegetables

Canned fruit

Plastic bottles of apple juice

Canned or shelf milk

Jelly

Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti, etc

Vienna sausages

Travel size toiletries, bar soap, toilet paper



SHARE THE SONSHINE

This week: March 15-21 Lee and Iva Snyder

Next week: March 22-28

Share with someone in the community.

Copies of the 2015 "Share the Sonshine" calendar are on the table in the church narthex.