

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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SERMON SERIES FOR LENT:

"Giving It Up"

March 23 – "Giving Up Despair"
Romans 5:1-11

March 30 – TBA,
Ernie Rushing preaching

April 6 – "Giving Up Bindings"
John 11:1-45

April 13 – "Giving Up Popularity"
Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

April 20 – "Giving Up Death"
John 20:1-18



Our church goal: \$1000.00

Received to date: \$75.00

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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The trees outside my window are white with a thin coating of ice. In my eyes, they are beautiful. I actually experienced my first ice storm the day Steve and I moved into our very first house. The trees and bushes looked like they had been made of glass and the air was crisp and pure. At that time, almost 35 years ago, I had no idea how much trouble could be caused by a thin layer of ice. I am much more aware these days.

This winter has made many of us keenly aware of how little control we have over our lives. "I know how to drive on snow", we said. The problem is, in the case of snow, many people who didn't grow up in a snowy climate really don't know how to be safe in snow. And when it comes to ice, all bets are off. It's usually after a scary experience on the road that we consider keeping a blanket and a bag of kitty litter in the car. Admittedly I didn't have to go anywhere during any of the recent "winter weather events" but I spent many hours worrying about loved ones who were on the roads. There have actually been a couple of deaths recently attributed to trees or large branches falling after ice has accumulated on them.

I guess life is a lot like these weather events. Things go along reasonably smoothly until something unexpected happens. Then you find yourself careening out of control, unable to grab anything to stop yourself. You can take all the precautions available but sometimes there just isn't any help to be had. You just have to hang on until the spinning stops. In the case of these invisible hazards, that's all we can do. In life situations like illness or financial loss, we can try to do our best to handle things. But ultimately, we have help available at any time. God's help can apply to any situation. We can pray for healing for someone we love. We can pray for strength to help someone who's sick. We can pray for guidance for a loved one who is lost. We can pray for guidance to help this lost one. God is there at all times, whenever we need to give up control. God already knows our needs. We need to be aware of these needs and be willing to ask for and accept help from Him. Maintaining a close and constant relationship with God can help us to more easily give up this false sense of control of our lives. And giving up control is an important part of growth for a Christian. It certainly doesn't need to be done just for Lent, either. But working on this particular thing for a period as long as Lent, can make it easier to adopt this practice for a lifetime.

Throughout the Bible God shows us how to love and trust Him. He assures us that He has always been accessible to us, is presently available and will always be there in the future. It's a wonderful thing to be confident that we aren't ever alone in our trials. He is with us always. We just need to be willing to make the call.

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: (4th Thursday of each month)

6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, March 19

1:00 & 7:00pm Lenten Bible study

Friday, March 21

6:30pm Wedding Shower for Elizabeth and Chris

They are registered at Belks and at Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

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 – 5th Sunday

Benevolence offering

Attendance 3/16

Sunday School 42

Visitors

Total 42

Worship Attendance: 55

Deacon for this week: 3/23 Whitt Stallings

Deacon for next week: 3/30 Peninah Brown

Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

3/23 L & K Nunery 3/30 Christine Eller

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

This week, March 16-22 – Jack & Dixie Porter

Next week, March 23-29 – Al Coley

Pick up your copy of the March - May "Share the Sunshine" calendar on the table in the church narthex. Post the calendar (which includes addresses and phone numbers) on your refrigerator or in your datebook. *Let's Share the Sonshine!*

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

Pat Jenkins

Mildred Jenkins

Cassie Glover

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

HOSPICE:

Jack Porter – Trinity road



We express our sympathy to Mrs. Jo Haag, Cheryl Walker and family, and other family members of Mr. Tom Haag, who died Friday, March 22. The funeral service will be held at Crabtree this Saturday, March 22, at 11am, with a reception following the service.



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! Check it out online at 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.



The Young Hearts' March outing will be at Brig's Restaurant on Creedmoor Rd, on Thursday, March 27 at 5:00pm. Please contact Christine Eller (919-782-1293) or sign up at the church.