

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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Sunday, March 8

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour!



Our Wednesday Bible studies will continue to meet at 1:00pm and 7:00pm. The evening study will be led by Walt Switzer, this week's study will focus on the book of Philemon.

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I'm headed back to the Virginia Mountains in a few hours. This time I'm not trying to dodge snow storms! No matter what the forecasters say, there's still an element of surprise surrounding winter weather. Maybe that's why I love snow and winter so much.

Watching it snow is, for me, a peaceful experience. The flakes falling from the sky remind me that the world is going to change, if just for a little while. The difficulties driving and walking slow our pace and make us think about what we are doing. Activities change and we have to be patient with things like trash pickup and mail service. Around here it seems like we are a bit paralyzed by the snow but the reality is that we are forced to slow down and just watch the snow fall. Harsh sounds of traffic are muffled by the soft snow. Nice.

Whenever I get the chance to watch snow fall, I look at the flakes and marvel that each is different from the other. Sometimes you notice the different shapes as they fall but other times you have to have them magnified to see the variations. People are that way, too. Each person born into this world has a unique appearance and life experience. Just like fingerprints and DNA, a person's personality is different from anyone else's. Snowflakes, like people, form from separate crystals. Sometimes they connect with another snowflake on the way to the ground. Others make it to the ground and combine with others to form a soft blanket of white. And even if we don't like it, snow serves a purpose – other than slowing down traffic and supporting body shops. When it melts, the water from the snow will seep into the soil and then into the water table. A good snow can make the difference between experiencing drought conditions in the summer and being able to water the lawn. Snow can insulate plants from harsh temperatures. The individual snowflake doesn't really affect much. But a good winter storm can make a difference months after it melts.

The Church is another example of separate entities combining with others to affect a difference in the world. That is not to say the work of an individual Christian is not valuable. But even if you are the only one from your church volunteering at the soup kitchen there are others working there for the same goal - feeding the hungry. What a wonderful lesson to be learned from a simple natural event. And what an awesome God to find ways to teach us – if we'll just pay attention.

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 4

1:00pm and 7:00pm Bible studies

Sunday, March 8

Daylight Saving Time Begins (Spring Forward)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Randall Lolley

Monday, March 9

12:00 Yoga class

1:00pm Crafting class

Evening: church in use by the Inman HOA group

Attendance 3/2

Sunday School

Visitors

Total Closed due to inclement weather

Worship Attendance: Closed due to inclement weather

Deacon for this week: 3/8 Robert Best

Deacon for next week: 3/15 Barbara Best

Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

3/8 Grace Small 3/15 Jim Greene

Properties for March

3/8 Randy Walker

3/15 Steve Wheeler

3/22 David Jenkins

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



Many thanks to those who stopped by on Monday and dropped off supplies for The Hope Pantry!

Some of the items we are still low on are:

Canned soup

Cereal and grits

Packages of Instant Potatoes, Noodles and Rice

Plastic bottles of apple juice

Canned or shelf milk

Jelly

Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti, etc

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING SEND» NORTH AMERICA

This Sunday begins the Week of Prayer for the Annie Armstrong offering, look for prayer guides in Sundays bulletin. Our church goal is \$1000.00



SHARE THE SONSHINE

This week: March 1-7 Al Coley

Next week: March 8-14 Bill and Johnnie Grubbs
Copies of the 2015 "Share the Sonshine" calendar are on the table in the church narthex. *Let's Share the Sonshine!*