

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

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### THOUGH FOR THE WEEK

The drama that played out at the Cincinnati Zoo when a three year old child fell into the moat of an exhibit that housed Harambe, a rare silverback gorilla, resulting in the shooting death of this beautiful animal has brought cries of outrage and protest from critics.

Action taken by the Zoo's administration saved a human life. Zoo Director Thane Maynard has said in reflection, "they would make the same decision over again". Celebrity zookeeper Jack Hanna of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium has defended the difficult decision.

My first thought about the critics is how fast people can judge someone else and how harsh they can be when all the circumstances and conditions are not known. My second thought is a question to the critics: Is the life of a rare gorilla more precious than the life of a human being and especially a child? Another question would be: What if that were your child?

Those in charge know far more about gorillas than the average zoo visitor or animal lover. They understood that the life of the child was in danger by the erratic behavior of Harambe. Yes, there were moments when it looked like Harambe was being gentle with the child. There were also those moments when he violently drug him through the water. How easily he could have bashed the head of the child against the stone enclosure of the moat or broken an arm or leg or even crushed him to death. The zoo keepers knew that the life of the child was endangered and acted in the best interest of the child.

We are living in a time when the blame game is at a peak. People want to blame somebody - the mother, the zoo, God! How can you blame a curious four year old child who climbed over a protective barrier? What parent has not had a moment when they took their eyes off their child and something happened? Could it be that no one is to blame - it just happened! After all, the principal characters in this drama are an innocent, active, curious child and a wild animal with six times the strength of a man.

I am reminded of Jesus' words recorded in Matthew 7:1-2 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Rather than judge or blame why not rejoice that a child is alive today because those in authority valued the life of a human being over that of an animal.

In His love,  
Charles

- 6/5 Sue Edwards  
13201 Norwood Road 27614
- 6/18 Cheryl Walker  
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- 6/19 Tom Edwards  
13201 Norwood Road 27614
- 6/20 Jane Williams  
1444 Barton Place Dr 27608
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9301 Glade Cove 27617



The church office would like to collect 'Emergency Contact' information on all our members. We feel that it's important to have access to this type of information in case someone was to get hurt and need someone to come get them, had to be transported by EMS to the hospital, or worse, be unable to communicate with us as to whom to call if they were hurt or ill. These forms are in the lobby, please fill it out and return to the office. *If you would like a copy of this form emailed to you, send request to [cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org](mailto:cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org)*

### 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
- 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)

Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

### Calendar of Events:

#### Sunday, June 5

Graduate Recognition

#### Thursday, June 9

Young Hearts outing to Billy Graham exhibit at the museum.  
Please sign up in the Narthex.

#### Sunday, June 12

Called Business conference immediately following worship.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>5/29</u>
Sunday School	30
Visitors	1
Total	31

**Worship Attendance:** 45

**Deacon for this week:** 6/5 Shirley Keener

**Deacon for next week:** 6/12 Peninah Brown

### Properties for June

David Jenkins

### Ushers for June

Randy Walker Ben Best  
Shirley Keener Walt Switzer



The Children on Mission are very excited and appreciate your participation in the WMU Pure Water, Pure Love mission project.

**With your generosity, they collected over \$500.00!** This will provide clean water to several missionaries so they can continue God's work in their area.



*SHARE THE SUNSHINE*

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

This week: May 29-June 4 Al Coley

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

### HOME:

- Christine & Haline Eller
- Sandi Robinson
- Greg Small
- 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
- Mary Cain – PO Box 806 Springmoor Circle 27615  
Healthcare center - room 220



As we begin preparing for the new church year beginning in September, we are once again faced with the dilemma of a very limited number of people to fill all the positions necessary to the functioning of our church. For that reason, it is vital that each person currently serving in any capacity plan on continuing in his/her current position for another year if at all possible. If you feel you cannot keep your current position, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee (Sue Edwards, Faye Hayes, Betty Perry or Lynda Weaver) by no later than June 15 so that we can make other arrangements. If we do not hear from you by that time, we will assume that you will remain in your current position for the upcoming church year (Sept 2016-August 2017). As always, we thank each of you for your willingness to serve our church and for all the time and effort you put forth in doing so.



We express our sympathy to Sandi Robinson and family for the sudden passing of her niece, Tracy Zimmerman of Durham. Tracy died unexpectedly last Wednesday night, May 25, 2016. There will be a memorial service at CVBC on Saturday, June 18 at 11:00am.

### Address for Dr. and Mrs. Braswell

Recently Dr. George Braswell and his wife, Joan, were involved in a serious car accident in Indiana. Joan has extensive injuries and will be in long-term rehab for several months. Many of you know George as he has preached at CVBC before. They live in Wake Forest, but will be staying in Indiana for some time. Here is the address for those who'd like to send a card. Dr. and Mrs. George Braswell  
c/o Becky Edwards  
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Newburgh, IN 47630