

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

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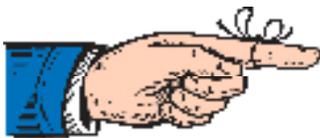
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### Rent A Youth

**Saturday, May 10, 9am-noon**

Members of the Youth will be available to assist with simple jobs around your home such as yard work, cleaning windows, planting plants, washing cars, etc for donations toward their Passport Camp, June 15-20. If you would like some help at your house that weekend, please call Beth Jenkins (676-7176) or the church office.



## REMINDER

**Monday, May 19**

7:00pm Deacons meeting

**Tuesday, May 20**

7:00pm Stewardship committee

### Church office contact information:

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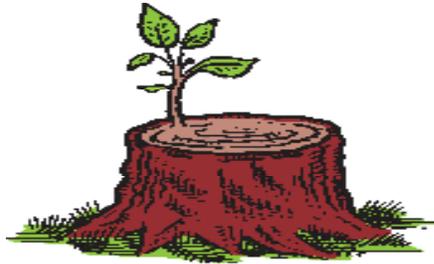
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### Deacon Retreat Update

Last Saturday, the diaconate and I met for a day-long retreat. Ernie also joined us for about an hour. The focus of our retreat was on “growth initiative” (numerical growth as well as growing in spiritual maturity and wholeness).

We talked about how it is important for a church to establish a clear mission, values, and vision as described in a book that we read prior to the retreat titled “Grace in the Heights: A Fable of Revitalization” by Rodger Price. (This book can be downloaded at no cost at <http://www.rca.org/Page.aspx?pid=7760> or a hard copy can be requested from the church office.) I have described in more detail how we will establish “mission, values, and vision” on the second page of the newsletter.

We also began conversations on growth in the four “main categories” of: *Relationships* (beyond and within our four walls), *Sunday Mornings*, *Visibility*, and *Programs*. In thinking about how we might establish relationships beyond our four walls, we studied a demographics report for the population that surrounds Crabtree Church. We will continue to discuss this and all four of these “main categories” in more depth at our next retreat on Friday, May 23 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm.

Here are some items that came out of Saturday’s retreat: 1) **Refreshing the Nursery.** Beth J. and Barbara B. will initiate the task of cleaning up the nursery and finding volunteers to serve on Sunday mornings in order to provide a safe and welcoming space for young families. 2) **Enhance the Worship Service by Sitting Closer Together.** When we roped off the back pews at the Maundy Thursday service, several worshipers commented on how much they liked sitting closer together. Doing this on Sundays will make it easier for us to “pass the peace.” It should encourage people to sing louder, enhancing our music and worship. The congregation will also look and feel fuller and more inviting. I will be in the Ben Best classroom after worship again this Sunday to answer questions. We plan to rope off the back section of the sanctuary starting May 18. This will start on a trial basis for 2 months. 3) **Music Enrichment.** Look for a survey in your Sunday bulletin that asks for your 5 favorite songs for worship. Complete it to let Ernie know which songs you like to sing. 4) **Establishing Clear Values and Vision.** We are in the process of developing a list of our “values” which will soon be presented to the congregation for your feedback and vote. After that, we will work on a “vision” statement.

We felt lifted up by your prayers on Saturday. Thank you! Please continue to share your ideas with us and keep on praying.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Nola

## 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

### Each Wednesday

1:00 & 7:00pm Bible study

### Sat, May 10

9:00am – noon Rent-a-Youth

### Sunday, May 11

Mother's Day

### Monday, May 19

7:00pm Deacons meeting

### Tuesday, May 20

7:00pm Stewardship committee

### Friday, May 23

Deacons Retreat – part 2

### Attendance                      5/4

Sunday School                      42

Visitors

Total                                      42

*Worship Attendance:*    63

**Deacon for this week:**    5/11    Larry Nunery

**Deacon for next week:** 5/18    Jean Glosson

### Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

5/11 Aladine Rogers                      5/18    Larry & Kathryn Nunery

### Properties for May

Darrell Jenkins

### Ushers for May

Randy Walker    Bobby Hayes

Walt Switzer        David Jenkins

*Alternate: Robert Best*



*SHARE THE SONSHINE*

**This week, May 4-10: Rick and Pam Bilbro**

**Next week, May 11-17: Greg Small**

Pick up your copy of the March - May "Share the Sonshine" calendar on the table in the church narthex.

*Let's Share the Sonshine!*

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

### HOME:

Ed Glover

Sue DeWalt

Pat Jenkins

Mildred Jenkins

Cassie Glover

Susan Carden – Frances Viano's daughter

Lee Snyder

Jean Greene

Pam Bilbro

### REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Van Phillips - Mayview

Lois Capps – Rex Rehab - Apex

Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286

Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - Winston-Salem

Gerry Campbell – Rex Rehab (broken knee)



## **Deacon Retreat Update, continued**

**Mission:** A church's "mission" describes the reason an organization exists in the first place. The congregation voted to retrain our mission statement when Dr. Lolley was the interim pastor. From September – November of last year, we had a sermon series titled "Living our Mission" that explored each part of our mission statement. The congregation shared their thoughts by writing them down on "leaves." Our current mission statement is: "We exist to be a fellowship of believers growing in faith; loving and serving others; and proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ."

**Values:** "Values spell out the highest priorities for how a particular organization goes about doing its work." This is where a church expresses its key behaviors as they live out their mission. Loving relationships, creativity, hospitality, powerful music, informal worship, highly structured worship, and strong outreach are examples of "values." When a church has a clear set of values, visitors (and members) get a clear sense of who the church is and what their priorities are. The diaconate is in the process of establishing a list of values to present to the congregation for input and feedback.

**Vision:** "Vision is a picture of what a church is working to achieve over the coming months or years. Vision describes the best way a church can live out its mission and values in its current context." After establishing a list of values, the diaconate hopes to work on establishing a clearly written vision statement.