

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

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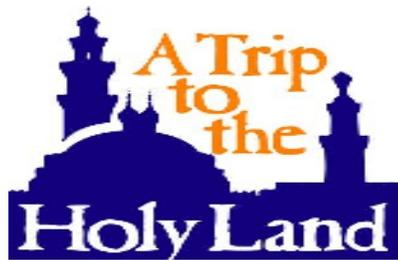
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Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
presented by Dr. Randall Lolley!

Please join us in the sanctuary as Dr. Lolley shares photos and stories from his most recent trip to the Holy Land. He was joined by church members Frances Viano and Mary Cain on this trip.



Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 30

6pm-7:45pm

*Invite your friends and neighbors!  
We'll have Games, a Bounce House,  
Hot Dogs, Candy and Prizes!  
Fun costumes are encouraged.*

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The light that  
shines in  
darkness!

Each week I wonder how I'm going to come up with a subject for my newsletter article. And each week something pops up for me to write about. Some articles are definitely better than others and I would guess that opinions vary from one person to the next. I use my cell phone to remember ideas when they come to me or they will most certainly vaporize before I ever get to use them. Sometimes Pastor Nola will say something in a sermon that will set off a train of thought that I will enter in as a note in my phone (so if you see me tapping at my phone during church, I assure you I am not texting anyone). There are things in the news to write about and things that just happen around me. Sometimes I hear a verse or read a devotion that hits home for me. Other times I see something on television or read something or just remember something that happened in my life. The hard part is narrowing it down to just one idea and talk about it meaningfully for a few paragraphs.

Facebook and a situation comedy are my sources this week. Impressed? In today's world it is easy to find things wrong with our lives. Each day we are bombarded with images of youth and fitness, wealth and success. It is implied that the majority of the world has these things – and whatever they're selling or doing is going to get you to the same place. That new car is safer and better for the environment than that heap you're driving. Your dermatologist can take 10 years off your appearance in just a few visits. Then you change channels and people are starving to death and being held in slavery. There are no fine clothes and abundant food there. There is fear and loneliness and want. It's hard to see the beautiful world that God intended for us. Over and over I see positive messages posted on Facebook pages encouraging people to "appreciate their own problems for they wouldn't want anyone else's". In the show I was watching last night, the character had major money problems to deal with but realized how small they were in comparison to someone else's.

For most of us, there are days that just seem too dark to endure. Where is God on those days? Why isn't He there to fix at least some of the catastrophic problems people face? Surely God doesn't intend for us to have to bear so much. I mean, what kind of "parent" does that...abandons their child in the midst of trouble with no help at all? The problem is that He is there all along. When the days are darkest, so dark that we can't even imagine seeing light again, He is there. What is the first thing you need in the dark? Light. Who is the light of the world? Christ. With Christ we can do anything, survive anything, and overcome anything. With the light that God gives us through Christ, we can feel the peace that comes with it and then we can face any problem. So we don't really need God to prevent or solve our problems. We need to open our eyes and see His light so that we can do what we need to do in the face of darkness. He won't take the burden for us but He will help us carry it. Sometimes He will place people in our lives that will also help us carry it. And if we can share that light with someone else, then when they encounter a dark day, they will be able to deal with it. I think that's pretty awesome.

*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: (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month)**

6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, October 27

Crabtree Cafe

Business meeting

### Wednesday, October 30

6:00pm Fall Festival

### Sunday, November 3

9:15-9:45am Breakfast for Missions offering

### Wednesday, November 6

5-8pm Fundraiser dinner at Fat Daddy's for P Jenkins

### Attendance            10/20

Sunday School            43

Visitors

Total                        43

**Worship Attendance:    70**

**Deacon for this week:** 10/27 Beth Jenkins

**Deacon for next week:** 11/3 Larry Nunery

### Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

10/27 Pat Jenkins            11/3 Anne Jenkins

### Properties for October

Steve Wheeler

### Ushers for October

Rudy Barden    Ed Glover

Robert Best    Walt Switzer



**On Sunday, October 27, following our Worship service, the church will hold its monthly Business meeting immediately following the Youth's Crabtree Cafe.** Please make plans to stay for the meal and the business meeting. Donations will be accepted to help the youth attend Passport mission camp. *Lunch Menu: Mexican lasagna, Rice, Chips & Salsa, Fruit, Desserts and Drinks*

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

### HOME:

Pat Jenkins

Larry Nunery

Bob Poole

Bonnie Wright

Jack Porter

Susan Carden – Francis Viano's daughter

Van Phillips

Lee Snyder

Jean Greene

Pam Bilbro

### REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Bob Davis - Greensboro

Elouise Leffler – Crabtree Valley Rehab center - Room 412-A

Lois Capps – Rex Rehab - Apex

Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286

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

Marlyn Ervin – The Oaks at Mayview - Room 168

513 E Whitaker Mill Rd 27608

Mary Cain - The Oaks at Mayview - Room 166



## **Your Thoughts Are Important!**

Last Sunday we started phase 2 (out of 3) in our series on “*Living Our Mission*” of which we are focusing on *ways we are and will be “loving and serving others.”* We appreciate all those who turned in leaves during phase 1, and now we encourage everyone to participate in phase 2. Please write down your thoughts on the new lavender and peach leaves in this Sunday's bulletin. Place completed leaves in the offering plate or in the basket on the table in the Narthex by this Sunday, Oct 27. On Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will move on to phase 3 and there will be a final set of leaves available for you to write your thoughts on “Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”



**Wednesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm**

Darrell and Pat Jenkins are seeking alternative cancer treatments in Germany for Pat, and they hope to be able to make this trip in the next few weeks! In order to help them, there will be a fundraiser for Pat at Fat Daddy's restaurant on Glenwood Ave, from 5-8pm on Wed, Nov. 6th. There will also be a silent auction. **When ordering dinner please mention FIGHT FOR PAT** and 10% of the proceeds will be donated. Thank you on behalf of Pat and Darrell for your support