

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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This Sunday, October 5, is a day when we celebrate our unity, joining other Christians throughout the world in celebrating Holy Communion. At the Lord's Table, we celebrate with Christians of various denominations, ethnicities, nationalities, and skin colors as we remember the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.



SS teacher Spaghetti Luncheon Sunday, October 12

All Sunday School teachers for the new year are invited to join us for lunch and discussion about the upcoming year.

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I'm at the beach again. And I'm loving it. This time it's just me, Steve and his mom. Steve spends his days sitting on the beach, reading books. My mother-in-law is thoroughly enjoying being near the ocean. It's one of her favorite places and she has been unable to make the trip from Richmond for several years. As for myself, I have been spending a large amount of time just gazing at the water.

When we come in the summer, I spend a lot of time people watching. After Labor Day, things get very quiet. There are few people on the beach. The sea is calm, the sun is shining and all you can hear is birds calling and breakers on the shore. I like to watch the waves form – the surface is seemingly still and flat; then a smooth ridge forms and builds to a peak. The peak curls over on itself and the white crest appears. Then it flattens and disappears into the shore. It really is a wondrous thing to see. The ocean isn't calm all of the time. If you live in North Carolina, you are familiar with what a stormy sea can do to the coast. Most of us have personally experienced the power of a hurricane, even those who live inland. But the experience becomes even more perilous if you are on a boat during a storm. The waves build out away from the shore, whipped up by mighty winds. The boat pitches and rocks and it becomes difficult to even hold its course steady. You have to yell to be heard. Droplets of water that are kicked up off the surface sting your face. You can't see so you do your best to keep from running aground. How do I know this? When I was a child, we had a little wooden-hulled cabin cruiser – the **Mer-John**. We were enjoying a bright sunny day on the Chesapeake Bay when a storm suddenly blew in. I always wore a life jacket on board so I felt pretty safe – until my mom yelled "If I yell 'jump' you jump!!"

Life is kind of like that. Things are going smoothly and it appears to be smooth sailing for as far as you can see. Then, when you're not looking, something comes along that turns your serene life into a roiling sea of uncertainty. What you once could see has dissolved into a haze. It's hard to see where you were going and that makes staying on course very difficult. No amount of navigational equipment can help in this situation. But wait. There is a way to navigate the stormy parts of life. It requires total trust. It is always unfailing and available. God is always there to help us navigate through tough times. While it is certainly important to communicate with God during good times, we need to demonstrate our faith by relying on Him during life's challenges. Sure, we almost automatically pray for God's help when we are lost. But do we *really* trust Him to help us? Are we willing to accept a different solution to a problem than we anticipate? Are we really willing to acknowledge that He knows what is better for us than we do ourselves? Speaking for myself, sometimes I'd have to say "No". I often have to swim through emotion before I can see what God needs me to do. I am so fortunate to have missed facing a lot of the trials that others have had to endure. But I have had challenges and will face them again in my life. During good times and bad, I have to remind myself that "God has been with me, God is currently with me and God will be with me in the future." That indeed is a wonderfully comforting thought.

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
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, October 1

1:00pm & 7:00pm Prayer meeting and Bible study

Sunday, October 5

World Communion Day

Monday, October 6

12:00pm Yoga class
1:00pm Greeting Card crafting class

Tuesday, October 7

10:30am Women on Mission

Sunday, October 12

Spaghetti Luncheon for Sunday School teachers

Attendance 9/28

Sunday School 41

Visitors

Total 41

Worship Attendance: 64

Deacon for this week: 10/5 Peninah Brown

Deacon for next week: 10/12 Tom Edwards

Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

10/5 Frances Viano 10/12 Anne Jenkins

Properties for October

Steve Wheeler

Ushers for October

Robert Best Whitt Stallings

Darrell Jenkins Jim Greene

Alternate: Rudy Barden



SHARE THE SONSHINE

This week: Sept 28-Oct 4: Rick & Pam Bilbro

Next week: October 5-11: Greg Small

Copies of the calendar for the rest of the year are available on the table in the church narthex

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

Gerry Campbell
Mildred Jenkins
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. - Winston-Salem

HOSPITAL:

Lee Snyder – UNC Hospitals

A NOTE OF



Dear CVBC,

Thank you so much for the donation made to Hospice in my mom's name. She would have been very honored. She really enjoyed Crabtree Church and missed being able to attend.

Love, Terry Wilson and Kenny DeWalt

Dear Crabtree Valley Baptist Church, our Raleigh church family! Thank you for the lovely flowers you sent in remembrance of my father. Thank you also for the cards and notes of encouragement. I know that my dad is not suffering anymore, and that is a blessing. We love everyone there at CVBC.

Sincerely, The Brinley/Harris family



The Music Committee is happy to announce that with a unanimous vote, Mr. Christopher Reed will be our new Minister of Music. Chris and his family were members at Crabtree while Chris was growing up. He left Crabtree with full support of the members to pursue his calling in ministerial music, first receiving a Bachelor of Music from Mars Hill College and going on to receive a Master of Music/Church Music from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Chris will come from a mission plant congregation in Apex - where he grew the music program from no established musical groups to 8 ensembles - representing a wide spectrum of ages, talent and skills levels and offering a wide variety of both vocal and instrumental styles of music for their services. Chris also plays the organ, and has said that our own Eleanor Aker was his prime inspiration in learning to play the organ as she used to sit with him as a child and teach him about the organ in our sanctuary. Make plans to be here on October 12, as Chris begins his ministry here at CVBC.