

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

"CONTINUE IN PRAYER"



THE VALLEY ECHO

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General Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm (closed on Friday)



Valentine Banquet

Saturday, February 10 at 5:30pm.

Join us for a LOVE-ly evening sponsored by the Children and Youth. A Surprise Guest soloist will be present to sing love songs. Please sign up in lobby. *Menu: Smothered steak with gravy, buttered rice, spinach and strawberry salad, fruit cup and assorted desserts.*



Mark your calendars and help us spread the word about our next FREE concert.

There are small posters and brochures available in the lobby for you to share with your friends.

"Make a Joyful Noise"

Risa Poniros, Soprano

Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 3pm

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our study of Job reminds us that when it comes to suffering and bearing burdens we are not alone. Yet our burdens can make us feel alone and isolated. I am reminded of the time when Elijah was fleeing from the wrath of Jezebel. His flight took place after the contest on Mt. Carmel against the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18). After God had answered Elijah's prayer with a

consuming fire that fell on the water soaked altar, Elijah killed the prophets of Baal thus infuriating one of her worshippers, Queen Jezebel. As he fled the Queen's wrath a deep sense of aloneness overcame him despite the victory that God had just given him. By the time he reached a cave at Mt. Horeb, the Man of God was not only exhausted and isolated, he was terribly burdened.

Despite the fact that God had given him a great victory at Mt. Carmel, despite the fact that along the way of his flight from the Queen's wrath, God had provided him with a cake of bread and a jar of water, despite the fact that he reached the Mt. Horeb Cave in safety, Elijah was having one great big anxiety attack. He really just wanted to die as he had said back in Beersheba. He genuinely felt that he alone had been faithful to God and did not deserve to be pursued by those who wanted to kill him. Elijah started his own "pity party" saying, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty...I am the only one left," implying that his burden was undeserved because he was the only one who had remained faithful to God (1 Kings 19:14)

God reminded his distraught, anxiety filled prophet that his thinking was faulty. God informed Elijah that there were 7000 faithful believers in Israel that had not bowed down to Baal. He was not alone in spite of his feelings. Elijah was not the only faithful burden bearer in Israel.

When our burdens are unbearable, when we feel isolated and exhausted, when we feel like giving up and dying, when we feel that we alone are being faithful to God, let us remember God's Word to Elijah. And just as God reminded Elijah that he had work for him to do, let us listen for the next assignment that God has for us. Involving ourselves in the work that God has for us is the healthiest way to deal with our burdens.

In His Love,
Charles

Weekly Church Calendar

EACH SUNDAY:

- *9:45am Sunday School
- *11:00am Worship Service
- *Child care provided downstairs.

EACH TUESDAY:

6:30pm Triangle Toastmasters

EACH WEDNESDAY:

- 9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open
- 6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups
- 6:30pm Bible study & Prayer
- 7:30pm Choir Practice

EACH THURSDAY:

8:00pm Gamblers Anonymous

MONTHLY: (4th Thursday of each month)

Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

Calendar of Events:

Week of February 4th

Charles and Gloria out of town

Saturday, February 10

5:30pm Valentine Banquet

Sunday, February 25

3:00pm Concert

Attendance 1/28

Sunday School	26
Visitors	
Total	26

Worship Attendance: 38

Deacon for week: 2/11 Bonnie Wright

Deacon for week: 2/18 Frances Viano

Properties for February

Randy Walker

Ushers for February

Randy Walker Ben Best

Walt Switzer Frances Viano



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Keeping in touch with those who are not able to attend church on a regular basis.

Make a call, a visit or send a card.

February 4 – 10 Rick and Pam Bilbro

February 11-17 Jean Greene

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

- Barbara Goodson
- Tom Edwards
- Gregg Small
- Joe Clary
- Eleanor Cromartie
- 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 – 806 Springmoor Circle 27615



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Psalm 100:1

If you are interested in being a part of our choir, please speak with Risa or come to our weekly Choir practice, which meets each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm, following Prayer and Bible Study.



BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

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Caring For Those Who Cared For Us

We will receive this offering through the end of February. Offering envelopes are in your boxed sets and are also available on the narthex table.



Welcome House Update

We now have three single guests staying in our house; Mujib, from Afganistan, Zeferino, from the Congo, and Abel, from Eritrea. Be sure to check out the bulletin board above the large table in the lobby where we will continue to update with information about our guests. Please continue to pray for this ministry and for those for who occupy the house.