

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

"CONTINUE IN PRAYER"



THE VALLEY ECHO

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The Young Hearts outing for March will be to attend the **Spring Senior Adult Rally sponsored by the Raleigh Baptist Association on Tuesday, March 27**. This event will be held at Salem Baptist Church in Apex. Cost is \$15 pp, which includes your meal and entertainment. **Menu:** Beef Tips and Rice, Green Peas, Yams, Corn Muffins, Desserts and Tea.

Keynote Speaker: Bob Inskeep. **Special Music** by The Ringtones. They are all members of the General Assembly Barbershop Chorus and actively entertain at celebrations, senior centers and more.

Program Begins: 9:30 am

Register by: Tuesday, March 13

Please sign up in the narthex if you'd like to attend. We will meet at the church and carpool to this event. Cost is \$15.00 - Make checks payable to RBA and give it to Larry Nunery, Ben Best or Jean Glosson.



Sunday, March 11

Daylight Saving time begins

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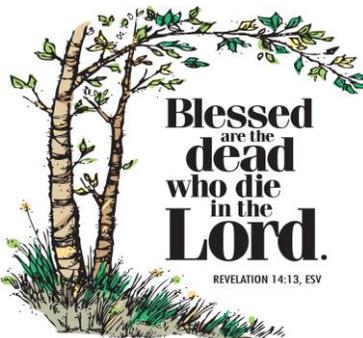
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In life and in his death, Billy Graham continues to impact the lives of unknown multitudes of people. The 99 year old Evangelist who went home to be with the Lord on February 21, through modern media is probably preaching to more people today than he did in his lifetime. To God be the Glory.

Like many of you, I grew up under the powerful ministry of Billy Graham. I first heard of Billy Graham at the age of 10 when he drew national attention through his tent revival in Los Angeles. Watching Billy Graham Crusades on Television became a family experience that none of us wanted to miss. By the time I was entering my teenage years and feeling strongly the call of God to preach, I wanted to be just like Billy Graham. I remember going out into the woods behind our home and preaching to the birds and squirrels and trying to imitate Billy Graham with his famous "The Bible Says" declaration.

Over the years I came to the realization that I couldn't be Billy Graham, I could only be me. As I matured, I realized that God does not call his messengers to be "copycat" or "cookie cutter types" of other messengers. He calls each one of us individually to be the unique persons that we are. I did understand that the kind of commitment that Billy Graham preached was the commitment that God wanted me to have. And most important, I came to understand that God doesn't want us to imitate others no matter how much we might admire them. God wants us to imitate Jesus Christ.

The world is a better place because of the ministry and calling of Billy Graham. It is most appropriate that not just our nation but the world honors this faithful servant of Jesus Christ. From his lying in State at "The Cove," a spiritual retreat near Asheville founded by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, to his childhood home now located on the campus of the Billy Graham Library, to the Rotunda of our Nation's Capital, the public will be able to show their love and respect as they pass by his casket.

Not since the death of Charles Haddon Spurgeon in January 1892, when 60,000 people paid homage to "The Prince of Preachers" as he lay in state for three days at the Metropolitan Tabernacle where he preached to 6000 people twice each Sunday for 38 years and when 100,000 people lined the streets of London for his funeral procession, and his death was mourned around the world, has so much honor been given to a preacher of the Gospel.

The last words of Spurgeon to his congregation are also appropriate for Billy Graham, "We would have it so happen that, when our life's history is written, whoever reads it will not think of us as "self-made men," but as the handiwork of God in whom his grace is magnified. Not in us may men see the clay, but the Potter's hand."

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:

Sunday, March 11

Daylight Saving time begins

Friday, March 16 - Saturday, March 17

VA Tech student volunteers staying at CVBC

Saturday, March 17

Yard sale for the Welcome House

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

Tuesday, March 27

9:00am – Senior Adult Rally

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday

6:30am Sunrise Service at Raleigh Memorial Park

Attendance 2/25

Sunday School 26

Visitors 1

Total 27

Worship Attendance: 54

Deacon for week: 3/4 Gene Sherwood

Deacon for week: 3/11 Darrell Jenkins

Properties for March

Gene Sherwood

Ushers for March

Robert Best Bobby Hayes

Darrell Jenkins Whitt Stallings



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 25 – March 3 Mary Cain

March 4 – 10 Al Coley

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

- 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



Welcome House Update

On the weekend of March 16 and 17 we will have a group of student volunteers from VA Tech staying here at the church. They will be volunteering at several locations, one of which will be doing some work at the Welcome House, another is to hold a children's event at a local apartment complex. On that Saturday, March 17th, there will be a Yard Sale at the church to raise money for the Welcome House fund. Most of the items for the yard sale are being donated by Marc & Kim Wyatt. The students are bringing everything they'll need; food, bedding, etc. and will be going to the local YMCA for showers. If you have questions about this weekend event or want to donate items for the yard sale, see Barbara Best.



FIRST CONCERT OF 2018

A ROUSING SUCCESS

An enthusiastic audience of 217 gathered on a balmy Sunday afternoon February 25, 2018 for a stellar performance by Crabtree Valley Baptist Church's own Risa Poniros and Cheryl Walker.

Risa said that she "hoped in this concert there would be something for everyone". Without a doubt there was - from "All That Gold" to "Blue Skies," to "Medleys from The Sound of Music " to "Ride on King Jesus" people laughed, cried, applauded and thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful talent of two very special ladies. Great job Risa and Cheryl. THANK YOU!

We can only look forward to the three remaining concerts in our 2018 series on April 15, June 10 and October 7. Spread the word. You won't want to miss a single concert!