

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

"CONTINUE IN PRAYER"



THE VALLEY ECHO

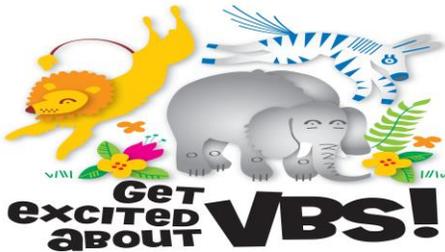
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General Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm (closed on Friday)



Exploring God's Creation!

Starts next week!

Mon, July 9- Thurs, July 12
9am-12 noon

Help us get the word out!
Invite your neighbors and
friends! Flyers are in the lobby.

Collections for VBS

We are collecting these items for VBS:
Small bottles of water and individual ice cream cups.

We're collecting the following school supplies for Guatemala.
Notebook paper, pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners and crayons.

Contact Cheryl Walker to register or if you'd like to volunteer to help!
919-851-6976 or chwalker@med.unc.edu

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



*Blessed is the
Nation whose God
is the Lord.*
Psalms 33:12

As we celebrate the Birthday of our Nation a question keeps ringing in my mind: Is America a Nation Under God? In our pledge of allegiance to the US Flag we say, "One Nation Under God". Stamped on our currency are the words, "In God We Trust" Does a phrase in our pledge to the flag or an inscription on our money make us a Nation under God? Inscriptions, slogans, phrases or stamped words on paper or metal may look good in print, they may even be idealistic or hopeful, but if they are not backed up by action, they are only hollow sayings. An old saying comes to mind, "sound and fury signifying nothing."

Have we really thought about what we are saying when we repeat the words, "One Nation Under God" in our pledge to the flag? Do we really give thought to what the words, "In God We Trust" on our currency mean? The phrase "under God" was not even in the original pledge to the flag. It was added by Congress in 1954. We all know that saying it doesn't make it so.

Israel was a "nation under God" because God chose it. There is nothing in the Bible to indicate that God ever chose another nation in the way he chose Israel. The United States of America nor any other nation in the world can be a "nation under God" in the way that Israel was. However, our nation or any other nation can be a "Nation under God" if the people choose to believe in God and follow his commandments.

God told Israel what he expected of them if they were to be His Nation (Exodus 19: 5-6) "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." It seems logical to me that for the USA to be a "Nation Under God" we must obey and keep his covenants. While individuals choose to obey and keep His covenants, it does not appear at the present time that we as a nation are doing so. To be a "Nation under God" we must do what God requires? Otherwise our slogans and mottos are empty words.

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:

Wednesday, July 4

Office and Pantry closed

Thursday, July 5

Office closing at noon

Sunday, July 8

Benevolent offering

Monday, July 9-Thursday, July 13

9am-12pm – Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 29 - *please note change of date**

Quarterly Business meeting & Crabtree Cafe

Attendance 7/1

Sunday School 26
Worship Attendance 40

Deacon for week: 7/8 Gene Sherwood

Deacon for week: 7/15 Darrell Jenkins

Properties for July

George Shore

Ushers for July

Robert Best Bobby Hayes
Darrell Jenkins Whit Stallings



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Make a call, send a card, or make a visit!

July 1 – 7 Jean Greene

July 8 – 14 Greg Small



Sunday, July 8

Benevolent offering

Please come prepared to give to this offering.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

Walt Switzer
Greg Small
Joe Clary
Eleanor Cromartie
Pam Bilbro

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - W-S
Jean Greene – Snow Hill Asst. Living - Snow Hill, NC
Mary Cain – 806 Springmoor Circle 27615
Anne Jenkins - Morningside of Raleigh
801 Dixie Trail 27607 - Room 132



The family of Tom Edwards wishes to express our sincere gratitude for your prayers, calls, visits, food and other acts of kindness. We also thank the Bereavement Committee for the delicious lunch for our family before the funeral.

Sincerely, Sue Edwards and family



Be sure to check out our Website! While it is a work in progress, improvements have been made. You can now read and reread the Pastor's articles entitled "Thought for the Week", and you can actually hear the sermons that are preached each week. So, if you missed a sermon or want to hear it again, it is now available. Thanks to Elizabeth Best for diligently working on and improving our website and to Yilong Wang for uploading the sermons.



Please note:

The church office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th in observance of the holiday.

On Thursday, July 5th the office will be closing at noon.