

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

## "CONTINUE IN PRAYER"



**THE VALLEY ECHO**

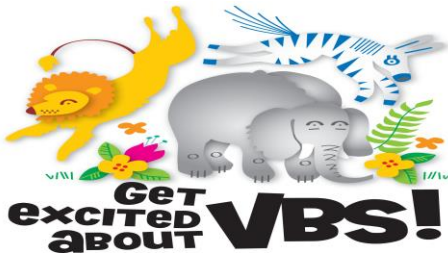
**July 2, 2018**

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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](mailto:chwalker@med.unc.edu)

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

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

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: (4<sup>th</sup> 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

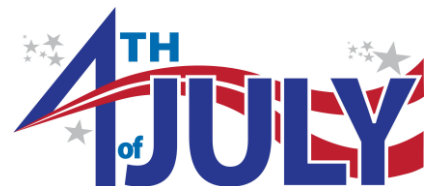


The family of Tom Edwards wishes to express our sincere gratitude for your prayers, calls, visits, food and other acts of kindness. We also thank the Bereavement Committee for the delicious lunch for our family before the funeral.

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 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the holiday.

On Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> the office will be closing at noon.