

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

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Mark your calendars for the  
Valentine Banquet  
on Saturday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Come and enjoy good food  
and fun entertainment!

Menu: Glazed Ham, Roasted Potatoes,  
Green beans with almonds, Bread, Jello  
salad, Fruit cobbler and Strawberry  
shortcake. Please sign up in the  
Narthex!



## Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, February 7  
10:30am Women on Mission  
All women of the church are  
invited to join us!

### Church office contact information:

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I recently found myself watching a television show about a married couple coping with everyday life. The challenges they faced most often stemmed from the fact that the husband, Freddie, weighed over 700 pounds. He was definitely a big man and he had a personality that matched. He was funny, clever, demanding, and opinionated and sometimes he was downright annoying. His wife was patient, attentive, cooperative and genuinely seemed to enjoy being married to him.

What intrigued me most was the effort they had to put into finding a church home. Freddie had served churches through his music ministry. One wouldn't think it would be so hard to find a place to serve God. But they had spent 6 years trying to find a place where they felt accepted. Six years! Many church buildings were not accessible to him in his extra wide wheelchair. While they were used to having people stare at them because of the way they looked, there was just something lacking in the congregations they had met thus far.

But this church was different. When they went out to check the accessibility, they were greeted by the pastor who took the time to show them around and really get to know something about them. Freddie had mentioned that he had written and performed music for churches in the past. The pastor not only invited them to come back, he encouraged Freddie to prepare a song to present to the congregation.

At the end of the show, I saw a man disabled by his weight, present a wonderful gift to this church. I didn't expect to hear such a beautiful and lively message come from his mouth. After just a few seconds, the church family was on their feet openly enjoying Freddie's talent. After the service, they couldn't wait to greet him and express their appreciation. They didn't know him before that service. They had no real expectations of him. After 6 years, Freddie and his wife had found a home. They had found a place that didn't judge them; a place where they felt accepted. It was a joy to watch!

I have heard that Crabtree is a very friendly and accepting church. I hope so. I think of the old saying, "You can't judge a book by its cover". The obvious message is that people are much more than what you can see. For me, the key word here is "judge". You can't judge. It's not up to us to decide if a person is worthy of our time or not. God will take care of all that. I don't know about you, but I'm glad I don't have that responsibility! And I'll need to keep that in mind the next time that "terrible driver" pulls out in front of me.

Submitted by Linda Wheeler

**Weekly Church Calendar:**

**EACH SUNDAY**

9:15-9:30am – Prayer – Ben Best classroom  
\*9:45am Sunday School  
\*11:00am Worship Service  
\*Child care provided downstairs.  
2:30-7:00pm Kenyan Fellowship

**EACH MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY**

9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open

**EACH TUESDAY:** 6:00-7:30pm Kenyan Fellowship

**EACH WEDNESDAY:**

6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups  
7:00pm Bible study & Prayer  
7:45pm Choir Practice

**EACH THURSDAY:**

10:00am Handbell choir practice  
8:00pm Gamblers Anonymous

**EACH FRIDAY:** 7:00-9:30pm Kenyan Fellowship

**MONTHLY: (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month)**

6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

**Calendar of Events**

**Tuesday, February 7**

10:30am Women on Mission

**Saturday, February 11**

6:00pm Valentine Banquet

**Monday, February 20**

7:00pm Deacons meeting

**Sunday, February 26**

6:00pm Fellowship meal

7:00pm Business meeting

**Attendance** **1/29**

Sunday School 45

Nursing Home 14

Visitors \_\_\_\_\_

Total 59

***Worship Attendance: 76***

**Deacon for this week:** 2/5 Jim Greene

**Deacon for next week:** 2/12 Molly Rushing

**Greeter Schedule (front entrance)**

2/5 Peggy Switzer 2/12 Jim Greene

**Properties for February**

Randy Walker

**Ushers for February**

**David Jenkins** Bob Davis  
**Whit Stallings** Rudy Barden

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

**HOME:**

Lou Lolley  
Ben Snellings (friend of Shirley Keener)  
Johnnie Grubbs  
Jane Williams  
Jeanne Seals – (Jim Weaver’s sister)  
Peggy Switzer  
Pat Jenkins  
Jim Feagles (Lee Snyder’s brother-in-law) – Leukemia  
Ken and Sue DeWalt  
Lee Snyder  
Jean Greene  
Van Phillips  
Greg Small  
Cassie Glover  
Pam Bilbro

**REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:**

Lois Capps – Rex Rehab - Apex  
Mary Ross Brown – A Jenkins’ sister, Va  
Joyce Barden – Blue Ridge  
Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills  
Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - Winston-Salem  
Ed Quarles – Blue Ridge

**A NOTE OF**



*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the cards, calls, visits,  
prayers and meals that you brought after my  
recent surgery. I am so blessed to be a part of  
such a loving church. Molly Rushing*

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for all the calls, cards and visits since my  
hip surgery, I have appreciated each and every one.  
I have suffered a few set-backs, but I am continuing  
to heal. Thank you for your prayers.  
Sincerely, Johnnie Grubbs