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Lentten SERMON SERIES FOR LENT: "Giving It Up" April 13 – "Giving Up Popularity" Matthew 21:1-54 April 20 – "Giving Up Death" John 20:1-18



Palm Sunday, April 13 from 9:15-9:45

The Children on Mission will be serving muffins, donuts, biscuits, fruit, juice and coffee. So come to church a little early and enjoy food and fellowship. They will also have some handmade cards available. All funds collected will be given to the Annie Armstrong Easter offering.

April 17, Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm (Worship Service with Holy Communion)

April 20, Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am (at Raleigh Memorial Park,

7209 Glenwood Ave.) Easter Worship Service at 11:00 am

Church office contact information:

Pastor • Nola Boezeman pastor@crabtreevalleybaptist.org *Office hours: Mon-Tues: 8am-3pm & Wed: 8am-2pm* Secretary • Peggy Utley *Mon-Thur, 9am-3pm* cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org Music Minister • Mr. Ernie Rushing music@crabtreevalleybaptist.org



A few years ago, I was introduced to the convenience of the 1 cup coffee maker. Steve has never been one to drinks coffee at home so a lot of stale coffee was poured down the drain. There were attempts at making a small, user friendly coffee maker that could make a delicious cup of coffee in under 2 minutes but most were unsatisfactory. Then a model hit

the market that surpassed all others (you know the company). They were reliable and easy to use. Sure, you had to buy boxes of ridiculously expensive cups, but eventually they came out with an adapter that allowed the use of "regular" ground coffee. It was perfect. Until it wasn't.

I had to retire mine yesterday. She seemed good on the outside but inside something was terribly wrong – it's hard to make a good cup of coffee with cold water. I had seen signs that she was quickly approaching retirement so, like any good coffee drinker, I bought a replacement to have on hand. So far, the new model is impressive. It is fast and efficient. Unlike my old coffee maker, it can make single cups of coffee using grounds, pods or cups. It has separate filters for all the current methods as well as one for water – no cups of tea that taste vaguely like coffee!

Yes, new and improved is awesome. A new car smells great. A new outfit makes us feel confident. A new sewing machine can change your life – OK, it probably only affects me that way. Sure, new things are great, but what about the old things? I have some pieces of antique furniture that I appreciate *because* of their age. Each piece has a background story. My father-in-law had a knack for spotting value in something that looked like junk. He would barter services or trade for it. Then he would take it home and scrape off all the old paint and varnish. Underneath there might be beautiful mahogany or oak. He would sand and stain it until it looked like it did when it was new. It was hard work but definitely worth it.

It's a good thing Christians are not like my coffee maker - discarded once they no longer serve their original function. We are more like the furniture in the sense that there is something valuable under the outward appearance. It takes effort, but it is worth taking the time to discover new ways to function in today's society. We want to be able to meet the needs of an evolving environment as well as maintain the principles of our faith. It's great that a shutin can enjoy a church service on television but a visit from a church member can mean so much. Trays of food provided after a funeral offer folks an opportunity to visit with each other after the service. Donations to our Food Pantry can make the difference between hunger and lunch for a child. Our church works hard to meet some of the needs of our community. I'm sure we will find other ways to serve in the future. Our church family is small but it has a well-defined purpose. Every member is valuable and I am convinced that God will send more folks our way. More members would mean that we could do so much more. If you have any ideas that might help us to reach other people who would enjoy serving God at our church, contact Pastor Nola or one of our deacons.

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:** 8:00pm Gamblers Anonymous EACH FRIDAY: 7:00-9:30pm Kenyan Fellowship **MONTHLY: (4th Thursday of each month)** 6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, April 9 1:00 & 7:00pm Lenten Bible study Friday-Saturday, April 11-12 Downstairs floors being stripped and waxed - no admittance! Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday 9:15 – Breakfast provided by Children on Mission Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday 6:30am Sunrise Service 11:00am Worship service Monday, April 21 Office and Pantry closed for Easter

Attendance	4/6
Sunday School	37
Visitors	
Total	37

Worship Attendance: 46

Deacon for this week:	4/13	Barbara Best
Deacon for next week:	4/20	Walt Switzer

Greeter Schedule (front entrance) 4/20 Frances Viano

4/13 Jim Greene

Steve Wheeler

Properties for April

Ushers for April

Robert Best Jim Greene Darrell Jenkins Whitt Stallings Alternate: Rudy Barden



This week, April 6-12: Lois Capps Next week, April 13-20: Bill and Johnnie Grubbs Pick up your copy of the March - May "Share the Sonshine" calendar (vellow paper) on the table in the church narthex. Let's Share the Sonshine!

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME: Pat Jenkins

Mildred Jenkins Cassie Glover Susan Carden - Frances Viano's daughter Van Phillips Lee Snyder Jean Greene Pam Bilbro

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Lois Capps – Rex Rehab - Apex Al Coley - Sunrise at North Hills - Room 286 Wilton Harris - Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - Winston-Salem



Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and phone calls concerning Matthew's broken leg. Our family feels very blessed by the outpouring of your love and compassion. In Christ, John, Nola, & Matthew

Many thanks to all who participated in the ALS Walk this weekend. Whether you walked, sat and cheered and/or made a donation, my daughter, Susan and I want to personally thank each of you for your support. Frances Viano



Passport camp 2014 is fast approaching! The Crabtree Cafes have been a wonderful support to this mission. Youth participants are asked to give \$75 as their registration fee and some cannot afford this. If anyone is interested in donating a \$75 scholarship, please note on your check/envelope "scholarship". Scholarship donations are needed by Sunday, April 20th. Thank you in advance for your help!



Thank you for your continued support of the Hope Pantry. We are currently running low on the following items:

Apple Juice (prefer plastic bottles) Canned fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, etc) Canned vegetables (corn, sweet peas, tomatoes) Canned meats (chicken, roast beef, spam) Spaghetti noodles, mac & cheese, dried beans Toilet tissue and other toiletries