CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH THE VALLEY ECHO August 3, 2015

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Extravaganza



Training Extravaganza Saturday, August 22 at Trinity Baptist Church 4815 Six Forks Road, Raleigh 27609 <u>Schedule:</u> Continental Breakfast - 8:15-8:45 am Session One - 9:15 - 10:30 am Session Two - 10:45 am - noon 32 Conferences focusing on Discipleship, Evangelism, Missions, Leadership and Administration

PLUS

the following Extended Learning Labs (learning labs have to be pre-registered) For more information pick up a complete listing in the narthex or visit <u>http://www.raleighbaptists.org/</u>

Learning Lab #1

9:15 am - 12:00 pm Recovering Hope for Your Church: Moving Beyond Maintenance & Missional to Incarnational Engagement Led by Eddie Hammett Conference Fee: \$15.00 (covers cost of book)

Learning Lab #2

9:15 am - 12:00 pm Difficult Church Conversations: Discovering Creative Ways to Confront Tough Issues Led by Roger Nix, No Charge

Learning Lab #3

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm How Your Church Can Be Discovered in a Community That is Ignoring Churches Led by Mark MacDonald - Conference Fee: \$15.00 (Covers box lunch, drink & conference materials)



There was an article in the August 3rd edition of Raleigh's News and Observer titled <u>Wild in the</u> <u>streets: Are animals invading urban areas</u>? That caught my eye because Steve and I recently saw a deer helping herself to the contents of our bird feeder. I am accustomed to expecting deer crossing our roads but I usually only look for them areas that are wooded and pretty much undeveloped. We live about a mile from

Crabtree Valley Mall – not even close to being a good habitat for wildlife. In the last year we have seen more than one deer in our neighborhood. We've seen raccoons, opossums, hawks and even a coyote in our

neighborhood. We've seen raccoons, opossums, hawks and even a coyote in our yards. But deer tend to be shy and unwilling to venture into areas that have been developed. Spotting that deer in the yard and seeing it allow Steve to get as close as 10 feet from her was unexpected. So, I guess there's no question that wildlife is "invading" our urban areas.

I think the more accurate thing to say is that we are the invaders. We have taken their trees and bulldozed the undergrowth that shelters all sorts of wildlife. When wildlife has no choice than to live in our subdivisions, I think we need to step back and consider the impact that our decisions make in our world. God created the heavens, the earth and all living creatures. He provided sources of shelter and sustenance for all His creations. He expects us to serve as stewards of these earthly things. We need to try to use the gifts He has given to us without compromising the survival of other types of life.

I learned a lot from reading this article. I can easily see problems we are creating when we develop land for our use. But I'm not sure what can be done to minimize the impact of development on wildlife. What I do know is that God gave us dominion over animals in our world. It is important to carefully consider decisions we make that effect the environment. We can learn from researchers like the professor of Wildlife Management that was cited in the article. The people we elect to office influence decisions about land development. As Christians, I think we have an obligation to be the best stewards of our natural resources that we can be. This may involve researching and learning about the impact we are making on the global environment. We should thoughtfully care for things in our own backyards. We can reconsider chemicals we use to maintain our property. We can do simple things like recycle and reuse things. And we can be mindful that God expects us to take loving care of the gifts He has given us.

N&O link: <u>http://www.newsobserver.com/news/technology/article29532010.html</u> Submitted by Linda Wheeler

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Weekly Church Calendar

EACH SUNDAY *9:45am Sunday School *11:00am Worship Service *Child care provided downstairs. 2:00-7:00pm Kenyan Fellowship EACH MONDAY: 9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open EACH TUESDAY: 6:00-8:00pm Kenyan Fellowship **EACH WEDNESDAY:** 9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open 6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups 1:00 and 7:00pm Bible study & Prayer 8:00pm Choir Practice **EACH THURSDAY:** 8:00pm Gamblers Anonymous EACH FRIDAY: 7:00-10:30pm Kenyan Fellowship **MONTHLY:** (4th Thursday of each month) 6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

Calendar of Events: Each Wednesday: 1:00pm and 7:00pm Bible study (7:00pm Study will continue on the 23 Psalm) **Tuesday, August 11** 7:00pm Stewardship meeting Monday, August 17 7:00pm Deacons meeting Wednesday- Friday, August 19-21 Office closed - secretary on vacation Sunday, August 23 6:00pm Fellowship meal 7:00pm Business meeting Sunday, August 30 5th Sunday – Benevolent offering _____

Attendance	8/2
Sunday School	32
Visitors	1
Total	33

Worship Attendance: 51

Deacon for this week:	8/9	Barbara Best
Deacon for next week:	8/16	Walt Switzer

<u>Greeter Schedule (front entrance)</u> 8/9 Larry & Kathryn Nunery 8/16 Christine Eller

Properties for August	Ushers for August		
Randy Walker	Randy Walker	Bobby Hayes	
	Walt Switzer	David Jenkins	
	Alternate: Rober	t Best	

PRAYER CONCERNS: HOME:

Greg Small Cindy Bolden Lee Snyder Ed & Cassie Glover 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 HOSPITAL:

Haline Eller – Wake Med

OTHER:

Pastor Search Committee Nominating Committee



Sunday, August 23, 2015

The Deacons recommend that the bylaws be revised to permit the church facilities only be available for weddings between a man and woman. This revision will be voted upon at the August and September business meetings.



7:00pm Stewardship meeting



Make a call, a visit or send a card! **This week**: August 2-8 Bill & Johnnie Grubbs **Next week:** August 9-15 Ed & Cassie Glover