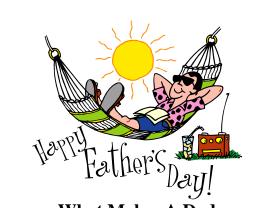
CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH THE VALLEY ECHO June 15, 2015

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What Makes A Dad God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree, The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea, The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night, The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight, The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed, The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need, Then God combined these qualities, And then there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so, He called it - Dad.

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While this heat wave has driven most of us indoors for the better part of the day, the plants in my garden are loving it. A few tomato plants are already beginning to bear fruit here and there, and each morning, it seems all of the plants are a little taller, greener, and have a few more blossoms on them than they did just the day before.

Experience over the last two years has taught me that planting a garden is a textbook example of faith in action. It's a covenant with the LORD that you can see, feel, touch, and taste.

The plants are in the ground, but He didn't actually shovel the dirt and put them in the ground for me. The tomatoes are growing higher, but He didn't go out and stake or tie them. The weeds are pretty-well held at bay, but He didn't go out and mulch the ground.

The church is called to be a lighthouse of faith. In Hebrews 11:1, the writer tells us "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." He goes on to describe how many from the Old Testament's lineage of faith giants carried out their calling from God until the day they died, yet never saw the fruits of their labors this side of heaven. Now, we're not building temples in Jerusalem or leading God's people to the promised land, but we are called to living out the same type of faith.

And sometimes, He DOES allow us to see the fruits of our labors. (That's part of why I enjoy gardening as much as I do!)

My friend Bob, who has been a great mentor to me the past several years, often reminds me that when it comes to faith:

- 1. our job is to take action and get the work done,
- 2. God's job is to handle the outcome, and
- 3. it's much better for us when we don't get those two mixed up.

What action(s) is God calling us to take as a congregation? What outcomes ought we be leaving in His hands?

In my experience, when I've followed 'Bob's Hypothesis', the rewards have been great. God was simply waiting on me to let go and trust Him fully.

God's blessings upon your week! I'll see you Sunday.

In His grip,

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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)

<u>Calendar of Events:</u>		
Each Wednesday:		
1:00pm and 7:00pm Bible study		
Fri & Sat, June 19-20		
Church in use by Oaks Church Raleigh		
Sunday, June 21		
Father's Day		
Guest Speaker: Dr. Charles Dorman		
Monday, June 22		
7:00pm Deacons meeting		
Sunday, June 28		
Guest Speaker: Dr. Steve Bolton		
6:00pm Fellowship Meal		
7:00pm Business meeting		
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Attendance	6/14
Sunday School	31
Visitors	1
Total	32

Worship Attendance: 53

Deacon for this week:	6/21	Barbara Best
Deacon for next week:	6/28	Walt Switzer

Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

6/21Christine Eller6/28Grace Small

Properties for June David Jenkins

Ushers for June

Rudy BardenBen BestEd GloverFrances VianoAlternate: Whitt Stallings



Make a call, a visit or send a card! **This week:** June 14-20 Ed & Cassie Glover **Next week:** June 21-27 Lee & Iva Snyder

PRAYER CONCERNS: HOME:

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 OTHER:

Pastor Search Committee

Embracing our COVUNITY Harvest Field Training

A practical guide to engaging the unreached around us. Friday, June 19, 2015 6:00-9:00 PM

Justin White, the discipleship/missions pastor at Oaks Church Raleigh (a church plant currently meeting at the Shelley Lake art center) has asked to use our building to host an outreach training class for their church. He has invited our church to join them as well. Below is some information about the training.

We expend much thought, effort, and resources (and rightly so) sending laborers into harvest fields overseas, but struggle to do so in our own "villages." The reality is, that there are thousands of people within walking distance of most of us who have not heard, and do not believe, the Gospel. We also must acknowledge that most of these people will not come to us. Some of them we know, but most of them we do not. We believe it is our job to go to them with the Gospel!

We will be joined by experienced practitioners' from Memphis (Ron Surgeon) and Charlotte (Clint Harrill) who are seeing God move in wondrous ways in those cities. At the end of this training we desire that each of us are better equipped to enter into our harvest fields and to intentionally engage individuals who we may never encounter in the normal flow of life. Jesus lived with this type of intentionality and commanded his disciples to as well. There is much work to be done in Raleigh, but Jesus has also promised to be with us as we go.



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