## CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



**September 11, 2017** 

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General Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm (closed on Friday)



Please join us as we celebrate the launch of the new Welcome House Raleigh on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. A Dedication and Open House will be hosted at Crabtree Valley Baptist Church with a reception following the dedication. The house will be open for tours during this time.

Welcome House is a CBFNC sponsored mission initiative providing temporary housing for arriving refugee families. Welcome House Raleigh is part of the growing Welcome House Community Network which includes Hope House Durham, hosted by Hope Valley Baptist Church and Welcome House Wilmington hosted by Winter Park Baptist Church.

Marc and Kim CBF Advocates for Internationals Welcome House Raleigh

#### **Church office contact information:**

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We are witnesses to two devastating hurricanes back to back, Harvey and Irma. Two catastrophic storms unlike anything we have ever seen before on US Soil. Ironic as it may seem, Irma is still churning and doing her damage on 9/11/17, the anniversary of the largest terror attack on the United States just 16 years ago. It is hard to get your mind around the magnitude of these events and the suffering they have inflicted on man, beast and nature itself.

People and animals have died, lives have been uprooted, homes and businesses have been destroyed and the full picture of devastation is yet to be known. What can we make of it? The answer to that question will be unraveled in years to come and may never be fully know.

On the one hand we can say that nature is impartial to human existence, human feelings and the economy. A second thought is that we rarely call it a disaster when a tornado, earthquake, hurricane, fire or volcano strikes in places were human beings do not live. We call it disaster when human lives are involved and when our comfort zone is threatened.

Levi Novey, Director of Communications and Marketing for The Corps Network, the national membership organization for our nation's Service and Conservation Corps suggest that there is a good and positive side to natural disasters that deserves our attention. He says that natural disasters provide a greater respect and appreciation for nature. Many cultures like those in Peru actually hold festivals in honor of nature. Natural disasters give communities a chance to improve their infrastructure and re-prioritize community needs. After every disaster, building codes are reexamined and strengthened. Natural disasters have positive ecological effects. For example, storms redistribute earth's heat, enrich soil and renew our forests.

I would add that natural disasters such as Harvey and Irma raise the level of human compassion. We are already seeing an outpouring of generosity, kindness, volunteer efforts, emergency response, food, clothing, and hygiene needs coming from all over the country to those most affected. Many charitable organizations have stepped up their efforts to meet critical needs. CVBC is supporting the ministry of Baptist Men who spend every dollar directly on disaster relief. Make your check out to CVBC designated Baptist Men.

In His Love, Charles

### Weekly Church Calendar EACH SUNDAY

\*9:45am Sunday School

\*11:00am Worship Service

\*Child care provided downstairs.

2:00-7:00pm Kenyan Fellowship

#### **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:**

Sunday, September 17

Deadline for 2018 budget requests

Monday, September 18

7:00pm Deacons meeting

Tuesday, September 19

**RBA** - Senior Adult Rally

Attendance	9/10
Sunday School Visitors	28

Worship Attendance: 38

**Deacon for this week**: 9/17 Robert Best **Deacon for next week**: 9/24 Larry Nunery

#### **Properties for September**

Gene Sherwood

#### **Ushers for September**

Robert Best Bobby Hayes Whitt Stallings Darrell Jenkins



Make a call, a visit or send a card.

This week: Sept 10 – 16 Mary Cain

Next week: Sept 17 – 23 Al Coley

September – December lists are

available in the narthex.

# PRAYER CONCERNS: HOME:

Anne Barden – broken foot Mickey Brock

Grace Small

Joe Clary – Hospice Care

David Mansberger (former Youth Minister)

Gregg Small

Eleanor Cromartie

Lee Snyder

Cassie Glover and family

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 Mary Cain – 806 Springmoor Circle 27615



We will continue to take up a collection for those impacted by the hurricanes. This money will be sent to the Baptist Men Ministry. The NC Baptist Men Disaster Relief fund is funded primarily by donations, 100% of your gift will be used in relief efforts. Please make your checks out to CVBC and mark your envelope and/or memo line "Baptist Men".



#### **Attention all Committee Chairs!**

All Committee's that have a financial responsibility are asked to submit their budget requests for the 2018 budget. Please give your request to Walt Switzer, Stewardship Chair, by Sunday, September 17.