

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

February 20, 2023

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



Sunday, February 26

Business Meeting and Café

Menu: BBQ sliders (BBQ from Hollands Methodist) potatoes, slaw, desserts and drinks.



**Daylight Saving time
begins Sunday, March 12**

*Remember to move your clocks
forward on Saturday night!*

Church office information:

Guest Pastor •

Rev. Timothy Pearce

Music Director • Risa Poniros

Secretary • Peggy Utley

Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org

“For
I KNOW
the plans
I have for you,”
declares the LORD,
“... plans to give you
**HOPE and a
FUTURE.**”
Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

Exiles

Today in America, we are faced with division, rancor, and disrespect. When you turn on the TV, we see and hear this daily. We see a total disregard for other's lives, whether they be the unborn or the born and a disrespect for others' property and heritage. We face a worldwide pandemic that has devastated lives physically as well as mentally and has changed our world as

we know it substantially by changing our normal way of living. We yearn for what once was and wonder when all this will end or will it ever end! There is not much loving your neighbor as yourselves evident and the God we love and serve seems to have become forgotten in our world. We feel like exiles in our own world. What happened? Unlike what we normally think of when we hear the word “exiles,” we haven't been forced to move to a new and unfamiliar land physically. But mentally we most certainly have been removed from our normal day-to-day lives and have been forced to move to a new way of living day-to-day. While we are not the true definition of exiles, we most certainly have become exiled to a new world around us. But we must be very careful in all this strife, disappointment, and confusion, not to become exiles from the God who created and loves us.

Imagine yourself an exile in the traditional meaning, who has just been ripped from your home and your country, forced by a conquering army to live in a foreign land among people of a very different culture who speak a different language. Imagine knowing that this happened as a judgment from God because you and your people have been unfaithful to Him. Sounds discouraging, doesn't it? Your entire life has been ripped up and you have been forced to leave it and everything behind to live in a foreign land. It also brings questions to mind. How long will this last? Will the Lord ever get over being angry with us? Will we ever see our home again? Is there any hope?

Such was the case for the Judean exiles in Jeremiah 29. They had been conquered by King Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian army and forced to trek to Babylon and reside there. They don't know how to approach life in Babylon. Should they unpack their bags and settle in for the long haul, or get ready for a quick return to Judea? Is this judgment from God temporary or permanent? God's answer through His prophet Jeremiah is that the exile is temporary as our Scripture lesson from Jeremiah Sunday tells us:

¹⁰ For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

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Weekly Church Calendar

EACH SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
2:00-5:00pm Point Church (Filipino)

EACH WEDNESDAY

9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open
6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups
6:30pm Bible study & Prayer meeting

EACH THURSDAY

7:30pm Gamblers Anonymous

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY

6:30pm Tarheel Toastmasters

MONTHLY

Young Hearts Fellowship



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Person of the Week for Feb 19-25

Catherine Mullins – Rm 316
Sunrise of Cary
1206 W. Chatham St
Cary, NC 27513

Deacon for this week: 2/19 Gene Sherwood

Deacon for next week: 2/26 Barbara Best

Properties for February: Randy Walker



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Yes, we live in what feels a time of exile from what we all desire. Right seems to be wrong and wrong seems to be right. But God through the prophet Jeremiah is promising us “hope and a future” in the midst of our own exile. If we return to him from our unfaithfulness and focus our trust and faith in God, he will return us from our exile with him. The future with hope he promises has been fulfilled in the sending of his Son, Jesus Christ, who through our faith in him, we are promised eternal life with God. The future with hope is right here, right now where we are planted by God. So, let's claim the promise of Jeremiah 29:11 and trust him as we seek him and as he promised, will restore us to him and then we can fully experience his promise, “a future with hope.” And let's watch God grow something lifegiving within us! And hopefully within the world! Let us remember what the passage is telling us. If you seek Him, He will let you find him, and He will bring you back to Him from the exile.

Blessings, Rev. Tim Pearce

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

Frances Viano
Sandi Robinson
Walt Switzer
Jane Williams
Jetta Lewis
Marci Phelps – (friend of Jean Glosson)

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Anne Barden – Oak Hill Asst Living in Angier
Catherine Mullins – Sunrise of Cary
Betsy Shaw – Group Home/Assisted Living: Val's Place

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week
The Price family – Missionaries in Wales



- 3/14 Carolyn Altman
8109 Marvino Lane
Apt 303 27613
- 3/16 Walt Switzer
201 Waterford Park Lane 27615
- 3/17 Ellen Collins
225 Brandon Ct 27609
- 3/24 Carolina & Jimmy Harris
4113 Weaver Dr 27612
- 3/25 Dee Bullock
7543 Wellesley Park South 27615



*A faithful
person will be
richly blessed.*

Proverbs 28:20