

the CRANberry VINE



Expectations

Before the end of 2020, which was a year no one could have predicted, the expectation of a new year, a new beginning, leaving behind the concerns of 2020, all the noise of the elections, year-end parties, loud music, advertisements, etc., our hope and expectation is a new year with less challenges, better opportunities for a return to some kind of normalcy. We are anxious to be able to meet with family, friends, church, and our own association, without the fear of being infected with a killer virus.

One thing that we are blessed with is that we know who holds the future! Some of it has been revealed to us, but I am afraid that what we are anxious for may not be achieved on this earth. Having said that, I want to assure you that your Board of Directors will make plans for the year as if life will return to normal again. Our determination is not to be discouraged if we are not able to accomplish what we plan, but we will adapt to whatever challenges we are faced with, trusting that our God will guide us in providing whatever encouragement each one of our members need. Please pray for us. We will do the same for you and yours and may our trust and faithfulness to our God help us to face successfully this year's challenges.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Sam Leonor, Sr.

President



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email, receive it in color.
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REMINDER

**It is time to pay
your annual
membership
dues. Please
send your \$10
to our CRAN
Treasurer:**

Carol Hayes
103 Oakwood Place,
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Remember when



We had picnics in the park, played cornhole, talked and spent time together. Maybe it's time to do it again! Please consider joining us on April 22. See the following page for more details.



WHAT 'S NEXT?

April 22, 12:00 pm Spring Get Together at Mills River Community Park, 124 Town Center Drive, Mills River, NC 28759

The park is just off 191/Haywood in Mills River.

Bring your own sack lunch, lawn chair, a favorite lawn or table game and invite a church friend to come with you. Maybe they'd like to join CRAN!

While it is important to assure we are all kept safe, the good news is the number of Covid cases are going down and restrictions are being lifted. **Fully vaccinated Americans can spend time indoors and unmasked with each other and with people at low risk for serious Covid-19 complications, according to new CDC guidance.**

For more information go to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

So for those that feel comfortable meeting in an outdoor setting let's have a meal together with some social time and enjoy table or lawn games or just take a walk in the park. Cornhole and Bocce will be available.

June 24 Summer Picnic

September 20-23 Fall Retreat at Nosoca Pines

December Christmas Lunch at Fletcher Academy

REMEMBERING

George Renninger, former member of CRAN and father of Carol Johnson, passed away at Pisgah Manor on January 3 from COVID-19. He was 93. George was a sweet and loving person and will be greatly missed. He leaves 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.



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Thank You from Mount Pisgah Academy for your generous donations in December. CRAN members gave a total of \$1,305.00.

Prayer is the Answer

From: Revive Us Again Author: Mark Finley

One thing is for certain. We cannot face the devil on our own strength. Prayer is the answer. Through prayer God bathes us with His presence and power. Through prayer He touches the hearts of loved ones. Armored with prayer, we can face the enemy at the end times. It is impossible to live godly lives today with an inconsistent prayer life. When our connection with God is broken, our power from God is cut off. When there is little prayer, there is little power. Prayer is our humble acknowledgment that we cannot live the Christian life without His strength. It is the admission of our inability to cope with Satan’s temptations alone. Through prayer we are more than able to handle Satan’s temptations. The devil is no match for the praying, trusting child of God.

Coronavirus Prevention

If you want to reduce your chances of getting the coronavirus listen to these recommendations by Dr. Neil Nedley found on You Tube. Go to the following links:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OKZ4A-JEG7k>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HibbgY6iCiQ>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbnCApJ9KpA>

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