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**CRANberry VINE**



### The Abundant Life

Jesus said in John 10:10 that He had come to give us an abundant life. Now, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to tell us that the genuinely abundant life does not consist of the material things of this world. Many, if not most, of the folks in our world who are awash in material goods, are still looking for the abundant life, but just can't seem to find it. The problem is not in the abundance of the material things, but the scarcity of meaningful relationships.

The most important relationship which truly satisfies is the one which we can have with Jesus. Not only does that relationship bring satisfaction and joy in the present life, but the promise of an even greater joy in the life to come.

I have heard it expressed, how sad it would be to have climbed the ladder of success only to discover the ladder is leaning against the wrong building. Another said, when a person comes to the end of life, they never say, "I wish I had had a better position or had made more money or had owned a bigger home.

How important it is, even in retirement, maybe especially in retirement, that we have spent quality time in nurturing our most important relationships. And the most important relationship of all is with Jesus. John 17:3 *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.* Spending time in His Word, praying and sharing your faith is the only way to build, and maintain that relationship.

In the days of ancient Israel, the most important offerings of the day were the evening and morning burnt offerings. The animal was completely consumed on the altar signifying complete surrender of their lives to God. That is just what Jesus is looking for in us, today. God bless you in sweet surrender!

—*Barry Mahorney*, President

Join us as we pray for the needs of our Carolina Conference

**CAROLINA PRAYER LINE** every Monday evening, 7:00-8:00

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**The CRANberry Vine** by email,  
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### EVENTS COMING UP—

**Thurs, March 15,**  
**Fellowship Meal at**  
**Hendersonville**  
**Church. See page 4**  
**for details.**

**Wed, June 13, Pic-**  
**nic at Mills River**  
**Park (in town of**  
**Mills River).**

**September 17-20,**  
**Retreat at Nosoca**  
**Pines Ranch.**



## YOU ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE

This is your newsletter for you to enjoy reading and being a part of.

Whenever you come across something that is particularly inspirational to you, humorous or interesting, please think of your **CRANberry Vine** newsletter. This might be a short story, poem or just a one-liner. Share it. If you liked it, the rest of us would probably like it also.

Your contributions can be sent to the editor by email or snail mail—whichever is most convenient for you. These will be inserted as appropriate and we have room.

## WE HAVE A WEBSITE!

**Carolina-Adventist-retirees.com** is a wonderful place to visit for many reasons. This is our official CRAN website that our communications director, Ron Quick, has put together and continues to add information.

There are many valuable resources found here for us as retirees. One such is a video found on the front page about current phone scams. You must watch this!

Our membership application is available here, and the retreat application will also be available after camp meeting. These are here for your convenience and also for you to tell your friends.

Ron Quick is also anxious to interview you for a story about you and your interests or outreach. Please contact him if you have a story to tell!

In the second century, they brought a martyr before a king. The king wanted him to give up Christ and Christianity, but the man spurned the proposition.

The king said, "If you don't do it, I will banish you."

The man smiled and answered, "You can't banish me from Christ, for He says He will never leave me nor forsake me."

The king got angry, and said, "Well, I will confiscate your property."

And the man replied, "My treasures are laid up on high; you cannot get them."

The king became still more angry, and said, "I will kill you."

"Why," the man answered, "I have been dead forty years; I have been dead to the world, and my life is hid with Christ in God, and you cannot touch it."

And so, let persecution come, we can rejoice continually; for our inheritance is sure, reserved for us unto the day when He who is our life shall appear, and we shall appear with Him in glory.—By D. L. Moody, *Signs of the Times*, September 23, 1913.

## CHRISTMAS BANQUET AT FLETCHER—SUPERB!

What a delightful event we had in December as we met together for a beautiful Christmas Banquet in the Leila Patterson Center on the campus of Fletcher Academy. The food was so delightful, the student servers were so courteous and helpful, and the piano music was as "frosting on the cake."



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**CRANBERRIES — so good for you!**  
**Surprise for you this time! See how I**  
**got “cranberries” sneaked in!**

**This is an over-the-top delicious soup, besides being nutritious!**

**PASTA FAGIOLI WITH CRANBERRY BEANS AND KALE**

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|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1 cup dried cranberry beans or pinto beans      | 1 teaspoon dried oregano                  |
| 1/2 medium onion, chopped                       | 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika               |
| 1 rib celery, chopped                           | 1 teaspoon salt                           |
| 4 cloves garlic, minced                         | 1 cup small pasta (whole grain preferred) |
| 1/4 teaspoon dried rosemary                     | 3 cups vegetable broth or water           |
| 1-14.5 oz can diced tomatoes with green chilies | 3 cups fresh kale chopped (remove stems)  |
| 1 1/2 teaspoons dried basil                     | 1 1/2 tablespoons nutritional yeast flake |

Soak the beans overnight in cool water. In the morning, drain the beans and set aside.

Heat a large kettle over medium heat. Add the onion and a tablespoon of water to saute, until the onion begins to soften. Add the celery, garlic and rosemary, cooking for another 2 minutes.

Add the tomatoes, basil, oregano and the paprika. Heat, stirring until hot. Add the drained beans and vegetable broth and salt. Cover and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer until the beans are tender, 1 hour 30 minutes to 2 hours.

Add the uncooked pasta. Cook 8-10 minutes until pasta is al dente. Add the kale, cover the pot, and cook on low for 3-5 minutes. Add nutritional yeast.

Serves 5

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Two women dwelt beside a road. One lived within a home of wealth, the other dwelt beneath a smaller roof.

A beggar clad in rags one day asked the smaller house to let him have a crust of bread. The woman made reply, “Go yonder to the wealthy house, for she can give you many crusts of bread. It is her task to give to such as you.”

The beggar’s eyes grew sad. He faintly said, “I have just come from there, but she would give no crust of bread.”

“What!” the woman cried, “she turned you from her door? The wretch! Here, man, I’ll share with you what she should give.”

That night, while in a dream, an angel came to her who had given the crust of bread. He asked what she had done that day. She answered that she had given bread to those who asked; and then related how the woman of the wealthy house refused her bread and gold to those who needed it. And then she said, “I would feel condemned if I were such as she who never shares her wealth with poor humanity—”

“Stop!” the angel spoke. “You say that you are not as she? Go view thyself and thou shalt find that she hoards only gold, while you have hoarded hate.”—By Madge H. Morrill, *Signs of the Times*, May 15, 1934.

**Fellowship Dinner,  
Thursday, March 15**

Our next event is coming up very soon at the Hendersonville Church, downstairs in the fellowship hall. It is a fellowship meal where we each bring a favorite dish of food to share. This is always so delicious, too. Plan to bring your food at 12:30, with our meal beginning at 1:00.

The meal will be followed by a special feature as a report by Linda Miller of her recent mission trip to Africa.

Bring a dish of food and plan to join us Thursday, March 15 downstairs in the Hendersonville Church.

***ANNUAL DUES TIME!***

It's March and time to pay our annual dues of \$10 per person. Please give this to Carol Hayes—in fact, at our dinner together March 15 will be a convenient time to do so.

Your dues are necessary as we carry on with our copying and mailing of the newsletter, decorations at events, and our special time at the annual retreat. Don't let it slip by unnoticed!

Now, please read this carefully. If your dues are not paid in March, you will be asked to pay the "new member" membership fee.

Save money, and pay now!

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Sharryn Mahorney, editor



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