

the CRANberry VINE



Year 2020!

Another year that the Lord gives us! I can foresee increased challenges in all areas of our lives, as we have seen in the past. I am sure that the deterioration of our society and our world will continue and will increase as we come closer to the end. In one of the letters to Timothy, the apostle Paul reminded him (and us), that in the last days there will be terrible (perilous) times, as if warning him (and us) not to be surprised or discouraged.

Even though we are not surprised, we have to live our lives within the turmoil of this world. And I talk about this in reference to the responsibility that our Association has laid on me. Using a parallel with the story of the people of Israel, how can someone take the responsibility of leading the people of Israel after the retirement of Moses? Who will dare to even try? But, God chose one man, not because of his experience or abilities to lead, but because God knew his heart. He trusted in Him. God himself equipped him and told him "Be strong and very courageous, be careful to obey all the law...do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1 paraphrased). Trusting in God's promise, Joshua moved on, and we all know the rest of the story.

A giant leader of this organization is now retired from the presidency of CRAN. He has left a legacy of trust, honesty, humility and courage that is hard to follow. We have much to thank Barry Mahorney for leading this organization for the last five years. We wish him well in his retirement. Trusting God's encouragement to Joshua, I take over the presidency of our organization and humbly promise to do my best in following Barry's example and trusting in God's leading. It is my purpose to lead the
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REMINDER . .

Your annual member fees are due in March. You can pay your \$10 annual dues at the Spring Lunch on March 19, at 12:30 at the Hendersonville SDA Church Fellowship Hall.

Or you can mail it to:
Carol Hayes, Treasurer
103 Oakwood Place, #1
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It is my purpose to lead the organization in achieving intermediate and long-term goals of reaching the promised land.

I know that this year will bring it's challenges and sometimes discouragement, but I challenge you to take personally the counsel God gave to Joshua "don't be afraid, do not be discouraged. Trust God!. Our future is well assured as has been predicted : "He who overcomes ... I will give to eat from the tree of life". Let us work together to achieve the goal. Let us support this organization that allows us to come together to encourage and support each other, and let us be faithful to our calling.

Sam Leonor, Sr., President

If I Had but One Year to Live!

If I had but one year to live;
One year to help; one year to give;
One year to love; one year to bless;
One year of better things to stress;
One year to sing; one year to smile;
To brighten earth a little while;
One year to sing my Maker's praise;
One year to fill with work my days;
One year to strive for a reward;
When I should stand before my Lord;
I think that I should spend each day
In just the selfsame way
That I do now. For from afar
The call may come across the bar
At any time, and I must be
Prepared to meet eternity.

So if I have a year to live,
Or just one day in which to give
A pleasant smile, a helping hand,
A mind that tries to understand
A fellow-creature when in need,
'Tis one with me - I take no heed;
But try to live each day He sends to
serve my gracious Master's ends.
Unknown, *These Times*, April 1967

Thank you so much for your generosity at the Christmas Banquet! Your donations to the Fletcher Academy Senior Class Mission Trip was approximately \$1,800.



REMEMBERING . . .

Dr Al Koppel, who passed away on December 14, 2019 at the age of 101. He lived a long and full life and enjoyed attending the CRAN Fall Retreat at Nosoca Pines.



WHAT 'S NEXT?

Spring Fellowship Lunch:

Thursday, March 19, at 12:30 in the Hendersonville Church Fellowship Hall with musical entertainment by the "Innkeepers." Come and bring:

- Food for potluck lunch
- A friend from church who you can invite to join CRAN
- \$10 to pay your annual member dues
- Table games to play after lunch

Summer Picnic in June - Date and place to be announced

Fall Retreat at Nosoca Pines Ranch - September 21-24, 2020

Christmas Banquet - December 9 at Pisgah Academy

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"If you would know the meaning of love, go not to the dictionary, but read the story of the cross. There, and there alone, can you glimpse its meaning — only glimpse it; for it will take the long ages of eternity to fully unfold all its mysterious sweetness and purity. Yet that glimpse has in it wonderful possibilities; it has transformed sinners into saints, relighted dead fires of hope, and planted faith in bosoms that were but the dwelling places of despair."

by Edward J. Urquhart, *The Watchman Magazine*, May 1909

Dr. F. B. Meyer was traveling to America on one occasion, and preached on "Answered Prayer." An infidel approached him after luncheon and said, "Dr. Meyer, I do not believe a word you said."

After some time spent in discussion, Dr. Meyer said, "I have to preach in the steerage now, but come with me to the service, and we shall resume our talk at the close."

As they passed along the main deck, they saw a poor old immigrant woman, with a shawl over her head, seated on the deck fast asleep. The infidel put his hand in his pocket, and quietly dropped in the old lady's lap two oranges.

As they returned, they saw the woman eating an orange. Stopping before her, the infidel said, "Well, mother, you seem to be enjoying that orange."

"Yes," she replied, "isn't my Father good to me?"

"Your father," said the surprised man, "surely your father can't be alive!"

"Oh, yes," was the reply, "He is very much alive. I felt so sick, and I longed for an orange, so I lifted up my heart to my heavenly Father and asked Him to send me one. And He sent me two. Isn't that just like my Father?" -- *Moody Bible Institute Monthly*, January 4, 1938

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