



News from the Blue Ridge



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Family Events:

WOW! What a wonderfully hectic month February has been! Daniel and Carrie arrived at the end of January in their move from Texas to NC. During February they stayed with us while job hunting. We have had a marvelous time together, even though busy work schedules prevented us from doing many things together. The experience of relating to the newly weds as a couple has been a really fun time -- and good for all of us. Of course, with Daniel's expertise in computer networking I took advantage of the opportunity to install a computer network in the office at home. The kids both love to cook, so Claire and I have eaten much better in February than typically. To cap off the month Angie and the two grand-kids arrived on Sunday, Feb. 25, to spend a week visiting. The last week of February has brought lots of excitement, especially with 13 month old Taylor being able to walk and to explore every nook and cranny all though the house!

The beginning of March is bringing all this to a close. Daniel and Carrie have both taken jobs in the NC mountains at



the Nantahala Outdoor Center near Bryson City. They have a wonderful opportunity to work in an beautiful outdoors place that caters to people camping, hiking and white water rafting in southwest NC. They both love the outdoors, so this is a wonderful job opportunity for them. Check out the center's web site at <http://www.noc.com> for details about the area. Friday, Mar 2, they moved to Bryson City, and Monday, Mar. 5, Angie and the kids head back to Texas. Our house will suddenly become very quiet again. But with a difference! Daniel and Carrie we will see several times each month; Angie, Brian and the kids are coming back on spring break during April and then again in June. As we gradually get more of the kids located closer to us, North Carolina really is becoming home in the fullest sense.



Spring break from the university the first full week of March is planned as a time to get a lot of work done around the house. Traditionally spring break signals the beginning of yard work on the lawn and in the flower beds. That's the goal this year as well. Additionally, there's work in the garage and the workshop needing to be done so that the tools etc. brought from Texas in our move can finally have a permanent place and can be found when needed. Several boxes of 'stuff' brought from Texas over three years ago are still setting in the garage unpacked. Along with these goals some rest and relaxation from the busy work schedule is anticipated. Of course, a lot of computer and internet work needs to be done as well.



University Happenings:

Finally, we have been able to move the computer system in the office at home to a more efficient level. With Daniel's help an eight port Linksystem Fast Ethernet T10/100 network has been installed linking the computers, printers etc. all together. The network was then hooked up to Time-Warner's Road Runner internet service via high speed cable modem with each computer having its own internet IP address. This has improved the efficiency with which we can access and use the internet enormously. The cable modem is well over a hundred times faster than a telephone modem. Both Claire and I now use the one laser jet printer for much less expensive printing costs. She has direct access to the fax machine from her computer.

All this has meant changes in our email addresses etc. The old Shelby.Net account will be closed by the middle of March. The remainder of our web site will be relocated at Cranfordville.com, rather than Shelby.net. The Bell South web hosting for Cranfordville has proven to be exceptional quality service thus far. Access to Cranfordville is far more reliable and faster.

With this has come major changes in our phone system as well. The dedicated fax line has now been discontinued. The fax number is now 704 434-5657 for the office at home, and 704 406-4461 for the office at GWU. Additionally, a special number just for students seeking to phone me is now 704 434-0472. This number is dedicated exclusively for student contact and will enable me to better keep track of students needing to talk with me using the phone. Also, a special number just for immediate family members has been set up as well. Claire's cell phone number is 704 293-0388. The primary number remains 704 434-5657.

You will want to make some changes in your listing of email addresses for us. The new ones are:

Claire's: cmcranford@carolina.rr.com

Lorin's general: lcranford@carolina.rr.com

Student contact of Lorin: gwulle@carolina.rr.com

The email system is still evolving with more changes yet ahead with some simplified addresses for specialized needs using xxx@cranfordville.com as the address.

The Religion Department has asked me to take over the webmaster responsibilities for the department's web site. By the end of March I hope to have this site updated with the latest information about new degree programs now available through the department. GWU is systematically restructuring the university web site, and the department segment of this will be revamped within these patterns. Any one with questions or suggestions should send me an email at webmaster@cranfordville.com. We want the site to be as useful as possible.

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Claire's Musings:

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We have just experienced the most fantastic month, full of surprises and family fun. Carrie and Daniel made their move to North Carolina and stayed with us until they found jobs. They spoiled us in so many ways. It was such a treat to come home from work and walk into our kitchen and see them cooking. They cooked and cleaned and brought so much happiness and laughter in our home.

One Saturday all four of us went to Gastonia where Daniel helped Lorin in selecting some computer items and when we got home they spent the rest of the day setting it up. Daniel proved to be extremely helpful helping out with computer problems.

Another Saturday I went with Carrie and Daniel to South Mountain State Park. The park is close to our house and that was the first time I had gone there. The park had camping spots and hiking trails. We went on one trail that led up to a beautiful waterfall. And to think this is only winter time, so the park will be even more beautiful in the spring. I can hardly wait to go back. Lorin and I have been here over three years and the kids are showing us around.

Another Saturday I went with Carrie and Daniel to the Nantahala Outdoor Center in the Nantahala National Forest. It was another beautiful park and they love it there. I was quite impressed. As it turned out later, they both got jobs there and moved there the first part of March.

The Nantahala Outdoor Center is located in Bryson City, NC, about an hour and a half west of Asheville. It is in the Nantahala National Forest, close to Pisgah National Forest. The center is located where the Nantahala River and the Appalachian Trail meet. NOC is an outdoor adventure for every one of all ages. They have been outfitting adventures since 1972, including activities such as kayaking, hiking, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, and camping. Daniel will be working in the order-processing department, which means he will be trying out new products, such as kayaks, on the river. Carrie will be working in the main restaurant as a hostess. They are living their dream in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

During their last week here Angie, Clay, and Taylor were able to come here for Clay's winter break from school. The only thing that would have made the week more perfect would have been if Brian could have come with Angie and the kids. It was hard to leave in the mornings for work, but I did take one day off from work and had a nice three-day weekend with them. When Carrie and Daniel got their jobs and started moving, Lorin, Angie, Clay, and Taylor and I went to see them. Everyone was so excited.

It was tough when Carrie and Daniel left on Sunday afternoon (to beat the snow) and Angie and the kids left Monday morning at 6:30 a.m. It felt like the "empty nest" syndrome. Lorin and I miss them so very much, it's much too quiet around here. At least we know that Carrie and Daniel will be in and out on some weekends. And Angie and Brian will be coming back on spring break.



Lorin's Musings:

This fifth segment of the history of North Carolina Baptists covers the bulk of the twentieth century, more precisely from the 1920s to 1964. Don Gordon characterizes these years as "Cooperation Triumphs" in his monograph *A Concise History of North Carolina Baptists* (pp. 27-29). The 75 Million Dollar Campaign of Southern Baptists fell short of its monetary goal, but produced a new era among Baptists in the South. The national organization, the SBC, emerged as a central clearing house for support of missions, education etc. across the state organizations of Southern Baptists. The Cooperative Program, built on trust and a common vision, grew enormously in the years to come.

NC Baptists were also caught up in the profound changes taking place all around them. Public education at all levels exploded during the 1920s through 1950s. Baptist parochial schools, which had flourished earlier, began giving way to public schools. Baptists also supported the expansion of education in other ways. In the 1920s controversy over evolution Southern Baptists adopted a confession of faith affirming God as the Creator of all life, without demanding that the Bible be viewed as a scientific textbook. In a state legislature primary in Charlotte, the so-called Mecca of fundamentalism, a Baptist attorney defeated a Presbyterian laymen supported by the anti-evolutionists.

The Great Depression hit the Carolinas hard like the rest of the country, but North Carolina was one of the last to feel its impact and one of the first states to recover from it. Also, the two world wars brought the establishment of several significant military bases in North Carolina: Bragg, Lejuene, Seymour-Johnson, and Cherry Point. The isolationist mentality of the past, which fostered self-satisfaction and mediocrity, rapidly gave way to a new aggressiveness and quest for excellence.

Baptists in the state were caught up in this new spirit, somewhat with mixed results. Debts for the colleges, children's homes, hospitals etc. grew to over 1.3 million dollars by 1927. Refinancing and hard economic struggles helped to pay this off by 1945, and the state convention assets in 1945 were many times greater than the 1.6 million dollars in 1919.

The post-WWII years of the late 1940s through the early 1960s witnessed the rapid growth of Protestant churches all over the U.S. and North Carolina was no exception. By 1964 Southern Baptists in NC numbered almost one million members in over 3,400 churches. Missions giving that year was almost nine million dollars and total church receipts more than 60 million. The ministry of the state convention expanded with the purchase of 248 acres of prime beach property at Fort Caswell in 1949 for retreats and summer programs. Another 1047 acres of forest land was purchased in 1962 near Asheboro for a boys camp, and soon afterwards a girls camp nearby was purchased. Wake Forest University received a large grant from the R.J. Reynolds Foundation in 1956 and moved its entire campus to Winston-Salem.

In 1964, two events signaled profound changes ahead: the ordination of Addie Davis to the gospel ministry in Durham, the first ordained woman Southern Baptist minister in the state, and the joint session of the state convention with the predominantly black General Baptist State Convention.