CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



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We are excited to welcome Risa Poniros as our new Music Director. Risa is a Raleigh resident. She has experience in Music and Choir directing, and is a voice teacher. If you have interest in being a part of our choir, please speak with Risa or come to our weekly Choir practice, which meets each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm, following Prayer and Bible Study.



Sunday, January 22 6:00pm Fellowship meal 7:00pm Business meeting

Church office contact information:

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Thought For The Week

Our youngest son, Jonathan, had an oyster roast at his home last Saturday night. While I practically grew up on oysters and oyster roasts, it has been a long time since I have been privileged to attend one. When I was pastor at FBC Morehead City, we used to go to big oyster roasts held at Larry Styron's barn. I can't even

remember how many bushels of wonderful oysters were cooked and consumed with joy at that barn for Sunday School Classes.

Oysters are salt water bivalve mollusks that live in marine or brackish habitats. There is no beauty about them except to the beholder. Their shells are hard, rough and dangerous. They can severely cut you if you accidently step on them or rake them across your finger or hand while trying to open them. Yet they are considered a delicacy. The old adage was that you could not harvest them unless there was an "R" in the month. With the increase in oyster farming, oysters are more available year round.

Oysters render a valuable service to marine life. These filter feeders are remarkable in many ways. A single oyster can filter as much as 1.3 Gallons of water per hour. They filter excess nutrients from the estuary's in which they live and help to purify the water. They have a heart, kidneys, colorless blood, and produce both sperm and eggs. A single female can discharge millions of eggs into the water which within 2 -3 weeks can settle down to the work of maturing into adulthood in about a year.

Oysters provide a habitat and haven for small sea creatures who are prey to larger sea animals and fish. Oysters can and do provide food for crabs, seabirds, starfish and of course, humans. And they can produce pearls. The next time you see an oyster or eat an oyster, stop and remember what a tremendous contribution that this creature of the sea makes to the world in which it lives. If an ovster can do all of that and more, what can we do for the world in which we live?

A popular poem tells of the small grain of sand that got into an oyster shell. The irritation of the sand produced a beautiful pearl and the poem concludes with a question and a challenge.

> What an oyster can do with a morsel of sand?

What couldn't we do if we'd only begin with some of the things that get under our skin.

In His Love, Charles

Weekly Church Calendar

EACH SUNDAY

*9:45am Sunday School

*11:00am Worship Service

*Child care provided downstairs.

2:00-7:00pm Kenyan Fellowship

EACH MONDAY:

9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open

EACH WEDNESDAY:

9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open

6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups

6:30pm Bible study & Prayer

7:30pm Choir Practice

EACH THURSDAY:

8:00pm Gamblers Anonymous

MONTHLY: (4th Thursday of each month)

Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

Calendar of Events:

Sunday, January 22

6:00pm Fellowship meal

7:00pm Business meeting

Sunday, January 29

5th Sunday Benevolent offering

Please come prepared to give to this offering.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>1/15</u>
Sunday School	31
Visitors	
Total	31

Worship Attendance: 44

Deacon for this week: 1/22 Ben Best **Deacon for next week:** 1/29 Bonnie Wright

Properties for January

George Shore

Ushers for January

Robert Best Bobby Hayes
Darrell Jenkins Whitt Stallings



Make a call, a visit or send a card! This week: January 15 – 21 Al Coley

Next week: January 22 – 28 Johnnie Grubbs

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

Jean Glosson - sick Bonnie Wright - sick Greg Small Eleanor Cromartie Lee Snyder Ed & Cassie Glover Pam Bilbro

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286 Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - W-S Jean Greene – Snow Hill Asst. Living - Snow Hill, NC Mary Cain – 806 Springmoor Circle 27615 HOSPITAL:

Horace Little (Gloria's brother) heart valve surg, UNC-CH John Black (Charles' cousin) back surgery, Charleston



Join us on Wednesday nights at our new time; 6:30pm, as we study the Book of Jude. We will be discussing False Teachers and Hypocrisy.



We express our sympathy to Louise Shore and her family upon the passing of her brother, Curtis Simmons of Winston-Salem. He passed away Thursday, January 12, 2017. Funeral services were held this past Sunday, January 15 at College Park Baptist Church.

http://www.hayworth-miller.com/obituaries/Oscar-Curtis-Curt-Simmons?obId=1287745#/obituaryInfo



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